

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Shrawley Parish Council held in Shrawley Village Hall on **Wednesday 27th January 2016 commencing at 7.45pm.**

Present: Councillors Mrs P Armstrong (Acting Chairman)
Mrs C Norris
Mr R Tesh
Mrs N Thomas
Mr P Benkwitz
Mrs A Dorrell

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, County Cllr P Grove, District Cllr P Cummings & seven members of the public.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman Councillor Armstrong welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Councillor M Partridge

086 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd November 2015 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

087 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

a) Councillor Tesh declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning application for four dwellings at land off Rectory Lane. b) There were none.

088 Planning Matters:

Planning Application No 15/01743 for Outline application with reserved matters for four dwellings on land off Rectory Lane. Members considered the drawings and materials provided and were very concerned at the lack of details available. Following discussions, it was RESOLVED to object to this application due to a lack of information and detail with the application pack. Highway issues were also a concern as the access was not clearly set out together with water and drainage considerations.

Council noted that MHDC had not consulted us on *16 / 00038 / PDU, Change of Use of a barn at Eastgrove, although it was listed as one of the Consultees on the website. A number of issues were raised including whether the barn had been used for agricultural purposes in recent years.* Councillor Cumming agreed to investigate why the PC were not consulted and report back to next meeting.

089 County & District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Grove spoke about the changes to the Leadership at County Hall over Christmas. He referred to the recent Government spending review which had been particularly unhelpful for the County Council finances which have added an £11million to their shortfall. He stated the Council were looking at increasing their Council Tax for 2016-17 by 2% specifically for Adult Social Care and a further 1.9% for general expenditure. This would see a Band D Council Tax increase of £42 PA.

Councillor Grove referred to several groups and organisations he had supported using his locally determined funds and that if any other groups wished to be considered they should contact him.

District Councillor Cumming referred to similar budgetary restraints as at Worcestershire County Council. She stated that Malvern Hills are looking at a 5% annual increase for several years to come. She stated MHDC are expecting an announcement in early February on the South

Worcestershire Development Plan Submission which should identify land allocations for the next five years.

Councillor Cumming stated MHDC were looking at their Housing Division joining the Shared Service with Wychavon DC.

090 Annual Parish Meeting 2016

It was agreed that Monday 16th May 2016 would be the night for the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.00pm followed by the AGM of Council.

091 BT Telephone Kiosk

It was confirmed the former British Telecom kiosk had finally been adopted. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item in March to consider options for its use.

092 New Inn Shrawley

It was confirmed that The New Inn had been listed by MHDC as a Community Asset. Council wished to record its grateful thanks to Councillor Armstrong for all her hard work in achieving this for the village.

093 Village Speeding and Other Highways Issues

A discussion took place surrounding the recent enforcement by the Safer Roads Partnership and also on the issues surrounding the danger posed by the inconsiderate parking of tradesman's vehicles associated with the recent building works at Glazenbridge Cottage. It was stated that fifty seven Fixed Speed Enforcement Fines had been issued in four visits to date. It was also suggested that we needed to ensure that a repeat of the issues at Glazenbridge Cottage should not be allowed to happen again.

094 Public Rights of Way Officer

The Council discussed the general state of the Public Rights of Way through the village. It was noted that County Council were currently without an Officer in post for this area. The Council had received an Expression of Interest from Mr R Pumphrey and it was RESOLVED to offer him the position.

095 Great Witley Development

Councillor Benkwitz referred to a recent public meeting where proposals for a hundred and seventy five dwellings were discussed. The vast majority of residents present were strongly against any development.

096 HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

A discussion took place around celebrating the Royal Event. Ideas included a Church Service and Street Party. In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed to defer the matter till the next meeting.

097 Accounts for Payment

a) *Two payments were authorised retrospectively:*

** Cheque # 46 - £28.00 AM Jones – (Additional Neighbourhood Watch signs)*

** Cheque # 47 - £228.00 (not £220) CS Garden Services – (Lengthsman for October to December 2015)*

Two payments were authorised during the meeting:

** Cheque # 48 - £90.00 MJ Partridge – (Village Christmas Tree)*

** Cheque # 49 - £47.88 RL Tesh – (Expenses arising from duties as Acting Clerk)*

b) It was RESOLVED that the precept for 2016-17 be set at the same rate as last year namely £5,500.00.

c) Councillor Tesh reminded Council that banking signatures still needed to be completed by three other Councillors.

098 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 22.05pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 21st March 2016 commencing at 7.45pm.

Chairman.....
21st March 2016

Topics raised by members of the public included;

Matters discussed under Public Participation included:

- * An acknowledgement had been received for the donation made to the Nora Parson's Day Centre.*
- * There is no requirement for an Agenda to be published three days ahead of a meeting to anyone other than the Parish Councillors*
- * The outline planning application for up to four dwellings on land adjacent to the settlement boundary on Rectory Lane*
- * The Parish Council was thanked for the support given to the village Christmas activities.*