



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council, held at Little Ness Village Hall on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr. Mullis (Chairman), Arthur, Dickinson, Diggory, Brooks, Gilbert and Turner.

Absent: Cllrs. Nunn and Peters

In attendance: Cllr. Ed Potter, 1 public

Clerk Mrs R. Turner

75/2223 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Nunn and Peters.

76/2223 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

- Cllr. Turner declared a pecuniary interest in item 85/2223 b, payments to the clerk.
- Cllr. Mullis declared a pecuniary interest in item 82/2223 (2), planning ref 22/04469/OUT.

b) *Dispensation requests* – none.

c) *Gifts or hospitality* – none declared.

77/2223 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The owner of Church House Barn spoke ref item 22/04456/VAR, item 82/2223 (1). The variation plans include an additional 5 skylights, but the applicant advised it is likely to be 2-3. The plans also propose adding a wider opening downstairs and moving the garage a few metres, to improve garden access. The plan is to start the build in Spring 2023.

78/2223 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 4th October 2022 as being a correct record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

79/2223 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – the clerk said that the bi-annual report has not been received. An event on 5th December with PCC John Campion was noted. It was agreed to raise concerns re lack of reports, limited feedback on outcome of reports, and what plans there are for more visible rural community policing?

b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Potter absent.

c) *Youth Club* – Cllr. Gilbert reported the club went to Treetops on 15th October and it was an enjoyable visit. There was lower attendance on Halloween. It was noted that the youth club committee will meet on 9th January at 8.30pm

d) *Great Mess to Little Mess* – Cllr. Diggory reported that the group has £149 in the bank. A recent village litter pick collected 80kg of rubbish, and 6.5kg aluminium cans. A few cases of fly tipping have been reported. Cllr. Diggory reported he had also cleared up toilet roll which was strewn on the playing field.

e) *CIL Working Group –minutes and recommendations* – the minutes of the meeting on 22nd October 2022 were noted. The recommendations are addressed at item 88/2223.

f) *Clerk's Report* – the report was noted and is appended to the minutes.

g) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)*

- **Nesscliffe Village Hall** – Cllr. Gilbert attended a meeting. She reported that the AGM is on 8th Nov and the bingo event is 2nd Dec.

- **Local Policing Charter** –Cllr. Dickinson reported that she had attended a meeting on this and highlighted in her feedback that more contextual information was sought when providing West Mercia Police with our priorities. They are putting a lot of effort into tackling drug related crime, domestic abuse and ASB (including anti-social use of vehicles). They encouraged everyone to use the Neighbourhood Matters system. Mark Reilly, the Chief Inspector for Safer Neighbourhoods, talked about the work being done on fast roads i.e. those over 40mph. There is a significant rise in young drivers and RTAs. If this is an issue, the parish council is to notify them as they are keen to get the Road Police Teams out with speed guns/vans to blitz speeding.

80/2223 **POLICY MATTERS**

- Document retention* – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the NALC retention policy.
- Code of Conduct* – the clerk asked councillors who had not done so to return their ORI forms.

81/2223 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) 14/03797/OUT - Development Land West Of Oakfield, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 6 No dwellings (to include access)
Awaiting Decision
- 2) 14/05257/FUL - Proposed Dwelling Adj. Hopton Farm, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of a Single Plot Exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and formation of access
Awaiting Decision
- 3) 17/05151/EIA - Proposed Poultry Units NW Of North Farm, Felton Butler
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, eight feed bins, biomass store and amenity building including landscaping and tree planting.
Pending Consideration
- 4) 22/01008/FUL - Proposed Exception Site Dwellings To The South Of, Little Ness
Proposal: Erection of single plot exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and garage
Awaiting Decision
- 5) 22/01262/VRA106 - 5 Darby Close, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DN
Proposal: Variation of the Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to planning permission 14/03259/OUT
Awaiting Decision
- 6) 22/03736/VAR - Adcote School, Little Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2JY
Proposal: Variation of condition No. 7 (temporary period for two temporary buildings) pursuant to 14/00970/OUT dated 14 April 2014 (and as varied by planning permission 19/00361/VAR dated 21.03.2019) to allow for an increase in the temporary period of a further three years (expires 14.04.2025)
Decision: Grant Permission
- 7) 22/03063/REF - Proposed Development Land At Adcote School, Little Ness, Shrewsbury, Erection of 3No dwellings (resubmission)
Appeal in Progress (parish council comments submitted)

82/2223 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & APPEALS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 22/04456/VAR - Church House Barn, Church House Farm, Little Ness, SY4 2LG
Proposal: Variation of Condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to planning permission ref 22/00227/FUL to provide an improved internal arrangement, and alter the position of the garage within the site
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

Cllr. Mullis left the room and Cllr. Turner took the chair.

