

Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr J Dickin

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8 December 2016, at Cockshutt Millennium Hall starting at 7.30pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: John Dickin (Chair), Linda Baumgartl, John Cooling, Canice Lawrence and Ian Morris
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: 9

133/16 Public Participation Period:

A resident spoke in connection with agenda item 5bi. She was concerned with the proposed new access arrangements which would restrict access to and parking by her property.

A resident spoke in connection with agenda item 5bi. She asked whether Councillors had visited the site. She was concerned that the height of the land made it unsuitable for development and would cause an increase of surface water draining onto the lane and Chapel Cottages.

A resident asked questions regarding Council Tax and planning permission in respect of the static caravan at land south to Chapel House Farm. The Clerk advised these were issues for Shropshire Council and she would help identify the appropriate departments if required. The applicant spoke in support to agenda item 5bi. She outlined the changes to the site plan and reasons behind them.

134/16 Apologies for absence:

David Carr and Christine Hodnett (accepted) and Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

135/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2016 to be approved and signed.

The minutes were approved and signed.

136/16 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- a. Members were reminded that they were required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.
Cllr Dickin advised he would be leaving the meeting for agenda item 5bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.
- b. ***To consider any requests for Dispensations:***
None

137/16 Planning:

a. ***Decisions Received:***

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None received.

b. Applications Received:

Cllr Dickin left the meeting. Cllr Cooling chaired the meeting

- i. 16/04059/FUL Proposed Residential Development Land South Of Chapel House Farm, Cockshutt
Erection of five dwellings; formation of one vehicular access and alterations to existing vehicular access (re-consultation)

The Clerk outlined the changes in the application: increase of site area due to Highways' requirements, plot 3 placed further into the site, changes to the design (brick and tiles) and hedgerow removed along the eastern boundary. She reminded Councillors of the reasons for identifying sites and the preference for a mix of house types. There had also been changes to the affordable housing contributions on small developments which could make the preference of house type mix more important.

It was agreed that further information was required prior to make a formal response to Shropshire Council:

- a. All necessary notifications and declarations had been signed and submitted regarding the additional land within the site boundary. It was noted that part of the site was now outside the development boundary.
- b. Confirmation that Shropshire Council's Ecology Dept. had been re-consulted due to the inaccuracy of the applicant's ecology report when compared to the revised site plan.
- c. Confirmation whether the revised site plan met Highways' approval.

Cllr Dickin re-joined the meeting and re-took the chair

138/16 Parish Clerk Report:

a. Shropshire Council Local Plan Review

The Clerk referred to the briefing issued by Shropshire Council which she had circulated. She had been advised that the consultation would cover 2 stages, the first was expected to be issued January/February 2017. The Clerk advised the Council may have to act quickly if it wished to consult with residents.

139/16 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for Information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	305.92
HMRC	215.80
Brierley Printers Ltd	177.00
Wem Rural Parish Council	33.51
Compass (Shropshire) Ltd	72.50
P Birch Contracting Ltd	102.75

c. Bank Reconciliation

Cllr Baumgartl confirmed she had signed the bank reconciliation.

d. Budget 2017/2018

The Clerk explained the draft budget with a Precept increase of £2,000 to cover a £1,500 provision for a Community Led Plan.

140/16 Jubilee Field

The Chair advised Shropshire Council had confirmed the drainage calculations already carried out were adequate for the revised planning application.

141/16 Councillor Reports:

Cllr Cooling reported on the recent Millennium Hall Management Committee meeting. The Chair advised he had attended the Safer Routes to School meeting.

142/16 Parish Matters:

a. Community Led Plans

The Clerk advised that volunteers for the Steering Group had come forward and more would be sought at the Christmas Fayre on 10 December.

b. Public Open Spaces Review

The review identified that the Jubilee Field and Petton Church were not included on the list. It was agreed the Clerk would complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

c. Broadband

The Clerk circulated a plan of Petton which identified properties which were included in Connection Shropshire phase 2b procurement.

d. Defibrillator in the Parish

The Clerk outlined the 2 schemes which defibrillators could be installed in the community. It was agreed to include the feasibility of installing a defibrillator in a Community Led Plan Questionnaire.

143/16 Highways:

It was advised:

a. Church Green, Cockshutt

The Chair advised that he and the Clerk had met with the Meres and Mosses Housing Association Manager and that the fencing had been installed in error. It would be removed soon.

b. New access onto Shrewsbury Road

The Clerk advised she had reported the new access to Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council were investigating.

c. Traffic Calming in Cockshutt

The Clerk advised Shropshire Council had confirmed that work was progressing into preparing a scheme that included both ends of the village and the Primary School. Traffic and speed monitoring reports were circulated. Cllr Cooling stated that the Parish Council should reconsider its priorities regarding the speed of traffic through the village, and that traffic calming measures should be given urgent consideration. It was suggested that reserves should be made available for traffic calming solutions. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

144/16 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

The date was confirmed as Thursday 12 January 2017

The Chair, Cllr John Dickin, declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

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