

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th December 2021 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs. J. Bowers, S. Bruce, P. Griffiths and I. Webb (Chairman)
Clerk: Lynda McCormack
Members of the Public: None

154/21 Public Participation - None

155/21 Apologies for Absence

- a. Apologies from Cllrs. Ms J. Harrison & Mrs. P. Edwards were received and accepted
- b. Apologies were received from Shropshire Cllr. Brian Williams

156/21 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

157/21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- a. Members were 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. To consider any requests for Dispensations: None

158/21 Planning:

Applications

- a. **Decisions Received:** None
- b. **Applications for Consideration received since the November meeting:** None
- c. **Applications Received after 2nd December:** None

159/21 Financial Matters:

- a. Balances for information circulated to members were noted and accepted
- b. Other than the standing orders/direct debits for this period, there were no other payments for approval
- c. Budget Discussions.
No further amendments from November meeting. Clerk reported that the SALC affiliation fees will be increased 3.5p per elector which represents circa £35.00 per annum. The tax base figures are expected from Shropshire Council around 15th December.

- d. Purchase of Youth Shelter for the Sports Field
Members having discussed the installation of a youth shelter proposed and seconded, all agreed the smoking shelter type from Ace Shelters modified as a youth shelter; cost £4,195 plus VAT. Currently awaiting quotes for the base.
RESOLVED: The costs for purchase and installation of the ACE Shelter is approved
- e. Purchase of Dog Bin
As reported at the November meeting, the Clerk has instructed Shropshire Council to install the new dog bin in the preferred location. Not yet installed.
- f. Purchase of Bench for Church Green
Members agreed responses to Connexus requirements for installation of the bench. Members to survey the site in January and agree the position of the bench & provide a plan as requested. Monitor the litter situation after the bench is installed.

160/21 Application for funding to repair the fabric of the building – PCC, St Simon & St Jude

Members acknowledged the receipt of the request from the Church; unfortunately, due to legal restrictions, the Parish Council is not permitted to use funds to support the church for this purpose.

161/21 Upgrade to Children’s Play Area, Millennium Hall

The Hall Committee are considering quotes received from Ray Parry and Playdale with a view to submitting an application for funding to the Parish Council.

162/21 Environmental Maintenance: None

163/21 Jubilee Field

The Parish Council are still awaiting a decision on the application for hedging plants from the unitary authority tree scheme.

The Clerk reported on the Queens Green Canopy scheme, details circulated 2.12.21 - To support Parish Councils who have yet to get involved, a free standard or ‘feathered’ tree (1 to 2m high) plus a commemorative plaque to mark the planting is available. Trees can be mapped on the website.

164/21 Highways

Road closures are posted on the Parish Council website.

165/21 Reports of Meetings Attended if any:

SALC AGM – A link to a recording of the guest speakers has been circulated to members. Clerk reported that the increase of affiliation fees was approved. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated when available.

166/21 Correspondence & Other Consultations

- a. SALC December bulletin for members circulated by e-mail 6/12/21

Newsletter on the Project Civility in Public Life circulated 22/11/21

North Shropshire Reinforcement Project circulated 27/11/21

Overhead lines and underground cabling on schedule to be completed in December, Wem substation to be completed in March with final commissioning works in April 2022.

Information circulated 25.11.21 regarding the changes to cardiology service at SaTH.
<https://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/get-involved/public-participation-2/get-involved-with-us-2/services-changes-and-development/cardiology-inpatient-service-temporary-service-change/>

167/21 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

- a. Boundary Reviews
- b. Parish Matters newsletter – items for publication in March

168/21 Date of next meeting:

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – Thursday, 13th January 2022 @ 7:30 pm
Cockshutt Millennium Hall

169/21 Other dates for the diary

SALC NSAC – Monday, 17th January 2022 at 7:15 pm via Zoom

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 8:26 pm

Signed.....(*signed by the Chairman*).....

Date.....13th January 2022.....