

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17 JUNE 2019 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman welcomed Mrs V Smith to the Council.

2420. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors T Flashman and M Pye.

2421. ABSENT

Councillors P Bodimeade (Subsequent Apologies) and G Gough.

2422. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors Mrs S Madeley, A Richards, Mrs V Smith, Dr C Stevenson and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

2423. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2424. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 20 MAY 2019

Councillor Dr C Stevenson proposed and Councillor Mrs S Madeley seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2425. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 20 MAY 2019

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2426. MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 15 APRIL 2019

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman, Shropshire Councillor and Clerk be named with the remaining attendees recorded as parishioners.

2427. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2427a. **Longville Arms:** No update from Shropshire Council.

2427b. **Wall-under-Heywood Speed Limits:** Councillors noted the 30mph sign located between the official 30mph limit and the 50mph limit had been removed and that the speed limits were now enforceable.

2427c. **Rural Crime Prevention Evenings:** Councillors noted the meetings with West Mercia Police arranged for Tuesday 25 June at Shipton Village Hall and on Thursday 27 June at Church Preen Village Hall. Both meetings scheduled to start at 7:30pm.

2427d. **London Bridge Protocol:** The Clerk advised Councillors that contact had been made with the Church Warden to cover flag flying arrangements.

2427e. **Broadband Concerns:** Councillors reviewed the Update from Connecting Shropshire on the rollout of faster broadband. It was noted that the main provider in the parish is SWS. Concerns remain over the ability of parts of the parish to gain access to SWS and for a sustained performance level to be maintained. Whilst Connecting Shropshire provided

contact details to address queries, it was agreed that enquiries be made with SWS to understand levels of service and coverage on offer.

Action 1: Clerk to make enquiries with SWS.

2428. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Items Requiring A Decision

2428a. **Request for Potential Confirmation of Local Connection:** Deferred to next meeting as applicant did not attend meeting to explain situation and satisfaction of the criteria.

Action 2: Clerk to contact applicant.

2428b. **Request for Textile Recycling Bank for the Charity Scope:** Councillors reviewed the proposal for a textile recycling bank in the parish. It was noted that there are limited locations within the parish with enough space and experience showed that donations are made to shops in Church Stretton. It was agreed that unless circumstances changed the proposal be declined for the time being.

Action 3: Clerk to advise decision.

2428c. **SALC South Shropshire Area Committee Representation:** The Clerk advised Councillors that SALC membership entitled two council representatives to attend the South Shropshire Area Committee. Clerk attended meeting on 30 May 2019 to understand format and SALC notes from meeting had been distributed.

It was resolved that attendance at future meetings would vary between Councillors dependent on the topics to be covered.

Other Correspondence

2428d. **Wem Town Council Note on Climate Change:** Councillors noted Wem Town Council's motion and the offer to join a letter to the Government. It was agreed that little more could be offered from within the parish other than the current initiatives to make savings where appropriate.

2428e. **Shropshire Council Available Burial Capacity:** The Clerk advised of recent survey from Shropshire Council. Response had been provided advising no direct management responsibility, but reference made to the facilities at Rushbury Church and South Shropshire Remembrance Park.

2429. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised there was little to report on as all governmental focus remains on current major political activities.

2430. **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY 2019**

Councillors noted the invitation to participate in the 2019 survey with responses requested by 11 August. Councillors also noted that the survey is for completion by Councils as separate initiatives are ongoing to capture perceptions from the wider community. Responses to be consolidated at next meeting.

2431. **PLANNING**

Details of following Planning Applications have been received:

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.

Decision: Councillors have no objection to this application.

2432. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2432a. **Church Stretton Place Plan Meeting**

The draft Church Stretton and Surrounding Area Place Plan 2019/20 had been received and distributed to the Councillors. The list of projects was considered and proposed amendments would be advised to Shropshire Council.

Action 4: Clerk to advise amendments to Shropshire Council.

2432b. **Parish Plan Update**

The Clerk advised Councillors of the recent discussions with Maria Howell and Vicky Turner at Shropshire Council. Implementation of the Housing Needs Survey in its current format would be fully supported by Shropshire Council with no effort or costs incurred by the Parish Council. Councillors agreed the proposed amendments to the survey by Councillor Dr C Stevenson made it more appropriate to the Parish but noted that its use on this basis would not be supported by Shropshire Council.

It was resolved to proceed with Shropshire Council's Survey format with proposal that the survey be undertaken in September or October 2019.

The Clerk advised Councillors of the advice by Shropshire Council that any future Plan Update should be produced in short format with full details provided on the website. This would help to reduce costs. Vicky Turner had recommended contacting Renee Wallace at Shropshire RCC to receive advice on best approach with the Plan.

Action 5: Clerk to advise Shropshire Council of proposed use of Housing Needs Survey.

Action 6: Clerk to contact Renee Wallace at Shropshire RCC.

2433. **FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised Councillors of recent discussions on the repair to the footbridge. It was agreed that use of modern materials was the most effective means of repair. It was agreed that this approach was more desirable than replacement with a wooden bridge. A site visit is planned to discuss best means to implement repairs.

2434. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2434a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.06.19	£1,042.03
Deposit Account on 01.06.19	£7,634.90

2434b. **To pay**

BHIB/Aviva (PC Insurance)	£431.91 (Ratification)
Sodexo (9900474176)	£130.06
SALC (Training)	£27.00
Rushbury Village Hall (May 2019)	£13.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd	£66.00
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Resolved: Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor Mrs S Madeley seconded that these payments be noted and made.

2435. **COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Councillor reviewed the responsibilities sheet in anticipation of reallocating responsibilities. It was concluded that the sheet required further review and consideration to ensure it was fit for purpose.

Action 7: Clerk to review areas of responsibilities.

2436. **COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Clerk advised that further policy and procedure updates would be presented for approval at the next meeting.

2437. **VILLAGE HALL**

2437a. **Committee Responsibilities**

The Clerk presented a summary of the roles and responsibilities as determined by the Trust Deed and identified from documents maintained by other Village Halls. It was noted that the Parish Council representative is a full member of the management committee. Discussion on these responsibilities raised no objections.

2437b. **Replacement Parish Council Representative**

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs V Smith assume the Parish Council Representative role for 2019/2020. It was also agreed that this would be a revolving role and appointment would be reviewed and agreed annually.

Action 8: Clerk to advise Secretary of new representative.

2437c. **Insurance Renewal**

It was noted that the Village Hall insurance had changed to an alternative insurer resulting in a saving of £252.14 on the premium.

2438. **MILLENNIUM GREEN AND PLAYGROUND**

2438a. **Resource and Funding**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised that 581 votes had been provided in support of the grant from Calor Rural Community Fund. Results are awaited.

2438b. **Insurance Cover and Endorsements**

The Clerk advised Councillors of the endorsements in place for the Playground. It was agreed to review these to ensure that all documentation on checks undertaken are available as required.

Action 9: Clerk to discuss with Trustees at their next meeting.

2439. **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised of graffiti in the bus stop at Wall Under Haywood. Councillors expressed concern over the health of the walnut tree which had been planted behind the bench at Wall Under Heywood.

2440. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Financial Quarterly Review

Meeting closed at 10:30pm.

2019 Further Meeting Dates: 15 July, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November