- 2) 22/04469/OUT - Proposed Residential Development Land West Of White House, Nesscliffe
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 4no detached dwellings (all matters reserved)
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as previously, for the following reasons:
- It is within the development boundary proposed in the Local Plan Review; the Parish Council supports the boundary proposed in the LP Review. As that document is now at Examination stage, with no objection from the PC to the LP Review, it should be afforded significant weight in determining this application.
 - The PC supported two previous applications at the site.
 - The farm buildings are not in active use and it is a brownfield site.
 - The applicants propose increased passing places on the lane which would enhance highway safety.
 - The number of houses proposed is reasonable for the site.

Cllr. Mullis returned to the room and resumed the chair.

- 3) 22/04840/VAR Proposed Earth Sheltered Eco Dwelling At Hopton Nesscliffe
Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 14/03858/FUL dated 02/07/2015

Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application which is a further incremental change to an application. The parish council does not support development which adversely affects the setting of Nesscliffe Hill - this is contrary to SAMDEV and the emerging Local Plan. The revised development will stand out more at night e.g. it has a larger elevation and further lighting which will affect the landscape and be visible from the surrounding area.

83/2223 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways maintenance* – the clerk reported that the grit bin by Great Ness Lawn cemetery is in the highway programme for replacement.
Action: Clerk and councillors to continue to monitor progress on addressing highways reports.
- b) *Drainage – note from meeting with Helen Walters, SC* – the council noted its thanks to HW for a detailed note. It was noted that a further site meeting is planned to look at possible attenuation areas. It was agreed that Cllr. Diggory would attend and update.
Action: Cllr. Diggory to attend the meeting and update council.
- c) *Nesscliffe Country Park* – update following meeting with SC. The notes of the meeting were noted. It was **RESOLVED** to form a working group with SC to look at improvements to the country park – delegates to be Cllrs. Turner and Diggory with Cllrs. Dickinson and Mullis as reserves. It was agreed to ask SC if meetings after the next meeting on 16th November can be in the evening.
Action: Clerk to send out papers for the working group.
- It was noted that SC plans to fell areas around the perimeter of the hillfort this winter as a net cost operation (i.e. cost of timber will cover the cost of the contractor). Shaun Burkey has arranged a drop-in community consultation event at The Old Three Pigeons on 10th November, 12 to 2pm. It was unclear if money from the Woodland Management Plan would be ringfenced for Nesscliffe.
Action: Clerk to publicise engagement event on Facebook.
- d) *Goal nets at Nesscliffe playing field* – quotes for both nets and metal goals were discussed, the metal goals being considered too expensive. It was agreed not to progress this issue at present and to re-visit it once plans for the remaining CIL money are more developed.
- e) *Annual RoSPAs Nesscliffe and Wilcott* – it was noted that quotes had been sought for the high risk repairs to the swing at Wilcott and this quote was agreed.
Action: Clerk to instruct Graham Taylor to do the repair.

