



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council, held at Little Ness Village Hall on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllrs. Peters (Chairman), Arthur, Brooks, Dickinson, Gilbert, Mullis, Turner  
**Absent:** Cllrs. Diggory and Nunn  
**In attendance:** Cllr. Ed Potter, PC Rich Walters, 7 members of the public  
**Clerk** Mrs R. Turner

33/2324 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies received from Cllrs. Diggory and Nunn.

34/2324 **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. (Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest whether or not the interest in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer).*

- Cllr. Dickinson declared a bias re item 41/2324e, bin on corner of Hopton Lane.
- Cllr. Mullis declared a pecuniary interest in painting of the Little Ness phone box.
- Cllr. Arthur declared pecuniary interests in item 40/2324 (3) and item 45/2324.
- Cllr. Turner declared a pecuniary interest in item 38/2324, remuneration and expenses payments to the clerk.

b) *Dispensation requests* -none received.

c) *Gifts or hospitality* – none declared.

35/2324 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The applicant spoke regarding planning application for a garage at Robin Hill, Kinton. He explained that the property does not currently have a garage.

The applicant spoke regarding 23/02390/FUL – work has started on the barn and this application is for an agricultural shed for storage.

A member of the public asked what action the council has taken re its resolution on the Climate Change and Energy Bill. The chair confirmed a letter in support of the bill has been sent.

A number of members of the public spoke re application 22/05153/OUT – land opposite the Nesscliffe Hotel.

- Concern that neighbours not notified – Cllr. Potter explained that neighbours are not written to and that a site notice must be placed.
- The access is on a hazardous corner.
- Area rich in wildlife.

36/2324 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as being a correct record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

37/2324 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – PC Rich Walters, Safer Neighbourhoods Officer, was in attendance. He and two PCSOs cover the area. Recent calls include domestic violence, concern for safety, abandoned calls. The team have been carrying out patrols of Nesscliffe play area and Sandhurst Way and monitoring cannabis usage. He asked the parish council to publish a poster with the team contact details on and to direct people to use 101 and 999, in the first instance.

Action: Clerk to publish poster online and in newsletter and on notice boards.

*Community charter* – it was **RESOLVED** to change the order of the priorities for this quarter to 1) Speeding, 2) ASB 3) Criminal Damage.

Action: Clerk to submit the quarterly charter proprieties and PC Walters to log a request for speed monitoring.

- b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Potter reported as follows:
- *Boundary Commission Review* – ongoing. SC suggesting Bicton goes into Loton Division and Ford stays in Longden Division.
  - *Ruyton XI Towns* – parish changes not part of this Boundary Review.
  - *Speeding and road safety* – VAS being mended. Lorries coming through village have no weight restriction and one won't be considered as the road was the A5.
  - *Little Ness speeding* – no speed limit. Cllr. Potter suggested purchasing signage modelled on a sign at Cantlop, stating "30mph speed maximum".  
Action: CIL WG to investigate.
  - *SC likely to make some difficult budget cuts* – this may include cuts to things like SEND Nursery and Post 16 transport. Cllr. Potter suggested that people in difficulty contact him.
  - *Cemetery general waste bin at Great Ness* - hasn't been emptied for at least 5 weeks.  
Action: Cllr. Potter to look into it.
- c) *Youth Club* – Cllr. Gilbert reported that some new members have joined. The club are going bowling on the last session of the term.
- d) *Great Mess to Little Mess* – Cllr. Dickinson reported Coronation photo sales have been very successful, and enough has been raised to pay the group's insurance. The next litter pick being planned.
- e) *CIL Working Group* – meeting to be arranged.  
Action: Clerk to call a meeting
- f) *Nesscliffe Country Park WG, to include signage review report* – Cllr. Dickinson reported that she had met with Zia Robins, Nesscliffe Hills & District Bridleways Association, to discuss the report. The strategy is to upgrade the signage and renew / repair some elements. The work will potentially be paid for by the parish council's CIL (NF) money.  
Action: Working Group to meet with Shaun Burkey to finalise the specification, plans and costing.
- g) *Clerk's Report*- the clerk summarised her report.
- Cllr. Mullis left the meeting during discussion of quote for painting Little Ness phone box.*  
Actions:
- Clerk to ask Little Ness VH about installing a hearing loop.
  - Coins to be advertised for people to collect free if 16 & under, other people can collect one and have it at cost.
  - Cllr. Potter reported that he had delivered a copy of a letter from the Lord Lieutenant letter to the school, for inclusion in the time capsule.
  - CIL WG to look into adding the writing "Welcome to Nesscliffe, Please Drive Carefully" to the white gateways.
  - Hedge overgrown by VAS and the Nesscliffe sign. Clerk to ask Graham Taylor to cut it.
  - Quote from N. Mullis accepted for stripping phone box paint and re-painting.
- h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)*
- (i) *Nesscliffe Village Hall report (Cllr. Dickinson)* – a written report was noted (included in Appendix 1 clerk's report).
- (ii) *Any other reports*
- The Helicopter Noise Liaison group has been re-arranged to 21<sup>st</sup> July. Cllr. Brooks reported that he cannot attend on the revised date.

