
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th October 2023 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: J. Bowers, Mrs. P. Edwards, P. Griffiths, R. Hadley, Ms. J. Harrison, Ms. P. Inglis and I. Webb (Chairman)
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Members of the Public: One

117/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. S. Lewis

118/23 Public Participation

A resident attended and raised on behalf of the school & safer routes, the matter of the new Airband telecoms pole on the A528 opposite the pub. It is on the pavement adjacent which is already narrow and adjacent to an A road. The pole restricts the width and therefore passage of pedestrians with prams etc.

A resident attended and raised the matter of the path from Crosemere Road to the Church which needs re-surfacing.

119/23 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th September 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

120/23 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

121/23 Planning:

a. Decisions Received:

Reference: 23/02324/CPL | Lawful development certificate

Address: Ferneyhough Bagley Ellesmere Shropshire SY12 9BY

Proposal: Proposed internal alterations to the property to facilitate the modernisation of the existing house along with the creation of an annex within the rear part of the property Externally the proposed works are the demolition of part of 2 side extension, the introduction of 1 No. new window opening on the rear elevation, the insertion of a new door into a historic door opening, the enlargement of an existing opening on the gable elevation and installation of roof lights on the rear projecting range of the property.

Decision: Lawful

b. Applications for Consideration received since the September meeting:

Reference: 23/03815/FUL (validated: 26/09/2023)

Address: Mere Farm, Crosemere, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JS

Proposal: Erection of extension to existing stables comprising of 4 no. loose boxes with hayfeed store above following the removal of an existing field shelter

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S09OQ4TDJPG00>

RESOLVED: after discussion members agreed no objection to this application

c. Applications Received after 5th October: None

122/23 Financial Matters:

- a. Balances for information circulated to members were noted and accepted
- b. Payments were approved:

JR & RA Bowers - FF - Grass Clearance	£120.00
Groundforce - September	£430.92
PKF Littlejohn	£252.00
Audlem Printers	£125.00
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- c. Budget – Clerk asked that members give some thought to next years’ projects with a view to discussing the budget at the December meeting. The budget is finalised at the January meeting.

123/23 Airband Wayleave Agreement

Members received feedback from the Village Hall Committee that the telecoms pole should not be sited at the entrance to the Village Hall as it is unsightly. The Chairman recommended that the PC invite suggested alternative locations from the Village Hall Committee with a view to meeting with Airband to discuss the matter.

124/23 Property Maintenance

Repairs to the panel on the youth shelter is still to be completed.

125/23 Environmental Maintenance:

Members to progress the gravel surfacing on the footpath from the graveyard to Crosemere Road. Suggested date of 28th October at 10:00 am. The Chairman will order and collect the gravel.

126/23 Jubilee Field & Football Field

- a. Playing field
Following discussion with the contractor, Clerk agreed additional cuts (so weekly cuts) during October at £85 plus VAT on the football field only. Grass cutting usually finishes at end of October.
- b. Jubilee field – The contractor will do the usual fortnightly cut on the Jubilee Field. Cllr. Harrison will source yellow rattle seed for the wildflower meadow.

127/23 Highways

Requests under SC Road Safety Policy – None

Members noted PPC funding opportunities but found the information provided on the website unclear.

128/23 Reports of Meetings Attended:

- a. Webinar – Airband
Two members & clerk attended but felt that the webinar was more a sales pitch than information that would be useful to the Parish Council & residents regarding ongoing work in the area.
- b. Neighbourhood Matters & SNT
Clerk circulated a report that Cllr. Lewis met with PCSO's Kerry Hogg and Tracey Walker in an online meeting, a new initiative to engage locally and establish local concerns and receive a report from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. It was more of an introductory meeting with it being the first one. Cllr. Lewis reported damage caused to the fence around the play area. SNT reported they patrol the village as much as they can – and the Millennium Hall in particular – but there is currently a shortage of vehicles which makes it difficult.

129/23 Correspondence & Other Consultations

Non-statutory public consultation on a proposed new substation and overhead line from Powys to Lower Frankton

<https://greengenvyrnwyfrankton.com/en/>

Open from 6th September to 18th October 2023

SALC bulletins for general information circulated 18/9/2023

Includes dates of emergency planning seminars.

For information, the Boundary Commission Final Report on review of boundaries in Shropshire can be viewed here:

https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/shropshire_fr_report.pdf

Neighbourhood Matters - annual national member survey circulated 6/10/23

Details on Smartwater circulated 23/09/23 – members were not minded to embark upon the PCC Smartwater project.

Shropshire Council Consultations:

Notice of Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review 2023

Details emailed 29/09/2023 –

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/review-of-polling-district-places-and-stations-2023/>

Open until 30th October. Notices are displayed on the website and noticeboards.

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

130/23 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

- a. Clerk to enquire further re locum clerk for the November meeting
- b. Remembrance – wreaths ordered, the Vice Chair will lay the wreath for Cockshutt and Cllr. Inglis for Petton
- c. Parish Matters Newsletter is being printed for delivery in the next week.
- d. Matters for the next agenda

131/23 Date of next meeting:

Next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council - Thursday, 9th November 2023 @ 7:30 pm

December meeting date TBC

Other:

Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP) have organised a conference to be held on Friday, 13th October at Montford Village Hall. Cllr Inglis will attend.

SALC North Shropshire Area Committee, October meeting cancelled
SALC AGM Friday, 3rd November 2023 6:00 pm via Zoom

Middle Marches Community Land Trust:
Town and Parish Councils Nature Recovery Conference
Friday, 17th November 2023 9:45 am to 4:00 pm @ Fitz Village Hall, SY4 3AS

Free Emergency Planning Training Events in November – Cllr. Inglis will attend.

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 8: 30 p.m.

Signed.....

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