
Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 31st January 2019 at Cockshutt Millennium Hall starting at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Julian Bowers, John Cooling (Chair), Julie Dean, Ian Morris (Vice Chair) & Ian Webb
Clerk: Lynda McCormack
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Members of the Public: 22

16/19 Public Participation Period:

Points made by members of the public: -

- a. The proposal to designate Cockshutt as open countryside is a good decision as it will still give sufficient development for the Village
- b. The committee were asked what were the benefits of open countryside or cluster?
- c. Cllr. Williams outlined the types of rural areas being hub, cluster or countryside. Cockshutt is currently a hub but will not be so classified under the local plan review so will not have significant development.
- d. There was discussion regarding consultation documents and previous consultation responses.
- e. In response to a question about the Parish Plan Cllr. Webb, as representative on the Steering Group preparing the Parish Plan, explained how the steering group was formed and the questionnaire put together
- f. Moderate growth supports facilities
- g. Concerns were raised as there are no services to support further development including bus services.
- h. Development did not bring in services, in fact despite more houses in the Village the shop and post office are now closed.
- i. A question was raised regarding disclosable interests as the impression has been given by the Committee of preconceived ideas.

17/19 Apologies for absence

None

18/19 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a. Members are reminded that they are 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. No DPI's were declared at this meeting
- c. There were no requests for dispensation

19/19 Shropshire Council Local Plan Review – Preferred Site Options Consultation

With reference to draft minute no. 5/19 dated 17th January 2019, members were asked to consider their response to the third stage Local Plan review consultation

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-review-preferred-sites-consultation/>

The matter for consideration is the Parish Council's response to the survey in particular: -

"Do you think any additional 'Community Clusters' to those identified within the Preferred Sites Consultation Document should be formed? Or any of the existing 'Community Clusters' identified within the Preferred Sites Consultation Document should be removed?"

Each of the Parish Council members expressed their views in turn: -

- a. The draft local plan policy on managing development in the open countryside was read out for consideration
- b. The Council's representative on the Parish Plan Steering Group explained the questionnaire process and gave a summary of the results which showed evidence of an appetite for moderate development.
- c. Allowing a small level of development will sustain rather than stagnate the Village.
- d. The Village won't die being designated as open countryside, exception sites are still available but commercial development should be resisted
- e. A small amount of growth will sustain the Village; the cluster option allows for this.
- f. The Parish Council does not have to make a decision now it has until October this year to opt in to a cluster

It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council's response to the consultation be to request to add Cockshutt Village as part of a cluster;

Voting was 4 in favour one against the proposal with no abstentions

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council respond to the survey to add Cockshutt Village as part of a cluster

Cllr. Dean asked that her vote against the proposal be recorded

20/19 Date of next meeting:

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 14th February 2019 @ 7:30 pm

21/19 Other dates for your diary

SALC NS area committee – Monday, 18th March 2019

The Chair, Cllr Cooling declared the meeting closed at 8:30 pm

Signedby the Chairman.....
Cllr. J Cooling
Chairman

Date: 14th February 2019