

Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11 May 2017, at Cockshutt Millennium Hall starting at 7.30pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: John Cooling (Chair), Linda Baumgartl, Julie Dean and Ian Morris
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: 4

56/17 To elect the Chair of the Council.

Mr John Dickin chaired this item of the agenda. Cllr John Cooling was elected as Chair.

57/17 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Cooling signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk confirmed that all Councillors had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

58/17 To elect the Vice Chair of the Council.

Cllr Morris was elected as Vice Chair.

59/17 Public Participation Period:

Mr J Dickin, Chair of Governors Cockshutt CofE Primary School updated Councillors on the proposed Federation with Criftins CofE Primary School and the benefits it would bring.

A resident asked the Council to consider 4 questions raised by the residents group when discussing Community-Led Plans.

A resident expressed their disappointed that the planning application at Crosemere had been refused by Shropshire Council.

A resident spoke in connection with the planning application at Rushmore and their concerns with parking arrangements.

60/17 Apologies for absence:

None

61/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2017 to be approved and signed.

The minutes were approved and signed.

62/17 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.

b. To consider any requests for Dispensations:

None

63/17 Policy Review

a. *Standing Orders*

It was resolved to re-adopt the Standing Orders.

b. *Financial Regulations*

It was resolved to re-adopt the Financial Regulations.

c. *Procedures for Dispensation in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*

It was resolved to re-adopt the Procedures for Dispensation.

64/17 To appoint officers and representatives to the following outside bodies:

a. *Shropshire Association of Local Councils*

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Morris

b. *Local Joint Committee*

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Baumgartl

c. *Cockshutt Millennium Hall Management Committee*

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Cooling.

It was resolved to review other appointments following co-option of more Councillors.

65/17 Consider and agree issuing summons and agenda for meetings electronically.

It was resolved to continue to issue summons and agenda for meetings electronically.

66/17 Consider and agree procedures in relation to the co-option of Parish Councillors.

It was agreed to generate publicity through notices and the newsletter.

67/17 Planning:

a. *Decisions Received:*

- i. 17/00745/OUT Farm Buildings Site At Crosemere, Cockshutt, Shropshire
Outline application for the erection of 5 no. dwellings to include means of access following demolition of farm buildings
Decision: Refuse

It was agreed to write to Shropshire Council expressing disappointment that the application had been refused.

b. *Applications Received:*

- i. 17/01923/FUL Rushmore, Cockshutt, SY12 0JJ
Erection of a 2 storey side extension

It was resolved to object to the application. The Council had concerns that there was insufficient parking/turning area at the site which could lead to vehicles reversing onto the lane.

It was requested to minute that Cllr Dean voted against the objection.

68/17 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. *Councillor's File of Key Policies and Guidance*

The Clerk had distributed files for Councillors' reference.

69/17 Financial Matters:

a. *Balances for Information*

Noted.

b. *Outstanding accounts*

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	325.41
Wem Rural PC	194.26
Greenfingers Landscape Ltd	180.00

c. Bank Mandates

It was resolved that Cllrs Baumgartl, Cooling and Morris would continue as signatories. The mandate would be reviewed following co-option of more Councillors.

d. Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit report was received and noted. No issues had been reported by the Auditor.

e. Statement of Internal Control

The prepared Statement was approved.

f. Annual Return March 2017

i. Section 1

The responses to Section 1 were considered, agreed and completed.

ii. Section 2

Section 2 was approved.

g. Insurance Policy renewal

It was resolved to renew the policy with Ecclesiastical (premium of £652.83) under a long-term agreement.

70/17 Jubilee Field

The Chair advised quotes for the various elements of the development were being obtained. The Clerk advised she expected the determination of the planning application to be before the next meeting

71/17 Councillor Reports:

The Chair reported on the recent Millennium Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

72/17 Parish Matters:

a. Community Led Plans

It was agreed to respond to the questions raised by the residents group as follows:

1. Yes, the Council supports the need for a plan.
2. Yes, Parish Council members will assist with and support the construction of a plan.
3. The Parish Council will support a Steering Group in producing a Neighbourhood Plan.
4. The Parish Council will seek the support of Shropshire Council to designate the whole parish as the area for a Neighbourhood Plan.

b. School Federation Consultation – to consider

It was resolved to support the Federation proposal.

73/17 Highways:

a. Resident's letter re Petton

The Clerk confirmed she had written to the resident. Cllr Baumgartl advised she had met with the resident and had reported the issues he had raised.

74/17 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

The date was confirmed as Thursday 15 June 2017

The Chair, Cllr John Cooling, declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

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