

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL, RUSHBURY**

With no members of the public in attendance it was agreed to start the meeting.

**2896. WELCOME**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

**2897. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillors Ms A Henderson, M McFarland and M Pye.

**2898. PRESENT**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, A Dixon, T Flashman, A Richards and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.  
Clerk C Maclean.

**2899. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**2900. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 17 OCTOBER 2022**

**Councillor A Dixon proposed, Councillor A Richards seconded that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 October 2022 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.**

**2901. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson noted the latest meeting of South Shropshire Area Committee was held on 17 October which conflicted with the Parish Council meeting. The draft minutes from the meeting had been circulated.

It was noted that meetings of this Committee appear to be scheduled for the third Monday in the quarter, thereby presenting continued conflict for Rushbury Parish Council to attend. It was agreed that representation be made to SALC to propose future meetings should be rotated in terms of days in the week.

**2902. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk noted with Councillors the information that had been supplied by Shropshire Council's Right Home Right Place team in relation to the decisions made on applications for potential local connection.

It was also noted that an update to the application process was expected and that the Clerk would factor this into future applications received by the Parish Council.

**2903. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Clerk advised Councillors that he had yet to publish the advertisement in relation to the co-option, but this would be completed in advance of the meeting in January 2023.

2904. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None outside of the bulletins received from SALC, NALC and the Rural Services Network which were forwarded to Councillors.

2905. **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Clerk advised Councillors that advice of the proposed merger of Rushbury and Eaton under Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Councils had been given to SALC. An acknowledgement had been received with no request for further information or documentation at this stage.

2906. **PLANNING**

**Planning Application received for:**

2906a. 22/05042/FUL: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling West of Fegg Farm, Longville in The Dale, Shropshire.

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling, together with change of use of traditional brick building and installation of a septic tank (re-submission).

**Decision: No objection**

2906b. 22/05117/TCA: St Peters Church, Rushbury, Shropshire.

Proposed Tree Works: To crown reduce 1no. Cherry (T1) by approx. 3 metres, to fell 1no. Ash (T2) to ground level and to crown reduce and reshape 1no. Yew (T3) by approx. 3 metres within Rushbury Conservation Area.

**Decision: No objection**

**Planning Application Update**

2906c. Councillors noted the responses that had been submitted to Shropshire Council in relation to application 22/04358/COU (validated 03/10/2022): and the proposed change of use of public house to additional residential accommodation at The Plough Inn, Wall Under Heywood. A response from Shropshire Council is awaited.

2906d. **Planning Decisions**

22/03551/FUL (validated 15/08/2022): Boystone Farm, Darby Lane, Wall Under Heywood, Shropshire, SY6 7DT.

Proposal: Construction of a new slurry lagoon/dirty water store and all associated ground works.

**Decision: Grant Permission**

2907. **PLACE PLAN**

The Clerk advised Councillors that no further communications have been received from Shropshire Council and he would seek to progress this.

2908. **PARISH PLAN AND SURVEY**

Councillors noted no further development had been made in progressing this topic.

2909. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Councillors noted the documentation forwarded by the Clerk and agreed that a plan be developed for the parish. The Clerk would initiate a document for Councillors to consider at a future meeting.

2910. **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

Councillors considered the Parish Council's engagement with the community in marking and celebrating the coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023. Councillors considered the possibility of a TV link in the Village Hall with the Parish Council contributing something memorable such as a tree, public art or metalwork located on Millennium Green.

**Councillors agreed that a budget of £1,000 be set aside to fund what is decided.**

2911. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2911a. **Current Finances:** Councillors noted the balances on the Council's accounts.

Community Account at 02.11.2022	£619.84
Deposit Account at 01.11.2022	£10,002.07

2911b. **Invoices to Pay November**

Tivoli Group Ltd (SLINV/00044354)	£149.77
Rushbury Village Hall (3429)	£15.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (120567)	£3.60
Clerk Salary	£250.00

**Councillor A Dixon proposed, Councillor P Bodimeade seconded and it was resolved the payments be made.**

2911c. **Invoices to Pay December**

Tivoli Group Ltd	£149.77
Rushbury Village Hall	£15.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd	£3.60
Clerk Salary	£250.00

**Councillor A Dixon proposed, Councillor A Richards seconded and it was resolved the payments be made on receipt of the respective invoices.**

2911d. **Letter from HMRC**

The Clerk advised Councillors that the appeal to the HMRC had been successful and the proposed £100.00 penalty had been overturned.

2912. **BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023/2024**

The Clerk presented to Councillors a schedule setting out an initial draft on Council expenditure for the next financial year along with scenarios on the level of Precept and impact on financial reserves.

Councillors agreed that the Clerk factor in amounts to cover S137 Grants and the contribution towards the Coronation of Charles III.

Councillors agreed the current level of reserves should be maintained where possible and that the Council should consider up to a 5% increase if required.

The Clerk would present revised numbers to the next meeting of Council.

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley joined the meeting at 8:54pm.

**2913. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley provided an update on recent events of interest to the parish.

**2913a. Shropshire Council Cabinet Role:** Councillors were advised that a reshuffle of senior positions had just taken place and that the role being undertaken by Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley had changed. Details to follow.

**2913b. Integrated Care System:** Councillors were advised that this initiative was not a fast process and time was required to consider the changes required.

**2913c. Rural Services Network:** Councillors noted that Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley had stood down from the role as Chair of this association in view of her commitments within the county.

**2913d. Boundary Commission Review:** Councillors noted that the Boundary Commission had reconsidered the earlier proposals by Shropshire Council and that a fresh review was being undertaken. Concerns were being expressed over the potential outcome of this and the impact on communities, especially in rural areas.

**2913e. Parliamentary Boundaries:** Councillors noted that the consultation period had ended.

**2913f. The Plough Inn Planning Application:** Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised that she was monitoring this application closely, being aware of local reaction.

**2913g. Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling at Fegg Farm:** Councillors shared concerns over the handling of the initial application. Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised that she would monitor this application closely.

**2913h. Local Government Settlement:** Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised Councillors that this was not expected until the Christmas period.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley for her update and having expressed her apologies left the meeting at 9:31pm.

**2914. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

The Clerk advised Councillors that he still awaited a response from Shropshire Council Highways team on the proposal to meet and discuss the planned locations for the speed indicator devices. Attempts would be made to progress this matter.

**2915. LAND AROUND THE VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor T Flashman advised Councillors that he had met with the previous Clerk to understand the history behind the Parish Council assuming responsibility for the land and the tennis/ballcourt.

Councillors noted that the Village Hall Committee agreed there was scope to create a tidier structure to maintain the area surrounding the Village Hall. The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> January when discussions may continue.

Councillors agreed that this topic be progressed by Councillor Dr C Stevenson and the Clerk.

**2916. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Councillors noted that investigations were being undertaken by the Village Hall Committee to identify more secure and draft proof windows and doors for the Village Hall.

**2917. PARISH MATTERS**

Councillors noted that the water on the road surface on the B4371 at the foot of Wall Bank remained in all conditions with concerns over smell and it was agreed that the matter be referred to Shropshire Council Highways.

**2918 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

- a) Precept/Budget for 2023/2024
- b) The Plough Inn Planning Application
- c) To advise Clerk of items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda

**2919. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Monday 16 January 2023

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:48pm.

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Chairman

Date: 16 January 2023