

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 11th April 2024 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: None

46/24 Apologies for Absence

None

47/24 Public Participation

None

48/24 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th March 2024 were approved and by the Chairman.

49/24 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

50/24 Planning:

a. Decisions Received for information:

Reference: 24/00497/LBC (validated: 08/02/2024)

Address: 32 Shrewsbury Road, Cockshutt, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY12 0JH

Proposal: Replacement of existing fence with new brick wall and alterations to existing stone wall

Decision: Permission Granted

b. Applications for Consideration received since the March meeting:

None

c. Applications Received after 4th April:

None

51/24 Financial Matters:

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

- b. Payments were approved:
- JD Goddard £80 for football pitch maintenance
 - Best Host – domain renewal £98
 - SALC - £30 training
- c. Grant Application – Cockshutt Church - see Clerk's report
Members noted that there are 3 elements to the application, the loop system, redecoration and camera equipment for live streaming of services and events. The two more important elements are the loop system and redecoration at a cost of circa £5,290. It was also noted that the Church had received a grant of £2,300 towards the project. The live streaming of weddings and funerals would attract a fee.
After some discussion it was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council support the Church with a grant of £3,000 which would enable the loop system to be installed and redecoration.
RESOLVED: 4 in favour and 3 against with one abstention to award £3,000 with a condition that it is used towards the installation of the loop system and redecoration.
- d. Grounds Maintenance Contract
5 quotes were received from various local suppliers.
Members discounted two on price grounds and considered 3 based on location, reliability & service offered.
RESOLVED: it was proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously to award the contract for the coming season to J D Goddard Landscaping.
- e. Blister Pack Recycling Box
After some discussion regarding management and security of the box, as all blister packs would need to be checked before recycling, members decided against the purchase of this item.
- f. Purchase of D Day flag
Members agreed to purchase x2 of the largest flags for Petton and Cockshutt.

52/24 Review of Council Documents

Asset Register – members agreed and accepted the updated asset values in line with annual return & internal audit requirements.

53/24 Property Maintenance Update:

The issue of repair of streetlights was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk and Councillor Harrison had met with the contractor; however, repairs have still not been done. Clerk to contact the contractor.

54/24 Environmental Maintenance:

None raised

55/24 Jubilee Field & Football Field

Grounds Maintenance contract awarded to J D Goddard Landscaping. Cllr Harrison will progress the purchase of summer plants for the patio planters.

56/24 Highways

Cllr. Edwards noted that Shropshire Council had attended the flooding issue at Kenwick Springs, however, after the recent rain the matter had not been resolved.

Cllr. Lewis noted the lack of repair to potholes at Parklands.

57/24 Reports of Meetings Attended:

- a. SALC area committee meeting notes circulated
- b. Freedom Fibre webinar.
Clerk had attended, FF are at stage two of the build process & we await further information regarding connections.

58/24 Correspondence for information:

- a. SALC bulletins circulated 20/3/24
- b. STWA pumping station & drainage update
The Chairman informed members of the response from STWA regarding issues at Crosemere Crescent with flooding and the pumping station. The Chairman explained that he felt STWA had been misinformed as to the issues with the pumping station and we await a further response from the company. In the meantime, the Chair will feed back the position to the relevant householders.

59/24 Consultations

a. Shropshire Council Consultations:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/parish-council-boundary-review-consultation-march-2024/>

Albrighton, Ludlow, Shrewsbury, Baschurch & Market Drayton
Open until 10th May

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/gambling-act-policy-consultation-2024/>

Open until 9th June

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/garden-waste-and-household-recycling-centres-consultation/>

Open until 20th May

The consultation has been promoted on the Parish Council website and social media.

60/24 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

Parish Plan

61/24 Date of next meeting:

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: Thursday, 9th May 2024 @ 7:30 pm

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Signed.....

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