

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th May 2024 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Mrs. P. Edwards, R. Hadley, Ms. J. Harrison, Ms. P. Inglis, S. Lewis and I. Webb (Chairman)
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Members of the Public: None

62/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. P. Griffiths & J. Bowers

63/24 Election of Chairman for the coming year

Cllr. I. Webb was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations Cllr. Webb was elected unanimously as Chair for coming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

64/24 Election of Vice Chairman for the coming year

Cllr. P. Inglis was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations Cllr. Inglis was elected unanimously as Vice Chair for the coming year

65/24 Public Participation

None

66/24 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th April 2024 were approved and by the Chairman.

67/24 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

68/24 Planning:

a. Decisions Received for information:

Reference: 24/00748/OUT (validated: 08/03/2024)

Address: Proposed Residential Development South Of, The Parklands, Cockshutt

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of six dwellings

Decision: Refuse

b. Applications for Consideration received since the April meeting: None

c. Applications Received after 2nd May: None

69/24 Appointment of officers and representatives to the following outside bodies:

- a. Shropshire Association of Local Councils – Cllr. P. Griffiths
- b. Emergency Planning – Cllr. P. Inglis
- c. Cockshutt Millennium Hall Management Committee – Cllr. R. Hadley
- d. Wood Lane Quarry Liaison Group – Cllr. S. Lewis
- e. Helicopter Noise Liaison Group – Cllr. I. Webb

70/24 Financial Matters:

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

Npower	£217.49
Clerk salary	£445.90
JD Goddard	£320.00
PCC Cockshutt grant	£3,000.00
Play Area Gate Key	£9.00
	<u>£3,992.39</u>

- c. Annual Returns & internal audit report
 - (i) The Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
 - (ii) Members considered the Annual Governance Statement
RESOLVED: members agreed completion of the responses and that the Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman & Clerk
 - (iii) Members considered the Accounting Statement signed by the Clerk
RESOLVED: unanimously that the Accounting Statements be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
 - (iv) The approved Annual Returns were signed accordingly
 - (v) The documents will be submitted to the external auditor and published on the Council's website, and provision made for electors' rights commencing Monday, 3rd June 2024
- d. Insurance Review
Resolved: Having reviewed the 1-3 years undertaking from Clear Councils (formerly BHIB), members agreed to accept the 3-year quote.
- e. Grounds Maintenance Contract
The signed contract to be delivered to Cllr. J. Harrison
- f. CPR Awareness – item deferred
- g. Purchase of D Day flag
Clerk to order the D day flags and gas bottles for the beacon.

71/24 Property Maintenance Update:

Members noted that the streetlights are still not repaired. Clerk had contacted the contractor who has warm white replacement lamps on order. Clerk has made tentative enquiries with regard to review of streetlight contract.

72/24 Environmental Maintenance:

Members acknowledged the matter of verge maintenance on the English Frankton road raised by a member of the public at the Annual Parish Meeting. As the Parish Council do not own this land, members are not minded to take on this project at present. Cllr. Webb will respond to the enquirer.

73/24 Jubilee Field & Football Field

Cllr. Griffiths was not present to update the committee with regard to car parking.

74/24 Highways

Cllr. Harrison noted that the hedge by the Coffee Hatch has been trimmed.

Cllr. Williams has reported the state of the layby on A528 on boundary with WLPC. He also reported on a major roadworks scheme on this stretch of road during the coming year.

75/24 Reports of Meetings Attended:

SALC NS Area committee minutes circulated 9/4/24

76/24 Correspondence for information:

- a. SALC bulletins circulated 25/4/24
- b. Members acknowledged Severn Trent Water Authority response to the Parish Council's concerns with regard to the pumping station & drainage. The Chair will speak with residents.
- c. Freedom Fibre: Freedom Fund, a £25,000 community fund for good and green projects across North Shropshire. Open for applications 5th April 2024 to 28th June 2024.
- d. Members acknowledged correspondence from a resident who has written to Helen Morgan MP expressing concerns with regard to the digital switchover for vulnerable residents.

77/24 Consultations

Hospitals Transformation Programme Roadshow dates:

Wednesday, 15th May – Age UK Office Shrewsbury 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Thursday, 23rd May – Wellington Market, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, 13th June – Mayfair Community Centre Church Stretton, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Clerk to circulate the above information on the website & Facebook

Shropshire Council Consultations for information:

Consultation on Draft Local Plan documents, information circulated 25/04/24

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-shropshire-local-plan/>

Open until 11th June

On health and wellbeing needs and concerns of local people including Ellesmere Place Plan area. Information circulated 15th April

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/public-health/joint-strategic-needs-assessment-jsna/placebased-joint-strategic-needs-assessment/>

Invitation to meet with councillors via teams. Clerk to make enquiries and ask for more information

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-independent-living-and-specialistaccommodation-strategy/> Open until 31st May

Future of school library service

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/school-library-service/> - Open until 7th June

Cllr. Williams reported on a petition received by Shropshire Council today which is under discussion

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/empty-homes-consultation/> -

Open until 26th May

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-draft-preventing-homelessnessand-rough-sleeping-strategy-2024-to-2029/> Open until 21st June

Short Breaks for people up to 18 years with disabilities or additional needs living in Shropshire.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/short-breaks/> open until 12th June

78/24 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

Parish Matters to be sent out towards end of June, including articles on copper switch off + a feature regarding Parish Plan

79/24 Date of next meeting:

Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday, 11th June 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Noted: The Chairman gave his apologies for this meeting.

SALC North Shropshire Area Meeting – Monday, 17th June @ 7:00 pm in Wem Town Hall

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

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

Date.....11th June 2024.....