

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

Following an invitation from the parish council, Renee Wallace, Community Projects Co-ordinator, Shropshire Rural Community Council (SRCC) attended and outlined the key points to note in the co-ordination and creation of a parish plan update. She also advised what support could be available from the SRCC team. Renee departed prior to the start of formal proceedings.

One parishioner in attendance to discuss item 2464a. The parishioner departed prior to the start of formal proceedings.

2460. APOLOGIES

None.

2461. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, G Gough, Mrs S Madeley, M Pye, A Richards, Mrs V Smith, Dr C Stevenson and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley. Clerk C Maclean.

2462. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2463. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 JULY 2019

Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor Mrs S Madeley seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2464. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2464a. **Longville Arms:** The councillors noted the Community Right to Bid Notice issued by Shropshire Council on 9 August 2019 with the Interim Moratorium notice expiring on 19 September 2019. Councillors were aware of some public interest but that this had not materialised into any formal proposals.

2464b. **Traffic Through Wall-under-Heywood:** Councillors noted that there had been some police presence in the villages to monitor traffic adherence to the speed limits.

2464c. **Rural Crime Prevention Evenings:** Councillors noted the planned presentation at Cardington Village Hall for 17 September 2019 where the Police would talk about the Smartwater initiative. The clerk would contact the Police to gain feedback from that meeting for that parish and identify the potential costs and benefits for Rushbury.

Action 1: Clerk to contact West Mercia Police.

2464d. **Broadband Concerns:** Clerk advised Councillors that contact details for SWS would be provided in the next edition of the parish magazine for parishioners to follow up on concerns relating to broadband connections.

2464e. **Councillor Responsibilities:** Clerk advised councillors that deliberations continue on format of the document to outline responsibilities. Councillor Dr C Stevenson suggested that the original document may have been compiled to cover previous quality council requirements.

Action 1: Clerk to check files to confirm and consider appropriate update.

- 2464f. **Clerk Absence Contingency Arrangements:** Clerk noted that contingency arrangements were in place for councillors to access and use the banking facilities in sudden event of clerk absence. These arrangements were being increased to cover all arrangements in terms of accessing emails and maintaining contact with key parties such as Shropshire Council. The procedures would periodically be updated.
- 2464g. **Longville Defibrillator:** Clerk advised that the original unit had been returned following repair and installed. Councillors noted the costs to the manufacturer in relation to the repairs and that it was not clear whether the source of the fault had been diagnosed. Whilst the manufacturer's support in providing a loan unit is appreciated, concern was noted that the risk of non-availability of an active unit continued where future faults may occur. Councillors requested the clerk to contact the manufacturer and seek assurance that in the event of a further failure the manufacturer would replace the unit altogether.
Action 2: Clerk to contact manufacturer to seek assurances re replacement of unit in event of further failure.
- 2464h. **South Shropshire Area Committee Meeting on 5 September 2019:** Clerk advised that the key topics covered at this meeting were a presentation from apT consultancy group, part of Telford & Wrekin Council who advised on their skills covering planning, building controls, environment, healthy spaces and heritage/listed buildings. There was also a presentation from Gwilym Butler who advised on recent developments covering rural strategy.
- 2464i. **Helicopter Noise Liaison Group:** Clerk noted the next meeting due to be held on 15 October 2019. Councillors did not see need to attend meeting so apologies to be sent.
Action 3: Clerk to send apologies to Shropshire Council.
2465. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Items Requiring A Decision
- 2465a. **Shropshire Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy Survey:** Councillors reviewed the request from Shropshire Council to respond to a survey on playing pitch & outdoor sport strategy. The survey questions were reviewed and clerk to respond with feedback.
Action 4: Clerk to respond with survey results.
- Other Correspondence**
- 2465b. **Playground Thank You From Sarah Madeley:** Councillors noted the letter of appreciation from Sarah Madeley on behalf of the Millennium Trust for the contribution towards the playground costs.
- 2465c. **Connexus:** Councillors noted the letter received from the Connexus Chief Executive dated 25 July 2019 where they are looking to re-establish a connection with rural parishes and market towns through the holding of road show events. Further details awaited.
- 2465d. **Shropshire Council Consultation on Proposed Post-19 Travel Assistance:** Councillors noted the consultation in relation to a proposed new policy for Post-19 Travel Assistance which will run until 18 October 2019. Any feedback to be advised to the clerk for consolidation and onward transmission to Shropshire Council.
- 2465e. **Environment Agency – Property And Landowners – How To Avoid Becoming a Victim of Waste Criminals:** Councillors noted the advice note forwarded by the clerk on 23 August 2019.
- 2465f. **SALC 70th AGM and Celebration Evening:** Councillors noted the invitation extended to the SALC AGM and celebration evening on 15 November 2019.
- 2465g. **Festival of Ageing:** Councillors noted the event scheduled for 15 October 2019.

2465h. **BT Payphone Removal – 135 Shropshire Sites Earmarked:** Councillors noted the proposal by BT to close payphones across the county. Details awaited and to be forwarded upon receipt.

Action 5: Clerk to forward the proposed closures list to councillors upon receipt.

2465i. **Merger Between Housing Plus Group and Stafford and Rural Homes:** Councillors noted the communications received on this merger.

2465j. **Shropshire Fire Judicial Review:** Councillors noted the events relating to the challenge to be presented to the authorities in relation to the proposed assumption of control of Shropshire Fire Service by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

2465k. **West Mercia Police – On The Beat Update:** Clerk noted that regular police updates were expected with expectation to include some content in the parish magazine.

