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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 remotely on Zoom starting at 7.30pm

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**Present:**

Councillors: Cllrs. J. Cooling (Chair), Mrs. P Edwards, Mrs. J. Harrison, S. Lewis & I. Webb (Vice Chair)  
Clerk: Lynda McCormack  
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams  
Members of the Public: None

**1/21 Public Participation Period:**

None

**2/21 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. S. Bruce and J. Bowers

**3/21 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were approved; to be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible following this remote meeting.

**4/21 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

**5/21 Planning:**

a. **Decisions Received :**

20/01763/VRA106

The Meadows, Shrewsbury Road, Cockshutt

Variation of Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to NS/05/01899/OUT to allow for an amendment to the mortgagee exclusion clause for properties 17-22 (inclusive), 24-34 (evens) and 44-48 (evens)

Permission granted

b. **Applications for Consideration received since the December meeting:** None

c. **Enforcement/Other planning matters**

The Parish Council had received complaints regarding potential breach of planning conditions on a development site in the Parish, members agreed to delegate this matter to the Clerk to follow up.

**6/21 Financial Matters:**

- a. Balances for information were noted and accepted
- b. No outstanding payments

- c. Salary review  
Clerk had circulated salary information with the agenda which included a revised NJC national pay structure following NALC pay awards from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and which was only agreed in August. Members are asked to consider back pay resulting from the national salary agreement and review of salary from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

RESOLVED: Members agreed:

- i. Back pay of £138.33 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
- ii. to progress the Clerks salary from 1st April 2021 one increment to SCP13 in line with NJC national pay structure

- d. Budget and Precept

Clerk had circulated a draft budget with the agenda for Members consideration with a view to setting the precept.

After discussion regarding the community projects, in particular Jubilee Field, progress on the Village Hall patio, upgrade of street lighting to LEDs, and the possibility of other road safety projects; it was proposed and seconded to keep the precept as last year at £19,373 resulting in a minor decrease on the Council Tax charge

RESOLVED: agreed unanimously to keep the precept at £19,373

#### **7/21 Environmental Maintenance Grant**

Members agreed to arrange working party meeting to progress community projects including EMG.

#### **8/21 Jubilee Field**

Members agreed to arrange working party meeting to progress community projects. The patio project, which is jointly with the Village Hall Committee, should be completed in this financial year.

#### **9/21 Highways**

- a. Streetlights

The Chair had spoken with Shropshire Council Highways team who agreed that the lights are a principal authority responsibility although we have not received any other confirmation to date. The lamp reported to us as not working has been repaired by the Parish Council's contractor.

- b. A528 Traffic Calming

Deferred.

- c. Road Safety Issues under Shropshire Council Road Safety Policy

None not already discussed

#### **10/21 Reports of Meetings Attended in any:**

Clerk attended a meeting with SALC and ONS. ONS are working with principal authorities and reaching out to Parish Councils to promote awareness of the upcoming Census. There will be a census support centre in Shrewsbury Library, national helplines etc. Local groups are in a position to identify key groups such as 80+, those without digital skills, minority & disadvantaged. Census day is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

#### **11/21 Correspondence & Other Consultations**

Consultation exercise on school admission arrangements for own admission, community and voluntary controlled schools in Shropshire for 2022/23

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/school-admission-arrangements-202223/>

Open until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Principal authority budget consultation

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/budget-consultation-2021-2022/>

Open until 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Local Plan Statement of Community Involvement sets out how Shropshire Council will engage communities and organisations on planning issues

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-statement-of-community-involvement-nov-2020/>

Open until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Draft Local Plan to 2038 including place plan documents

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-19-pre-submission-draft-local-plan/>

This includes place plans, sustainability appraisals and habitats regulations assessment

Open until 5th February 2021

NHS Shropshire has launched a patient experience survey to gather patients' views on the current blood-taking service in Shropshire, and Telford and Wrekin.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8JPTBNQ>

To note, SALC Bulletins & SALC News in Brief & legal updates for members circulated by e-mail (16.12.20 & 21.12.20)

SALC confirmed uncontested election fee £100 which will be invoiced in 2022

#### **12/21 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda**

Annual Parish Meeting

Chair requested items for the next Parish Matters Newsletter, the Clerk has already received some from the regular contributors

#### **13/21 Date of next meeting:**

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 7:30 pm via Zoom

The Chair, Cllr Cooling declared the meeting closed at 8: 41 pm

Signed..... Date.....