

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16 MARCH 2020 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

As there was no Parishioner present for the Consultation period meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

2539. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors M McFarland, M Pye, A Richards, Mrs V Smith and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

2540. PRESENT

Councillor Dr C Stevenson - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, G Gough and Mrs S Madeley. Clerk C Maclean.

2541. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2542. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY 2020

Councillor Mrs S Madeley proposed and Councillor Dr C Stevenson seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2020 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2543. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2543a. **Longville Arms:** Nothing further heard from Shropshire Council following their decision to decline the planning application.

2543b. **Broadband:** Councillors noted the proposal from a resident that the Council consider investing in an Airband project to improve broadband speed within the parish. Councillors agreed to defer further discussion to a future meeting and that an invitation be extended to the resident to attend the meeting to explain his interest. It was noted that the project would require funding but no funds are available within the Parish Council or Shropshire Council. Councillors also noted that SWS planned further investment in the parish and details would be forwarded to Councillors on receipt of the proposal.

2544. PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

Councillor Dr C Stevenson shared views on the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. The perception of the danger presented by the virus is understood. In terms of Council support and leadership it was agreed that a recommendation would be made to the Village Hall Committee to consider closure of the Village Hall whilst the crisis persists.

Councillors noted that the next pop up pub night had already been cancelled.

Councillors considered the merits of reaching out to parishioners to identify those that need support. A handout leaflet would be considered and means of delivery considered.

Councillor support to residents was agreed and Councillors T Flashman, G Gough and Mrs S Madeley offered their details to be shared with residents.

2545. **CORRESPONDENCE**

2545a. **Items Requiring A Decision**

West Mercia PCC Road Safety Strategy: Councillors noted the road safety survey being promoted by West Mercia PCC. Councillors were asked to consider responses and advise Clerk where appropriate.

2545b. **Other Correspondence**

Ludlow Walk For Parkinson's: Councillors noted the promotion of this event planned for 27th June 2020 and the desire to place posters in public areas.

2546. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs C Motley the Clerk advised Councillors of the discussion held with Mrs Motley earlier in the day:

2546a. **Highways**

A recent meeting of Shropshire Council members was held where a presentation was delivered by Tom Blackburne-Maze. Following a question raised by Councillor Mrs C Motley on the particularly poor condition of the roads in South Shropshire a visit was undertaken by Andy Wilde and Alun Morgan with Mrs Motley to view the condition of roads around the Corvedale.

The Highways officials recognised the difference in profile of South Shropshire to the North. A proposal that a meeting between the Highways officials, Mrs Motley and the Chairman of Rushbury and Diddlesbury is being considered.

2546b. **Rural Public Transport**

Shropshire Council senior Cabinet members currently focusing on addressing the lack of rural public transport. Government money had been identified as being available for funding suitable ventures. Applications are to be considered by Shropshire Council based on submissions relating to types of provision, value and delivery.

Councillors considered the merits of previous schemes and their drawbacks. The perception was that the public would be unwilling to pay for a commercially viable service.

2547. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2547a. **Housing Needs Survey**

No further points raised and nothing further heard.

2547b. **Plan Update**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson summarised his proposals for the upcoming Plan Update and the topics to be covered. These range from Guiding Principles, Boundary Changes, Strategic Housing Plans, Digital Connectivity, Highways, Recycling and Footpaths.

The proposed timetable for delivery was also considered but it was recognised that this would now need deferral as a result of the impact of the pandemic.

It was agreed that work continue to ensure that the proposed content is completed to enable progress to be made as soon as conditions allow.

2548. **PLANNING**

2548a. **Planning Application has been received for:**

None received

2548b. **Planning Decisions made:**

None received

2549. FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised that discussions continue with Shropshire Council on finding a solution to the assumption of liability for repair works undertaken.

2550. FINANCIAL REPORT

2550a. Banking

Community Account at 02.03.2020	£76.25
Deposit Account at 01.03.2020	£2,642.60

2550b. Invoices to pay March

Sodexo (9900528113)	£130.06
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (114031)	£3.60
Rushbury Village Hall (3163)	£13.00
Clerk Salary	£1,500.00
SALC (384)	£70.00 (Validation)

2550c. Inter-Account Transfer

Approval to transfer £2,000.00 from Savings to Current Account.

2550d. Invoices to pay April

Sodexo (tbc)	£130.06
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (tbc)	£3.60
Rushbury Village Hall (tbc)	£13.00

Resolved: Councillor G Gough proposed and Councillor T Flashman seconded that the transfer be effected and payments made.

2551. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

2551a. Village Hall Update

In the absence of Councillor Mrs V Smith, the Clerk advised Councillors that he would forward notes on recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee to update on developments.

2551b. Millennium Green and Playground Update

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised that consideration is being given to grassing over part of the shrubbery area. Having noted that the budget for the renewed contract with Sodexo allowed some flexibility in covering costs it was agreed that this should be considered and on receipt of details the Clerk would discuss with Sodexo.

Considering the current situation it is not known whether the Easter Egg Hunt will take place.

2552. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor T Flashman noted that there were no signs in the Parish advising drivers they were in Heath Common. Deliveries to households in that area are impacted by drivers not being aware of their location. It was agreed that an approach be made to Shropshire Council Highways to identify opportunity to remedy this.

2553. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

2553a. Annual Assembly/Parish Meeting

- i. Chairman's Report & Parish Council Financial Report
- ii. Shropshire Councillor's Report

- iii. Rushbury C.E. Primary School Report
- iv. Wainwright Trust and Rushbury Trustees
- v. Village Hall Report
- vi. Parishioners Business
- vii. Parish Plan Update

2553b. Items to be advised to Clerk in advance of next meeting.

2554. **DATES OF 2020 MEETINGS**

27 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

18 May (AGM + Ord Meet); 15 June; 20 July

21 September; 19 October; 16 November

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.