

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

---

**Present:**

Councillors: J. Bowers, Mrs. P. Edwards, P. Griffiths, R. Hadley, Ms. J. Harrison, Ms. P. Inglis S. Lewis and I. Webb (Chairman)

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Members of the Public: Eleven

**147/23 Apologies for Absence**

None

**148/23 Public Participation**

- a. A resident commented on the application for 6 dwellings at the Parklands that the development is outside development area for the village. The land contains springs and flooding has always been an issue therefore it is the wrong place to develop. Soakaways and storm drains are not adequate. It is the wrong type of property for village needs. Also, the additional vehicle movements which would be required exacerbate to the problem of poor visibility at the junction with the main road, inadequate footpaths from Parklands down to the main road and lack of infrastructure and public transport to support new properties. The development would have an adverse impact on protected wildlife which has migrated to the site.

The Chairman explained that in the past the Parish Council has pursued the issue of flooding at the Parklands, blockages had been cleared but as soon as heavy rains come the problem reappears & the drainage outlets are not adequate.

Cllr. Williams acknowledged the concerns and also explained that any road issues would be at the developers' cost.

- b. Residents from Crosemere Crescent raised a concern with the drainage infrastructure in Cockshutt questioning whether it was fit for purpose in 2023 and beyond. The drains take both surface and foul water to Cockshutt Sewerage Pumping Station and it appears that during periods of heavy rain the station is not able to cope with the flow of surface and foul water as it frequently overtops the storage chamber resulting in flooding around the station onto the highway & in the adjacent field. This seems to be exacerbated by the additional development which has taken place in recent years. Residents in Crosemere Crescent suffer frequent blockages with toilets and manholes backing up and foul water overflowing onto their gardens & drives. Residents have reported issues on more than 20 occasions to Severn Trent however the issue is not resolved and is getting worse. Residents requested that the Parish Council support them in their effort to get a resolution to this issue.

**149/23 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to amendment of 142/23 reference to distance to millimetres not metres.

### **150/23 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

### **151/23 Planning:**

#### **a. Applications for Consideration received since the November meeting:**

Reference: 23/05130/OUT (validated: 30/11/2023)

Address: Proposed Residential Development South of The Parklands, Cockshutt

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of six dwellings

Comment: After discussion members agreed to object to the application:

- this is not an identified SAMdev site.
- it is outside the village development boundary
- it does not meet the criteria for development contrary to policy CS5 of the adopted plan
- it does not meet the criteria for development in the emerging local plan
- it is unnecessary additional housing for the village
- evidence from the residents support the objection that this is not a suitable site as the drainage issues are unresolved. It is noted that work has already been done by filling in of the pond & as such there is nowhere for the water to go; the only way of draining the land is to the highway drains which are inadequate

View online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S4WFQ9TDLSM00>

Reference: 23/04888/FUL (validated: 01/12/2023)

Address: Lees Farm, English Frankton, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JX

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling following demolition of existing outbuilding

Comment: Members agreed to support the application with no objection or further comment

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S40Y5LTDLEQ00>

#### **b. Decisions Received:**

Reference: 23/01125/COU (validated: 15/03/2023)

Address: Willow House, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JQ

Proposal: Change of use from countryside to residential curtilage

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 23/03290/FUL (validated: 09/08/2023)

Address: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion East Of The Hollies, English Frankton

Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential accommodation

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 23/03291/LBC (validated: 09/08/2023)  
Address: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion East Of The Hollies, English Frankton  
Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential accommodation affecting a Grade II Listed Building  
Decision: Grant Permission

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  
Decision: Refused

Reference: 23/04663/LBC (validated: 26/10/2023)  
Address: The Crown, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JQ  
Proposal: Installation of 3No. conservation style roof windows (to replace existing roof windows)  
Decision: Withdrawn

**c. Applications Received after 6<sup>th</sup> December: None**

**152/23 Financial Matters:**

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

Ace Shelters	£84.00
	£84.00

- c. Budget Discussions - members to consider budget for January meeting.

**153/23 Airband Wayleave Agreement – Update**

No further news re positioning of pole outside the Hall and commensurate agreement on hold.

**154/23 Property Maintenance Update (if any):**

Two streetlights at Crosemere and Church Green not working. Clerk to report them and request the sodium light at Church Green be replaced with LED.  
Cllr. Griffiths will carry out a review of street lighting.

**155/23 Environmental Maintenance – none currently**

**156/23 Jubilee Field & Football Field**

Following the issues this summer/autumn, members to consider the requirements of the grass cutting contract 2024, and draw up an appropriate specification.  
Consider whether the PC require a cut to the wildflower meadow; and whether additional cuts should be included at the beginning of the football season.  
With regard to the wildflower meadow, members to consider disposal of the cuttings and enquire whether an area can be made available on the recreation ground for composting.  
The barrels on the patio area have been planted up.

**157/23 Highways**

- a. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy – none
- b. Carriageway sweeping update circulated for information – 6.12.23

**158/23 Reports of Meetings Attended:**

- a. Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP) –  
Cllr. Inglis reported on RSVP which is supported by STWA. RSVP can help if there are verges that anyone wants to take responsibility for & grants available for projects. Consider whether we would like RSVP to speak at our Annual Parish Meeting and include an article in Parish Matters.
- b. Emergency Planning Training Events, November & January – information circulated 5/12/23  
Cllr. Inglis reported the aim is for resilience planning for potential adverse events.
- c. Neighbourhood Matters – SNT briefing & Neighbourhood Matters – None currently

**159/23 Correspondence & Other Consultations**

SALC bulletins for general information circulated 20/11/2023 & 6/12/2023

D day commemoration events June 20/2024 – information circulated 11/2023

Correspondence from Helen Morgan explaining that she has taken on the role of Liberal Democrat spokesperson for the Levelling Up Department.

Re flooding issues raised by residents in Crosemere Crescent, consider written support to EA, STWA & MP and highlight the issue by submission of infrastructure request in the Place Plan for Ellesmere.

**Shropshire Council Consultations for information:**

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/care-at-home-consultation/>

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/school-admission-arrangements-202526/>

**160/23 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:**

There are a number of hedges which need attention this winter:

- along the Parklands site
- hedge by the shop on the corner of Crosemere Road

**161/23 Date of next meeting:**

Next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Dates to be confirmed:

- Meeting date for June 2024 as the Village Hall is already booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday
- Annual Parish Meeting – April 2024

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 9: 15 p.m.

Signed.....(By the Chairman).....

Date...11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.....