- f) *Hopton Pumphouse* – the clerk reported that she had met a roofing contractor but quote not yet received
Action: Clerk to follow up with contractor and write to neighbouring house asking for permission to cut the hedge/foliage overhanging one side of Hopton Pumphouse.
- g) *Christmas tree in Nesscliffe* – Cllr. Dickinson summarised her report, setting out a proposal for the parish council to support a Christmas Tree and carol singing at The Old Three Pigeons. It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal and allocate funding of up to £500. It was noted that it is planned to have carol singing around the tree, provisional date 20th December.
Action: Cllrs. Dickinson, Mullis and the clerk have bene meeting with members of the village hall committee to progress the project and will continue to do so.
- h) *Defibrillator spares needed, including new case for Nesscliffe defib* – the clerk reported that batteries and pads are now up to date on all defibrillators. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise purchase of a new defibrillator case for the Nesscliffe defibrillator, approx. cost £500.
- i) *Asset condition report* – the report was noted and the following actions agreed:
 - *Replace Nesscliffe, Wilcot and Hopton boards* with post mounted boards, each holding 6 sheets of A4 per side. Felton Butler board to be wall mounted and hold 4 sheets of A4 in each side. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from Green Barnes for the boards – cost £6,987.96 plus VAT and installation (see quote from Asset Surfacing tabled at October 2022 council meeting).
 - *Noticeboard outside Nesscliffe garage* to be removed and ask shop about placing a new noticeboard inside.
 - *Wilcott play area* – in medium term look at replacing the benches as dated but safe.
 - *Uneven tarmac on path from community car park* – to be levelled when tarmac path to school built.
 - *Little Ness phone box* – Graham Taylor to replace broken glass and defib sign to be sourced to go at the top of the box.
 - *Great Ness bus shelter* – sharp edges on frame to be repaired
 - *Bus shelters* – timetables to be installed where missing
 - *Great Ness Pound* – Graham Taylor to repair latch
 - *Great Ness Pump* – Graham Taylor to nail the lid back on
 - *Hopton Pumphouse* – quote awaited for repair.Action: Clerk to oversee progressing the above actions with input from external contractors where needed.
- j) *Reports of other parish matters – Alison apologies re remembrance survey. Eleanor to do Nesscliffe service*
 - Cllr. Brooks read out an email from David Spicer of Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council regarding providing warm welcome locations. It was noted that the approach most feasible in Great Ness and Little Ness parishes is likely to be signposting people to information.
Action: It was agreed that Cllr. Brooks would attend a Zoom meeting on Thursday re this issue and report back.

84/2223 **CORRESPONDENCE** – none.

85/2223 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Q2 budget report and reconciliation* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the report and reconciliation which is appended to the minutes. The reconciled balance as at end of Q2 is £163,912.79
- b) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P57-2223	ICO	Registration fee	DD	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
P58-2223	R Turner	Salary	SO	£849.40	£0.00	£849.40

P59-2223	First Rescue training	Defib pads	bacs	£84.95	£16.99	£101.94
P60-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£186.25	£0.00	£186.25
P61-2223	Ray parry Playgrounds	Final invoice	BACS	£4,495.00	£899.00	£5,394.00
P62-2223	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£37.99	£2.40	£40.39
P63-2223	Ken Raines	Defib training	BACS	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00

c) *Income received* – none.

86/2223 **NEXT MEETING**

a) *Date - 6th December 2022, NESSCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL, 7.30PM*

b) *Items for agenda* – update on electricity supply.

c) *To amend February meeting date to 19th January 2023, 7.30pm, Little Ness Village Hall* – it was **RESOLVED** to agree this change of date,

87/2223 *It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussion of Item 88/2223 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

88/2223 **LANDSCAPING WORKS NESSCLIFFE PLAYING FIELD ACCESS TRACK & COMMUNITY LAND** – it was **RESOLVED** to accept the CIL WG's recommendation to let the following works as one contract:

1. Removal of wire fencing along access track and planting of a green beech hedge – circa 95 metres long
2. Supply and lay of a mixed, wildlife friendly farm hedge along the perimeter of the Community Land measuring 64.74m from access track to the gate and 2.30m between the house fence and the field gate.
3. Planting of a hedge along the perimeter of Nesscliffe playing field in line with the current wire fencing. The existing wire fencing is to be retained.
4. To landscape the elements of the Community Land set out in the specification, with the exception of the path.

The following points of amendment/clarification to the specification were agreed:

- Add a circular willow classroom – cost circa £487 with weed matting, 6 metres in diameter with arch entrance, arbour and hedge.
- Access track – plant green beech as there is a wildlife friendly hedge along the field edge.
- Playing field – contractor to liaise with the councillors to use supplies of hedging plants donated.
- Fruit trees – approx. 10
- Remove wooden planters from spec.
- Bench to be donated by Derek Furlong and to be concreted in
- Tree protectors – contractor to supply.
- Remove the path on community land

Action: Cllr. Diggory to draw up a revised plan and clerk to update specification and send to Graham Taylor, Landright Services and Lowthers for quotes.