38/2324 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation 2023/4* – the report was noted, see Appendix 2 for full report. As at 30.6.23, the balances total £162,506.89. Receipts to end of Q1 total £69,716.29 and payments total £15,128.43.

*Cllr. Turner left the meeting.*

- b) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P22-2324	R Turner	Salary	SO	£937.23	£0.00	£937.23
P23-2324	SCPF	Pension	SO	£241.12	£0.00	£241.12
P24-2324	PJ Pest Control	Wasp's nest	BACS	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
P25-2324	SYA	Youth worker fee 2023-4	BACS	£4,500	£900.00	£5,400.00
P26-2324	Friends of St Andrew	GPC grant for summer fete	BACS	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00
P27-2324	HMRC	PAYE Q1	BACS	£1,019.53	£0.00	£1,019.53
P28-2324	SLCC Enterprises	Training courses	BACS	£270.00	£54.00	£324.00
P29-2324	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£233.63	£7.80	£241.43

*Cllr. Turner returned to the meeting.*

- c) *Income received* – noted as follows:

Ref	Payee	Item	Amount
R3-2324	HMRC	VAT refund	£29,818.68
R4-2324	Shropshire Council	EMG	£1,500.00

- d) *Opening a further investment account* – it was agreed to research investment account options with the CCLA.

Action: Cllr. Peters to investigate available options.

39/2324 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 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**
- 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**
- 22/05153/OUT - Phase 2 Proposed Development Land West Of Nesscliffe Hotel, Nesscliffe  
Proposal: Outline application for residential development to include means of access (resubmission of 14/03797/OUT) to be served via extant Phase 1 (12/00821/OUT & 13/02901/REM & 16/00670/REM)  
**Awaiting Decision**
- 23/00785/FUL - Nesscliffe Hotel, Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, SY4 1DB  
Proposal: Change of use of hotel to a dwelling to include creation of private amenity space (re-submission)  
**Decision: Grant Permission**
- 23/01843/FUL - West Lodge, Little Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2JX  
Proposal: Extension and Conversion of existing double garage to form live-in carer's accommodation including associated hard paving  
**Pending Consideration**

- 6) 23/02093/FUL - 3 Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1AX  
 Proposal: Demolition of an existing structure, and the erection of 1 No. dwelling, associated drainage and ancillary works  
**Pending Consideration**
- 7) 23/02070/FUL - Land Adj. Longacre House, Wilcott, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1BJ  
 Proposal: Erection of 2no. Detached Dwellings with Detached Double Garages and the Formation of a New Driveway and Vehicular Access.  
**Pending Consideration**

40/2324 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 22/05153/OUT - Phase 2 Proposed Development Land West Of Nesscliffe Hotel, Nesscliffe  
 Proposal: Outline application for residential development of 6 houses to include means of access (resubmission of 14/03797/OUT) to be served via extant Phase 1 (12/00821/OUT & 13/02901/REM & 16/00670/REM)

SC Potter advised that he has asked for the application to go to the agenda setting meeting for Planning Committee. The application is likely to not go to Committee as there was a previous application with intention to grant permission. The planning team still operate with SAMDEV policies, and the development boundary is therefore not adopted as yet. The case officer states that as the number of houses is in the description it cannot be altered without a new application.

Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to re-submit previous objections and add extra comments on risk of soil subsidence on the bank, surface flood risk and need for additional drainage needed. It was further **RESOLVED** to ask for the footpath link to be tarmac.

