

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

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**Present:**

Councillors: J. Bowers, Mrs. P. Edwards, P. Griffiths, Ms. J. Harrison, Ms. P. Inglis, S. Lewis and I. Webb (Chairman)  
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams  
Members of the Public: None

**1/23 Apologies for Absence** - None

**2/23 Public Participation** – None

**3/23 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4/23 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.  
None Declared
- b. Other Registrable Interests: None
- c. To consider any requests for Dispensations: None

**5/23 Planning:**

- a. **Decisions Received (for information):** None
- b. **Applications for Consideration received since the December meeting:** None currently
- c. **Applications Received after 1<sup>st</sup> December (if any):** None
- d. **Public Inquiry**  
Appeal against Shropshire Council refusal to grant outline permission for care accommodation, nursing and dementia unit and associated amenities. Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury. Link circulated 2/1/23 for information <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/public-inquiry-land-off-ellesmere-road-hencoteshrewsbury/>  
Consultation open until 8th February  
Cllr. Williams described the location of the site and the strategic nature of the application.  
Members agreed they would comment as individuals if they so wished.

**6/23 Financial Matters:**

- a. Balances for information circulated to members were noted and accepted

b. Payments were approved:

Kensington House Tax Solutions	£100.00
Cockshutt Millennium Hall	£189.00
Highline Electrical	£79.20
Ray Parry Playground Services Ltd.	£9,450.00
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£10,000 was transferred from the reserve account to the current account to cover the payment for the playground equipment.

On inspection of the work carried out Cllr. Griffiths reported that he was disappointed with the upgrade to the play area as the newly installed safety surface is not flat; he considered that the minimum of work had been done but acknowledged the difficulty was due to the impact of root damage below the surface, the contractor had nevertheless carried out work to the specification given.

c. Review of Salary

Clerk had circulated salary information and contract of employment with the agenda.

RESOLVED: Members agreed subject to satisfactory performance:

- to progress the Clerks salary from 1st April 2023 one increment to SCP15 in line with NJC national pay structure and contract of employment
- back pay at SCP14 from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 in line with the recent NJC pay agreement

d. Budget discussions

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

After discussion it was proposed and seconded to increase the precept to £20,600 representing a revenue increase of £406 (2.01%) and 0% increase on the council tax charge

RESOLVED: to set the precept at £20,600

**7/23 Environmental Maintenance:**

Members identified the footpath at Crosemere Road through to Crosemere Crescent as likely to meet the criteria for maintenance from the EMG.

**8/23 Jubilee Field**

- a. Cllr. Bowers had inspected the fencing adjoining the cottage gardens; clerk to seek quotes based on his findings.
- b. Clerk to check that the donation of hedging plants is still on offer and how many this is likely to be.
- c. Project Management – noted from the previous meeting nothing further to report.

**9/23 Highways**

- a. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy – none

**10/23 Reports of Meetings Attended: None**

**11/23 Correspondence & Other Consultations**

**a. For information :**

- SALC winter bulletin circulated via email 14/12/22
- NALC open letter to all councillors circulated via email 16/12/22
- Shropshire Lieutenancy Newsletter circulated 19/12/22

**Consultations:**

**b. Boundary Commission Consultation**

Electoral Review of Unitary Authority Divisions

<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2022/11/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-shropshire-council/> Consultation open until 30th January 2023

**c. Shropshire Council Consultations:**

Shropshire Council Council's priorities/planned spend for 2023/24. Open until 30th January

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/budget-consultation-2023/24>

Youth Support Services – seeking views of young people. Open until 18th January

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/youth-support-services-survey-2022/>

School Admission Arrangements. Open until 20th January

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/school-admission-arrangements-202425/>

Community Equipment Survey. Open until 23rd January

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/community-equipment-survey/>

Unsafe walking routes Assessment policy (home to school transport). Open until 10th February

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/extremely-hazardous-routes-policy-revision/>

Short break services for children and young people with a disability or additional needs and their families. Open until 14th February

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/short-break-services-recommissioning/>

Sustainable Affordable Warmth Strategy. Tackling fuel poverty, improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions from domestic dwellings. Circulated by email with the agenda.

For details of current consultations visit <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/>

*Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council operates a scheme of delegation to facilitate timely responses as required to consultation requests*

**12/23 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:**

- a. The Clerk had received in the last two days correspondence regarding the state of the footpath from Crosemere Road, Cockshutt, to the churchyard.
- b. Cllr. Inglis had received a request for a defibrillator in Petton and fibre broadband options
- c. Invite items for the next newsletter

**13/23 Date of next meeting:**

Next Meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 9th February 2023 @ 7:30 pm in  
Cockshutt Millennium Hall

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 8: 55 pm

Signed.....(by the Chairman).....

Date.....9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.....