

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th July 2023 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: J. Bowers, P. Griffiths, Ms. J. Harrison, Ms. P. Inglis, S. Lewis and I. Webb
(Chairman)
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Members of the Public: Six

88/23 Apologies for Absence –

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. P. Edwards

89/23 Public Participation –

A member of the Village Hall Committee attended with regard to co-ordinating bookings for the Jubilee Field/Village Hall.

A resident attended and asked whether the Parish Council would consider listing the football field as an asset of community value as there is some concern regarding the proper status of this piece of land. Cllr. Harrison explained that the village hall committee has contacted the agents with a possible view to purchase and intend to register the field as an ACV.

The Parish Council has also received a communication regarding concerns with the Jubilee Field given that the adjacent estate is currently selling agricultural land.

A request was made for use of the Jubilee Field for a car boot sale on 23rd July.

A resident of Park Road attended to highlight the flooding problem in Park Road which is not yet resolved.

A resident suggested a mirror at the junction of Park Road/Shrewsbury Road to assist exiting Park Road onto A528 as there is a blind spot to the right. Cllr. Brian Williams explained the reasons why mirrors are generally not acceptable to the Local Highway Authority.

Two candidates for co-option to the parish council attended, confirming their eligibility and addressed the Committee.

90/23 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th June 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

91/23 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

92/23 Vacancy and Co-Option

The Parish Council currently has one vacancy in the Cockshutt Ward.

Co-option Procedure:

- a. The Chairman asked for proposals for the candidates
RESOLVED: it was proposed and seconded, and agreed unanimously that Richard Hadley and Holly Johnson be considered for co-option to CCP-PC
- b. The Chairman asked for voting preference by show of hands or paper ballot
RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously that members vote by paper ballot
- c. Members recorded their preference on the ballot paper handed to the clerk to count the votes & verified by the Chairman; Richard Hadley received the majority vote.
RESOLVED: that Richard Hadley be co-opted onto the Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council, representing Cockshutt ward.
(The Chairman offered inspection of the ballot papers by candidates if they wish to see them)
- d. Mr. Hadley was present and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

93/23 Planning:

- a. **Decisions Received:** None

- b. **Applications for Consideration received since the June meeting:**

Reference: 23/02255/FUL (validated: 03/07/2023)

Address: Kenwick Wood Farm, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9AQ

Proposal: Conversion of traditional buildings to form 2No. dwellings, installation of package treatment plant, associated car port and demolition of adjacent cattle housing building

Comment: Members agreed unanimously to support the application

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RV6CZUTDH8X00>

Reference: 23/02746/FUL (validated: 26/06/2023)

Address: Kenwick Lodge, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JQ

Proposal: Proposed ancillary use of Kenwick Lodge to a small wedding venue and all associated works

Comment: Members agreed unanimously to support the application

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RWPWTQTDI1H00>

- c. **Applications Received after 6th July :** None

- d. **Place Plan Review**

With Reference to minute no. 78/23 e. Members agreed that in the light of the comments during the public participation session that the flooding issue should remain as an identified project in the Place Plan going forward.

The Place Plan is a live document and will be reviewed regularly.

94/23 Financial Matters:

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

b. Payments were approved:

D Bywater - donkey field hedge	£30.00
D Bywater - cut back storm damaged bush	£25.00
Silver Marbles (SSL/web maintenance)	£126.00
Groundforce	£430.92
D. Bywater -cleaning July	£40.00
	£651.92

95/23 Property Maintenance

Currently awaiting repair of the loose panel on the youth shelter

96/23 Environmental Maintenance:

Members to progress the gravel surfacing on the footpath from the graveyard to Crosemere Road.

97/23 Jubilee Field & Football Field

Both the Clerk and Chairman received correspondence independently from two residents regarding the current recreation areas and raising concerns as a result of the advertisement of Ellesmere Estates agricultural land for sale.

Our understanding is the Football Field, which belongs to the Estate and is leased to the Village Hall Committee, is not part of the sale. One resident enquired whether it was worth registering the football field as a ASV with a possible view to purchasing it should it come up for sale in future, which the Village Hall is currently progressing.

The Jubilee Field was transferred to the Parish Council with a restrictive covenant not to use it other than for recreational purposes, or use connected with the village hall such as fetes and festivals, caravan club rallies etc. The Jubilee Field is protected as it is in the ownership of the Parish Council and not for sale.

Cllr. Harrison reported on the costs of planters for the patio area being £240 + £20 delivery from Charlies & compost at £63, planting at circa £25 per barrel x 12 barrels.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously to purchase barrels and planting up to a sum of £650.

98/23 Highways

Requests under SC Road Safety Policy – none

99/23 Reports of Meetings Attended:

Cllr. Lewis attended the Wood Lane Liaison Group meeting on 6th July. The owners are currently preparing a plan for next planning application. Once details have been finalised they will be doing a presentation at Colemere.

100/23 Correspondence & Other Consultations

OPCC - Town and Parish Council Survey 2023 – (circulated by email)

Open until 14th August – any comments to be forwarded to the clerk by the end of July

SNT Ellesmere weekly news circulated to members.

For information – latest alerts for West Mercia Police

<https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> (type in your postcode for local information) & [Crime Statistics and Map](#)

SALC bulletin for information circulated 18/5/2023 & 16/06/2023

Shropshire Council Consultations:

Shropshire Council, as the Licensing Authority for Shropshire, has commenced consultation on its Statement of Licensing Policy 2024 – 2029 under provisions contained in the Licensing Act 2003. The draft Statement of Licensing Policy is available to view at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/statement-of-licensing-policy-2024-2029-consultation/>
Open until 27th August

Members of the public and other stakeholders are invited to give their views on Shropshire’s draft Healthier Weight Strategy.
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/healthier-weight-strategy-for-shropshire-2023-2028-draft-strategy-consultation/>
Open until 7th September

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

101/23 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

None not already mentioned above. The clerk has some interest in defibrillator training in Petton

102/23 Date of next meeting:

Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 14th September 2023 @ 7:30 pm
SALC North Shropshire Area Committee, Monday, 17th July at 7.15pm - venue TBC

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 8: 37 p.m.

Signed...(by the Chairman)

Date...14th September 2023.....