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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 remotely on Zoom starting at 7.30pm

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**Present:**

Councillors: Cllrs. J. Bowers, J. Cooling (Chair), Mrs. P Edwards, Ms. J. Harrison, S. Lewis & I. Webb (Vice Chair)

Clerk: Lynda McCormack

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Members of the Public:

**14/21 Public Participation Period:**

None

**15/21 Apologies for absence:**

None, Cllr. Bruce was not in attendance.

**16/21 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved; to be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible following this remote meeting.

**17/21 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

**18/21 Planning:**

a. **Decisions Received :**

None

b. **Applications for Consideration received since the January meeting:**

Reference: 21/00044/FUL (validated: 18/01/2021)

Address: Sparling House, 4 Petton Hall, Petton SY4 5TH

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension and verandah following demolition of existing; re-situation of internal staircases and alteration of 2 existing ground floor windows to improve access/escape; installation of roof lights and associated alterations

RESOLVED: Unanimously to support this application, no objections

c. **Scheme of Delegation**

Revised Scheme of Delegation on Planning matters to include enforcement matters.

RESOLVED: Approved as drafted

**19/21 Financial Matters:**

a. Balances for information were noted and accepted

- b. Payments approved, cheque to RBL for donation towards the remembrance Sunday wreath. £36.00
- c. Grant application Cockshutt PCC  
Members were in receipt of a grant application, together with quotes for work, from Cockshutt PCC for match funding to resurface and widen the footpath through the churchyard which is well used by parishioners.  
Proposed and seconded that the Parish Council award £550 for the project.  
RESOLVED: Unanimously to support the church and match fund the project with an award of £550  
*(S214 Local Government Act 1972 – PCs are burial authorities for the purposes of s214. A burial authority may contribute towards any expenses incurred by any other person in providing or maintaining a cemetery in which the inhabitants of the authority’s area may be buried.)*
- d. Church Yard Maintenance  
Members considered the church yard maintenance in addition to the grant application above, and approved payment of the budgeted amount of £450 for general maintenance.
- e. Parish Councils have been notified that the appropriate spending limit for the purposes of Local Government Act 1972 S137 is £8.41 per elector.

**20/21 Review of Grounds Maintenance Contract**

The Chair has contacted the Parish Councils grounds maintenance contractor for confirmation of the cost of the annual maintenance going forward.

**21/21 Environmental Maintenance Grant**

- a. Revised Protocol on Maintenance to include:
  - delegation to the Clerk to instruct contractors from the approved contractors list to the value of £200 without recourse to Committee for approval
  - For items above the value of £200 the Chair to approve spending prior to the Clerk instructing contractors.
 RESOLVED: members agreed unanimously to adopt the protocol as drafted
- b. Members identified items for spending EMG:-
  - (i) grips to alleviate flooding on the highway, class C road English Frankton to Cockshutt
  - (ii) trees on the footpath between Crosemere Road and Crosemere Crescent
 Clerk to investigate and obtain quotes.

**22/21 Jubilee Field**

No update

**23/21 Highways**

- a. Streetlights  
Street lighting on the Meadows is adopted by Shropshire Council. Residents can still report issues with them via the Parish Council.
- b. A528 Traffic Calming - Deferred.
- c. VAS signs  
A resident has requested new vehicle activated signs to replace our current signs and a new VAS sign on the 40 mph stretch of the A528 to the north of Cockshutt village, near the junction to Crosemere.

It would be difficult to justify changing the existing VAS but the Parish Council will investigate the possibility of an additional sign at the 40 mph position. Chair will contact TWM for a quote.

d. Road Safety Issues under Shropshire Council Road Safety Policy

The 40 mph sign on the approach to Cockshutt village from the north is badly faded to the extent that the "40" is no longer visible.

**24/21 Reports of Meetings Attended in any:**

None

**25/21 Correspondence & Other Consultations**

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/private-hire-vehicle-licence-fees/>

Open until 21st February 2021

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/harmer-hill-changes-to-speed-limit/>

Open until 19th February 2021

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

Deadline for responses extended to 26th February 2021

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shrewsbury-big-town-plan-masterplan-vision/>

Open until 28th February 2021

North Shropshire Reinforcement Project: Update circulated by e-mail 9.1.2021

To note, SALC Bulletins & SALC News in Brief & legal updates for members circulated by e-mail 5&6/2/2021

**26/21 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda**

- a. Chair noted the elections are imminent, updates will be circulated by Shropshire Council via the Clerk in due course.
- b. Items for the next agenda - none

**27/21 Date of next meeting:**

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

**28/22 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Exclusion of Public and Press

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A

To consider exclusion of the public and press during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

Shropshire Council currently has a backlog of Enforcement Matters so nothing to report.

The Chair, Cllr Cooling declared the meeting closed at 8: 27 pm

Signed.....(by the Chairman) ..... Date.....11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.....