- 2) 23/02207/FUL - Proposed Residential Development North Of Kinton Business Park, Kinton  
 Proposal: Proposed Farm House and All Associated Works at Kinton, Nesscliffe  
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application in principle but to have a S106 agreement, with an agricultural tie in perpetuity.

*Cllr. Arthur left the meeting.*

- 3) 23/02390/FUL 3/02390/FUL - Land At, Little Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
 Proposal: Erection of agricultural barn for storage  
Comments: None.

*Cllr. Arthur returned to the meeting.*

- 4) 23/02298/FUL - Robin Hill, Kinton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1AZ  
 Proposal: Erection of a garage and workshop and all associated works (revised scheme)  
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application, as it is of an appropriate scale and the property currently has no garage.

41/2324 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways maintenance* – see clerk’s report (appended)
- b) *Quote for highways and EMG work from G Taylor – the following actions were agreed:*  
Action: Clerk to ask the hotel to clear the pathway by their car park. Next year’s budget to be re-evaluated.
- c) *Freedom Fibre project* – the clerk had attended a presentation and the project is currently at survey stage.  
Actions: It was agreed to use the voucher survey data to give Freedom Fibre an indication of the number of households interested, but not to give individual details. It was also agreed to alert the individuals who showed an interest in vouchers to the fact they can self-register for Freedom Fibre. The CIL WG was asked to look into possible projects to bid for funding from the £25,000 Freedom Fund.

- d) *Play area routine inspection reports* – it was agreed to action the issues identified.  
Action: Clerk to liaise with G Taylor and Ray Parry Playgrounds.

*It was noted that a decision was not to be made on item e at this meeting. Therefore, Cllr. Dickinson did not need to leave the meeting.*

- e) *Litter hotspots – play area access track and bench by Hopton Lane junction* – the police have advised this is more of a SC matter. Cllr. Dickinson said she monitors the bin by the passing place regularly. It was noted that an option may be to move the existing bin. It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until September, and to consider having a covered bin.  
Action: Clerk to contact Derek Furlong again to discuss options.
- f) *Newsletter* – it was agreed to publish a short edition -items to include: Voter ID, speeding, Freedom Fibre, update on Nesscliffe Hill dig and signage.
- g) *Place Plan Review* – it was **RESOLVED** to update the Place Plan using the information in the CIL project tracker.
- h) *Contribution towards clerk's SLCC membership*- it was **RESOLVED** to contribute 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the annual membership fee.
- i) *Oak tree near the hotel* – a safety concern had been raised. The clerk had referred this matter to SC Tree Team and SP Energy Networks Tree team.
- j) *Delegation between now and September meeting* - it was **RESOLVED** that regarding payments due between now and the September meeting, where the price is fixed and pre-agreed by council, the chair and vice chair can approve payments. Where the work is ad-hoc, payments to be limited to £1,000 plus VAT, to be approved by the chair and vice chair.
- k) *Reports of other parish matters*
- Arriva buses passing at in excess of 35mph.  
Action: Clerk to write to Arriva.

42/2324 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *Speeding – public concerns* – the concerns were noted and it was noted that the police will organise speed checks.
- b) *Boundary Commission Review* – the request from Ruyton XI Towns PC was noted. It was agreed to look at this at the parish stage of the CGR.  
Action: Clerk to write to Ruyton XI Towns PC, stating the parish council is willing to discuss at the appropriate time.
- c) *OPCC Survey 2023*  
Action: Cllr Turner to complete.
- d) *Mid Wales HA notification of empty house on Sunnybank, Little Ness* – noted.  
Action: Clerk to advertise on Facebook page.

43/2324 **NEXT MEETING**

- a) *Council Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> Septemer2023, 7.30pm, Little Ness Village Hall.*
- b) *Items for agenda*
- Smartwater

44/2324 *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 45/2324, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

*Cllr. Arthur left the meeting.*

45/2324 **QUOTES FOR ACCESS AND SCHOOL PATH WORKS AT NESSCLIFFE PLAYING  
FIELD AND ACCESS TRACK**

Two quotes had been received. One was significantly cheaper. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint MJPA Hire Ltd.

*Cllr. Arthur returned to the meeting.*