

# Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of Parish Council's Annual Meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2018 at  
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

## Present:

**Chairman:** I Mercer

**Councillors:** G Turnbull, D Farrington, B Harris, Andrew Hague

**Shropshire Councillors:**

**Clerk:** A Roberts

**Members of the community:** 1

**Representatives of other bodies/ organisations:**

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Harris.

## **97/18 Apologies for Absence**

J Hardiman, John Fitton, P Dee, C Mellings,

## **98/18 Public Participation**

Comments were received from:

Mike Hummerson – asked the Council to thank Cllr Edgerton for his assistance in resolving the drainage issues at Brownsbrook Farm.

## **99/18 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any interests/ gifts/ hospitality: None declared

## **100/18 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12 June 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Turnbull that the draft minutes, of the meeting detailed above, were an accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Farrington and agreed by all present.

## **101/18 Planning**

**-All planning applications and decisions can be tracked on line at [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)**

Applications received- to consider response

a)	<a href="#">18/03733/FUL</a>	Erection of part single storey part two storey extension to side/rear elevations 3 Malt Kiln Lane SY13 2QH	<b>Resolved: Support. No Comment</b>
b)	<a href="#">18/02237/FUL</a>	Proposed dwelling Opposite Browns of Wem, Pool Head	<b>Resolved: Object: Development is contrary to Whixall's Open Countryside designation.</b>

## **Planning Decisions Received:**

			<b>Shropshire Council Decision</b>
a)	<a href="#">18/02684/FUL</a>	Erection of rear extension new double garage, improved access and parking. 4 Hollinwood SY13 2NW	<b>Grant Permission</b>
b)	<a href="#">18/02982/OHL</a>	Change of use of an existing low voltage electricity line from service only to main line. Dobson's Bridge	<b>No Objection OHL</b>

**102/18 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- a) Renewal of Bowling Club lease – Land Registry forms have now been completed ready to send.
- b) Details of a recent consultation on proposed changes to Shropshire Council's reactive maintenance policy
- c) Update on flooding issues from Shropshire Council
- d) Information re. Environmental Maintenance Grants to be made available by Shropshire Council
- e) Update on recent budget setting training and reserves policies
- f) Update on planning application spreadsheet and processes for backing up data

**103/18 Parish Matters**

- a) Parish Plan Review. **Resolved** The existing plan will be reviewed and recommendations made to Council. Proposed Cllr Harris. Seconded Cllr Mercer.
- b) Signing for Whixall School. Clerk to contact Cllr Mellings for an update.
- c) Marlot Grazing Agreement. **Resolved.** The agreement was signed by Cllr Mercer, Cllr Harris and the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Hague. Seconded Cllr Turnbull.
- d) Remembrance Day Events. Clerk to liaise with Katie Hatton, Cllr Turnbull and other organisations involved to ensure that everything is in order.

**104/18 Financial Matters**

- a) To receive monthly bank balance record.

The Clerk advised the council of the council's bank balances.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29 June 2018	Community Account	£9,445.74
	Business Saver Account	£925.02
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£10,370.76</b>

- b) To resolve to approve outstanding accounts.

Orders for the payment of outstanding invoices (under "Power to Spend" LGA1972 s.112(2) and 124(1)). As per the financial report of the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)/ Clerk; proposed by Cllr Hague, seconded by Cllr Harris and agreed by all present.

**Resolved:** The outstanding accounts should be paid and the cheques signed by two authorised councillors.

- c) Automated payments (under LGA1972 s.112(2)). **Resolved** - direct debits will be set up for regular monthly payments. Proposed Cllr Hague. Seconded Cllr Harris.
- d) Local Government Pension Scheme – the Clerk is to seek advice regarding pension schemes.
- e) Members discussed the current overall budget position, the funding within each budget area and forthcoming demands on the budgets.

**105/18 Policies and Procedures Review**

- a) Those present reviewed the standing orders. The Clerk will write to those Councillors not present at the meeting requesting their views /feedback.

**106/18 Highways**

- a) Referrals to Shropshire Council – Members noted that there are concerns about the quality of pothole repairs by Shropshire Council's new contractor.
- b) Scheduled works - none

**107/18 Councillors Reports**

- a) Parish Councillors:

**Cllr Turnbull** reported on the visits carried out by PCSO Chris Hirons in support of Neighbourhood Watch and progress of works at the Marlot. **Resolved** – the Clerk will write a letter thanks for the work that PCSO Hirons does in Whixall. Proposed Cllr Harris. Seconded Cllr Turnbull.

**Cllr Mercer** discussed the current Broadband situation

**Cllr Harris** reported on work to be carried out to reclaim the former Furbers site over coming months.

b) Shropshire Councillors:

**Cllr Mellings** had sent a report to all members prior to the meeting.

Scheduled date of next meeting: **Wednesday 10 October 2018 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm