

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th March 2023 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

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:

27/23 Apologies for Absence - None

28/23 Public Participation – None

29/23 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th February 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

30/23 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

31/23 Planning:

a. Decisions Received (for information):

Reference: 23/00415/FUL (validated 1/2/2023)

Address: 1 Crosemere Crescent, Cockshutt, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY12 0JW

Proposal: Replacement of single storey flat roof annexe with new extension to side elevation of existing dwelling

Decision: Permission Granted

b. Applications for Consideration received since the February meeting: None currently

c. Applications Received after 2nd March:

Reference: 23/00779/LBC (validated: 08/03/2023)

Address: Span Cottage, English Frankton, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JU

Proposal: Installation of 3No. replacement dormer windows affecting a Grade II Listed Building

View online at: [http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-](http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RQHXYTDMMR00)

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RESOLVED: Members unanimously agreed to support the application with no objection

32/23 Financial Matters:

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

b. Payments were approved:

Community Tree Scheme	£180.00
Shropshire Council (youth shelter bin)	£420.00
SALC training	£30.00
Property Maintenance	£40.00
Backpay	£527.76
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c. Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Council's current maintenance contract is due for renewal. The Contractor has quoted an increase of 5% for the coming year.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously to renew the grounds maintenance contract with Groundforce for the coming year.

d. Graveyard Maintenance

RESOLVED Proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously to pay the budgeted amount for graveyard maintenance in the sum of £450

Clerk to confirm where the payment is to be sent to.

e. Appointment of Internal Auditor –

The Clerk is awaiting a response from our usual auditor.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to appoint Tax Solutions to carry out the internal audit if they are available, alternatively SALC hold a list of auditors. Clerk to arrange for audit to be carried out and appoint the auditor with the agreement of the Chairman.

f. DLUHC confirm the appropriate sum for section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for 2023/24 is £9.93.

33/23 Review of Council Documents

Standing Orders on Financial Controls and Procurement has been updated to simplify the wording taking account of the "light touch" arrangements in Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

RESOLVED: Members approved the documents as drafted:

- Standing Orders – alteration as above
- Financial Regulations – no change
- Risk Assessment – no change
- Asset Register – to be updated to include recent acquisitions, patio, youth shelter, noticeboard & church green bench

34/23 Proposed Defibrillator in Petton

It is not possible to move forward with this until a suitable location has been agreed

35/23 Fibre Broadband Options

Cllr. Inglis is researching this.

36/23 Environmental Maintenance:

Footpath from Crosemere Road to Church, members to organise a working party to lay a loose stone surface. In the absence of evidence to the contrary the Parish Council will purchase the stone and complete the work as part of the EMG fund. (Ref: 38/23 below)

37/23 Jubilee Field

- a. Community Tree Scheme hedging plants have been ordered and paid for. Collection slots available Thursday 9th - Friday 10th March 10:00 -16:00, or Saturday 11th March 10:00-12:30. A local resident has spare plants to donate to complete the hedging on the field. Members to organise a working party to complete the hedge planting.
- b. The clerk has been in contact with the owner of the property adjacent to the access track, Shrewsbury Road to the playing field, and established that there are no easements along the track in favour of that property. The owner trims the hedge on the south side of the track next to Kenwick Close which is in the Parish Council ownership.
- c. The hedge has been cut along the western edge of the Jubilee Field and the fence repaired along the eastern boundary with 17 new posts & 8.5 rails.
- d. The chain link fence to the play area has also been repaired – Ref: Min No. 22/22.

38/23 Highways

- a. Footpath from Crosemere Road to the churchyard requires maintenance. Cllr. Bowers & Webb inspected the footpath & thinks that this can be easily repaired by the Parish Council, the Parish Council to pay for the materials.
- b. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy – none

39/23 Reports of Meetings Attended: None

40/23 Correspondence & Other Consultations

a. For information :

SALC spring bulletin circulated 9/3/23

Local Policing Charter - information circulated 17/2/23

Members requested concerns to be submitted regarding drug dealing on the Hall car park

<https://coronation.gov.uk/>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/coronation>

Sites for Additional Electric Vehicle Chargers in Shropshire - information circulated 1/3/2023

Members referred this for information to the Village Hall Committee

b. Shropshire Council Consultations:

Shropshire Council blueprint for tourism and visitor economy

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-destination-management-plan/>
open until 31st March

Review of process and referrals

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/the-anti-social-behaviour-case-review/>
open until 3rd April

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 to consultation requests as necessary

41/23 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

- a. Annual Parish Meeting to be held 13th April – Agenda TBC
- b. Newsletter items – items by 22nd March for publication in April

42/23 Date of next meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday, 13th April 2023 @ 7:00 pm in Cockshutt Millennium Hall

Next Meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 13th April 2023 @ 7:30 pm to follow the Parish Meeting

Invitation from SALC Oswestry Area Committee regarding a Proposed Local Flood Partnership to be held via Zoom on 20th March @ 7:00 pm

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

Signed...(by the Chairman)

Date.....13th April 2023.....