
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th February 2020 at Cockshutt Millennium Hall starting at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: J. Bowers, J. Cooling (Chair), Mrs. P Edwards, S. Lewis & I. Webb
Shropshire Councillor: B. Williams
Clerk: Lynda McCormack
Members of the Public: Two

17/20 Public Participation Period:

A resident and landowner updated the Committee regarding flooding near Wimbourne Cottages which are managed by Strutt & Parker. There is a 9" pipe across land of 3 landowners including under Jubilee Field owned by the Parish Council. Drains require jetting although it is anticipated there are issues further along the pipe/drain. The adj. landowner requested permission to access the Jubilee Field with appropriate machinery to clear any blockages for the benefit of all 3 landowners and suggested a financial contribution from all 3 landowners.

A resident reported that 'deadmans' bridge is still not repaired; there is an 8ft drop to the culvert below and rubble is blocking the culvert.

Contractors are starting spring/summer churchyard maintenance; the PCC will be contacting the Parish Council for a contribution towards grounds maintenance.

18/20 Apologies for absence:

None

19/20 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 were approved and signed

20/20 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

21/20 Post Office Update

A statement has been sent out with the Parish Matters newsletter. The Village Hall Committee reported that an outreach service has been agreed, 3hrs. per week. The current PO master will continue until the outreach service is available.

22/20 Planning:

a. **Decisions Received:**

Reference: 19/05215/FUL (validated: 16/12/2019)

Address: Mountain Ash, Crosemere Crescent, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JW

Proposal: Proposed pitched roof extension over existing flat roof garage and porch together with erection of side extension following demolition of existing conservatory

Decision: Grant Permission (20/1/20)

Reference: 19/05383/FUL (validated: 08/01/2020)
Address: 1 Petton Hall, Petton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5TH
Proposal: Erection of stable building
Decision: Grant Permission (11/2/20)

b. **Applications Received since the January meeting:-**

None

c. **Applications received after 7th February**

None

d. **Ellesmere and surrounding area – Place Plan**

The updated place plan has now been published. The plan may be viewed by following the links at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/place-plans/>

23/20 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information were noted and accepted

b. Outstanding payments were approved:-

SALC	£27.00
Cockshutt Millennium Hall	£200.00
Highline	£366.00
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c. Electronic Banking

Members agreed following his resignation last month to remove Cllr. Morris from the authorised signatories list. Cllr. Cooling is now the only authorised signatory.

The proposed new signatories which are in the process of being authorised are the Clerk and Cllr. Webb and all three to be authorised for electronic banking with minimum two signatures required to authorise transactions.

RESOLVED: agreed unanimously to update the accounts as proposed.

d. NALC Pay Award –Review of Salary

Deferred to March meeting pending further information from NALC

e. Appointment of Auditor

Members agreed, as last year, to appoint Lyn West of Kensington House to carry out the internal audit in April.

24/20 Jubilee Field

a. The patio is to be done as soon as weather conditions allow, hopefully by the spring.

b. Members considered the landowners request (ref min no. 17/20 above).

RESOLVED: agreed unanimously that the landowner proceed with the jetting on the Jubilee Field and the PC to contribute towards the cost.

25/20 Councillor Reports:

Vision for Ellesmere

Cllr. Bowers attended reporting that this was an interesting and constructive meeting. It was workshop style, brainstorming ideas to feed into the Ellesmere Town Plan. Ideas were put forward regarding a new visitor centre at the Mere; reuse of the old canal buildings which are listed and sustainable tourism such as electric car charging points among others.

Cllr. Cooling attended the Village Hall Committee meeting where the main topic for discussion was the post office.

26/20 Parish Matters:

None not otherwise included in other items in these minutes

27/20 Highways:

a. Highways

No issues raised.

b. The Meadows

No further information with regard to adoption of the roadways and street furniture

c. Willowbrook Manor

As of the previous meeting, the Clerk had contacted the Local Planning Authority and received a reply in respect of the extension 30 mph speed limit. The clerk has contacted Shropshire Council highways team and democratic services in respect of the highway agreement and is awaiting a response. Clerk to pursue and establish overall costs.

d. The Parklands

Work partially done. The area flooded again at the weekend following storm Ciara although the drainage work appears to have been successful as the water cleared in a day. There is still an issue with the pond on the adj. land which is the landowners responsibility. Shropshire Councillor will chase this up.

The overgrown hedge adj. to Parklands has been cut. There is an overhanging tree which is dangerous; this is the responsibility of the landowner.

e. Installation of Road Name Signs

After discussion members agreed that prospective change of postcodes for the residents of Park Lane would be onerous. Clerk to enquire whether it's possible to have just a sign stating that the road is "known as Park Lane"

f. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy

None

28/20 Environmental Maintenance Grants

Clerk to complete the forms and pursue the application for the grant.

29/20 Consultations for information:

Open until 26th February 2020

Changes to car parks to accommodate seasonal parking permits

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/changes-to-various-shropshire-car-parks/>

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

30/20 Correspondence

a. SALC bulletins and NALC News in Brief circulated by e-mail

b. Severn Trent Water has introduced a Community Fund. Details and criteria can be viewed at <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/>

31/20 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

Next Meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 9th April 2020 @ 7:30 pm following the APM

32/20 Other Dates for the Diary

Community Led Plan Steering Group meeting on Thursday, 19th March 2020 @ 7:30 pm in Millennium Hall

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday, 9th April 2020 @ 7:00pm in Millennium Hall

SALC area committee – Monday, 16th March 2020 @ 7:15pm Edinburgh House, Wem

The Chair, Cllr Cooling declared the meeting closed at 8:40 pm

Signed.....(by the Chairman)

Date.....12th March 2020.....