
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th November 2019 at Cockshutt Millennium Hall starting at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: J. Bowers, J. Cooling (Chair), Mrs. P. Edwards, S. Lewis, I. Morris (Vice Chair)
& I. Webb
Clerk: Lynda McCormack
Members of the Public: One

145/19 Public Participation Period:

None

146/19 Apologies for absence:

Shropshire Councillor, Brian Williams

147/19 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019 were approved and signed

148/19 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

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.

- a. DPI's : None
- b. To consider any requests for Dispensations: None

149/19 Post Office Update

A resident attended to update the committee with regard to the imminent closure of the post office. He had a meeting with the post office manager who believes that the post office in Cockshutt is still viable and suitable for location in the millennium hall. The post office is keen to retain a presence in Cockshutt as the nearest alternative facility is Ellesmere or Shrewsbury. The hall has good parking & signage and rooms which could be used to accommodate the equipment and stock. It is possible that the post office could arrange a temporary mobile post office for 6-12 months to allow time for the operation to transfer from the current building to the hall.

There is commission on stock supplied by the post office and the machinery is supplied by them. Set up cost about £8 -10k; the facility needs a retail business to support it and/or staffed by volunteers as it wouldn't make sufficient money to sustain an income on its own. Set up costs might need to be supported by some other charitable organisation such as Plunkett.

Location was discussed; the old shop in the village does not have evidence of footfall whereas the village hall does & the old shop may attract a rent which is unaffordable.

Following public meetings in the past the most interested group was the shop group with 9 volunteers; a public meeting may establish whether there is a will to keep the post office facility and who might staff it.

It was recommended that the Parish Council meet with the Village Hall Committee to discuss in detail whether and how the asset might be maintained, including funding.

150/19 Planning:

- a. **Decisions Received:**
None
- b. **Applications Received since the October meeting:-**
None
- c. **Applications received after 7th November**
None

151/19 Financial Matters:

- a. Balances for information were noted and accepted
- b. Outstanding payments were approved
 - RBL Poppy Appeal £ 17.00
 - Groundforce (6th Payment) £348.00
 - £365.00**
- c. Electronic Banking
Deferred. Clerk to pursue.

152/19 Jubilee Field

An issue was raised with regard to groups meeting on the play field. The Parish Council is asked to consider provision of a shelter for young people.

Given difficulties with obtaining quotes and finding suitable contractors for the MUGA and car parking, members are minded to pursue the installation of the patio and some landscaping for the hall separately.

153/19 Councillor Reports:

None

The parish council representative is not available to attend the SALC meeting on Monday. Clerk will circulate the agenda if anyone else wishes to attend.

154/19 Parish Matters:

The Chair asked members to consider items for the next newsletter.

155/19 Highways:

- a. Highways
The pothole at Kenwick Springs junction has been reported; the one near Parklands is repaired. Clerk to report the overgrown hedge near Parklands.
- b. The Meadows
The Clerk contacted Shropshire Housing Group regarding ditches and overhanging trees to the rear of their properties. SHG will pass this to their grounds maintenance team.
- c. Willowbrook Manor
The Clerk has contacted the Local Planning Authority and received a reply in respect of the extension 30 mph speed limit. It appears it was not considered at application stage. The clerk has contacted Shropshire Council highways team and is awaiting a response.

- d.** The Parklands
Cllrs. Webb and Cooling met with Shropshire Council’s highways maintenance. The report from Shropshire Council is comprehensive; further investigation and jetting of pipes is needed following the pumping of drains on Monday to establish the flow of water and locate the outfall. There appears to be an underground reservoir of water and an outlet pipe towards the bungalows with nowhere for the water to run.
- e.** Installation of Road Name Signs
Deferred pending further information from Shropshire Council
- f.** Footpaths
Notice of diversion of footpaths 13 & 16 recently received and forwarded to P3 group. The parish Council has no comment or objection to the diversion.
- g.** Requests under SC Road Safety Policy
None

156/19 VE Day

The Chair asked members to consider ideas/how the Parish Council might support the community to take part in VE day next May

157/19 Consultations for information:

- a. Amendments to Council Tax Support Scheme open until 22nd November
<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/council-tax-support-consultation-2019/>

Links to current surveys and consultations can be found by visiting Shropshire Council website “Get involved” <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved>

158/19 Correspondence

A complaint was received regarding garden bonfires. Shropshire Council website has advice for residents.

159/19 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

Next Meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 12th December 2019

160/19 Other Dates for the Diary

SALC AGM – Friday, 15 November 2019 17:30 @ Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury
SALC Area Committee – Monday, 18th November 19:15 @ Edinburgh House, Wem

The Chair, Cllr Cooling declared the meeting closed at 8:50 pm

Signed.....(by the Chairman)..... Date.....12th December 2019.....