

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

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**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: Three

**1/24 Apologies for Absence**

None

**2/24 Public Participation**

A resident of Crosemere Crescent attended and updated the committee in respect of the drainage issues. The contact leads given had not produced a satisfactory response so Helen Morgan MP was being contacted by the resident. Residents would like to raise the matter with planning to prevent further development until the drainage issue has been resolved.

A resident raised the matter of poor broadband infrastructure in Petton and asked that pressure be brought to supply fibre broadband to the area as the current wireless coverage is unreliable. The voucher scheme is not available to Petton residents. Cllr Inglis explained that vouchers are not available as Petton is in an active project area. Freedom Fibre has a current FTTP project in the pipeline in the Parish but as yet the Parish Council has no timeline or precise locations for the rollout. Cllr. Inglis will discuss with residents the options for fibre broadband.

A resident raised the matter of Petton Lane to A528 which has large potholes; at a meeting with residents and councillors last September the residents were assured that the road was to be planed and resurfaced but to date this has not happened. More, large potholes have appeared making the lane almost unusable. Cllr. Williams will follow up this matter with highways to establish when this capital project is likely to come available.

**3/24 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (as amended) were approved, to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

**4/24 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

**5/24 Planning:**

- a. **Applications for Consideration received since the December meeting:** None

**b. Decisions Received for information:**

Reference: 22/01760/OUT (validated: 13/5/2022)

Address: Land North West of Crosemere, Cockshutt, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to include means of access

Decision: Grant Permission

**c. Applications Received after 2<sup>nd</sup> January: None**

**d. Place Plan projects**

a. Highlight issues with speeding near the Meadows roundabout – this was already dealt with in the Mouchel report and is already in the Place Plan for improvement. Investigate the possibility of part funding with the Parish Council's neighbourhood fund.

b. Clarify and submit place plan project regarding Crosemere Crescent foul/surface water drainage & adequacy of Cockshutt Sewage Pumping Station asap. Review our current Place Plan and in particular clarify that our existing entry for surface water flooding refers to Park Lane.

Place Plan officers received over 600 projects and so there is a lot of information to share and consider with related and relevant sections within the council and external project funders which has delayed the finalised plans. The finalised plans are likely to be ready for Cabinet approval around February/March time.

**6/24 Financial Matters:**

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

b. Payments were approved - Hire VH for PC meetings 2023 - £187.00

c. Budget.

Clerk had circulated a draft budget for Members consideration with a view to setting the precept including various projects, particularly the development of the car parking area on Jubilee Field.

After discussion it was proposed and seconded to decrease the precept slightly to £20,375 representing 0% increase on the council tax charge

RESOLVED: unanimously to set the precept at £20,375

d. Appointment of auditor – clerk has contacted JDH Business Services to carry out the internal audit

e. Review of Clerks Salary

Clerk had circulated salary information with the budget, including the NJC pay award or 2023. RESOLVED: Members agreed subject to satisfactory performance:

- to progress the Clerks salary from 1st April 2024 one increment to SCP16 in line with NJC national pay structure and contract of employment
- back pay at SCP15 from the 1st April 2023 in line with the recent NJC pay agreement

**7/24 Property Maintenance Update: None Currently**

**8/24 Environmental Maintenance: None Currently**

**9/24 Jubilee Field & Football Field**

Clerk & Chair to draft up a specification for grass cutting including the wildflower meadow and obtain two/three quotes.

**10/24 Highways**

- a. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy – none

**11/24 Reports of Meetings Attended:**

- a. Clerk attended SALC area meeting.  
Speaker on place-based community health and wellbeing needs assessments, part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. There is a statutory duty to undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), through the health and wellbeing board. A recent survey took place both digitally and “on the ground” in November/early December 2023.

County Secretary gave an update on Place Plans (as above)

- b. Emergency Planning Training – final/4<sup>th</sup> session is on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 10am – 3pm in the Council Chamber at Shirehall.
- c. Neighbourhood Matters – SNT briefing & Neighbourhood Matters – None currently

**12/24 Correspondence & Other Consultations**

- a. SALC bulletins for general information circulated 18/12/2023 & 22/12/2023
- b. Shropshire Council Consultations:  
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/parish-council-boundary-review-consultation/>  
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/budget-consultation-202425/>  
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/taxi-fees-consultation-2024/>

**13/24 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:**

Newsletter to be sent out by end of February – articles to the Clerk by mid February

**14/24 Date of next meeting:**

Next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - consider and send items for the agenda to the Clerk

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

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

Date.....8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.....