2465l. **Pothole Repairs:** Councillors noted Shropshire Council's new way of repairing potholes with the aim of speeding up and strengthening the pothole repairs across the county.

2465m. **SALC Information Bulletin – September 2019:** Clerk noted reference in the bulletin to a new publication called The Village Survival Guide.

2466. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised the Councillors of the following developments:

2466a. **Highways:** Andy Keyland struggling to manage queries and concerns on highways due to lack of staff.

2466b. **MyShropshire:** Shropshire Council will shortly be releasing a new app which will cover all requirements in relation to Shropshire Council. This will include reporting of potholes.

2466c. **New Housing Company Meeting Social Housing Needs:** Shropshire Council have created a new property company Cornovii Developments Ltd with a plan to acquire and develop sites to address social housing needs. First two sites in Oswestry and Shrewsbury identified. Further sites across the county will be identified and developed.

2466d. **Further Meeting of Corvedale Parish Councils:** Plan to follow up previous meeting in Culmington with further of parish clerks and chairmen in October 2019.

2466e. **Local Government Settlement:** One-year rollover implemented with topping up of social care funding.

2466f. **Rural Services Network:** RSN is running a series of regional roadshows to promote the Rural Strategy.

2466g. **Compensation Funding Post Brexit:** Focus on shared prosperity with LEPs being set targets of factoring rural needs and economy in their industrial strategy.

2466h. **Young People:** A youth activities strategy is being developed with a plan to create youth worker positions with enablement to provide support and advice. At early stage of implementation but encouragement to parish councils to consider how best they can support the youth workers to reach out and establish the connections.

2467. **NEW SEPTIC TANK RULES**

The Chairman referred councillors to the new septic tank rules scheduled for implementation in January 2020. The rules relate to discharges into surface water and the potential replacement of tank systems if rules cannot be met. It was recognised that this would impact properties across the parish. Awareness of householders to these new rules required. It was resolved that increased awareness be commenced through placing details on the parish council website and in the parish magazine.

Action 6: Clerk to place details on parish council website and send details to parish magazine editor.

2468. **PLANNING**

Planning Application has been received for:

2468a. 19/03692/FUL: Stanway Manor, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EF
Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of a wood pellet silo for biomass boiler

Decision: Councillors have no objection to this application.

Planning Permission has been granted to:

2468b. 19/01773/FUL: Longville Farm, Longville, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DS

Proposal: Erection of a fodder and storage building

2468c. 19/02447/FUL: Juckes Barn, East Wall, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DU

Proposal: Erection of 3-bay part open fronted garage building with link to dwelling and annex accommodation above

2468d. 19/02201/FUL: Gutter Farm, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7JA

Proposal: Erection of a building to house stables, tack room and store

2468e. 19/01617/FUL (Validated 09/04/2019): Rose Cottage, Stoneacton, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7HL

Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling

Planning Enforcement has been received for:

2468f. 17/05699/ENF: Land Opposite Stone House, 2 Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire

Update: Inspections identified a static caravan located on the land. Siting requires planning permission with no record of having been granted. Request to owner to remove voluntarily to avoid enforcement action.

2469. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2469a. **Housing Needs Survey**

Clerk presented to councillors the poster received from Shropshire Council. These will be displayed at key points across the parish. Survey on target for October.

2469b. **Plan Update**

Councillors noted advice from Renee Wallace on selecting the key and number of questions; maximising publicity; reviewing the findings. There was also discussion on how best to secure parishioners' support and feedback. Detailed discussion on the content and timing of the plan to be held at the next meeting.

2470. **FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised councillors that she and Councillor T Flashman inspected the bridge. Assessments on the required repairs were made and consideration given to access. Support in terms of people and finances will be required and further discussion on resolution on these to be made.

2471. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2471a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.08.19	£105.71
Community Account at 02.09.19	£959.05

Deposit Account on 01.08.19 £7,636.86

Deposit Account on 01.09.19 £6,636.86

2471b. To pay September

Sodexo (9900486932) £130.06 (Validation)

Rushbury Village Hall (June 2986) £13.00 (Validation)

Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (13460) £3.60 (Validation)

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Resolved: Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor T Flashman seconded that the payments be made.

2472. COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Clerk advised that no new documentation could be presented at this meeting but that work continues to address outstanding requirements.

2473. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

No update.

2474. MILLENNIUM GREEN AND PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Councillor Mrs S Madeley updated councillors on the contributions received from the Produce Show and Fun Day. The sum of £1,700 was raised from the Fun Day with positive feedback and proposals that the event be run next year.

A contribution of £2,500 has also been received from the parish magazine.

Local interest in the Green and Playground is increasing and with the recent injections of funds, it is hoped to shortly commence the repairs and replacement works on the playground.

It was also advised that the Trust's AGM was due to be held in the first week of October.

A new secretary has been found for the Trust who is taking over from Councillor Mrs S Madeley.

2475. PARISH MATTERS

Councillor T Flashman referred to recent developments in the parish where police support was called in relation to events in the parish. Concern being raised by residents in relation to lack of police response and support. This needs to be raised to police contacts.

2476. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Parish Plan Update

Quarterly Financial Review

Meeting closed at 10:05pm.

2019 Further Meeting Dates

21 October, 18 November