
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12th September 2024 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: J. Bowers, P. Griffiths, R. Hadley, Ms. J. Harrison, S. Lewis & I. Webb
Members of the Public: Five
Clerk: Mrs. L. McCormack

110/24 Apologies for Absence

- a. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Ms. P. Inglis
- b. Apologies were received from Cllr. B. Williams

111/24 Public Participation

Two residents attended and proposed a dog park on Jubilee Field.

The Church Warden thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Church for the grant towards the hearing loop system and redecoration. The work will commence in November.

Kim Baker is now head of school at Cockshutt

112/24 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

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

113/24 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

114/24 Planning:

a. Decisions Received for information:

Reference: 24/02542/FUL (validated: 03/07/2024)
Address: Ferneyhough, Bagley, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9BY
Proposal: Change of use of former farmhouse dwelling (C3 Dwelling Houses) to home for the care of children with special needs (C2 Residential Institutions), including formation of additional car parking spaces
Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 24/02638/FUL (validated: 10/07/2024)
Address: Waterdine, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JJ
Proposal: Two Storey Side Extension

Decision: Grant Permission
Reference: 24/02641/FUL (validated: 10/07/2024)
Address: Mere Farm, Crosemere, Cockshutt, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0JS
Proposal: 4 no. loose boxes adjacent the existing 2 no. loose boxes following removal of existing field shelter
Decision: Refused

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

c. Applications Received after 5th September: None

d. Place Plan and Parish Plan

Cllr. Webb will review the Place Plan submissions.

115/24 Financial Matters:

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

b. Payments were approved:

Internal Audit	£303.60
JD Goddard	£320.00
External Audit	£252.00
ICO	£35.00
	£910.60

c. The External Audit was completed on 4th September; the Notice of Conclusion of External Audit has been published and documents can be found on the website

116/24 Property Maintenance Update:

Cllr. Griffiths carried out a survey of lighting on the Briars, only one light is currently not working.

With regard to bright LEDs, the Parish Council has opted for warm white rather than bright white when replacing street lights.

The Clerk to instruct the contractor to reduce the lumens on each light when conducting their annual inspection.

117/24 Environmental Maintenance: None.

118/24 Jubilee Field

a. With regard to water pooling on Jubilee Field Cllr. Bowers is in contact with drainage engineers who will, when available, clear the silting from the drains

b. The grounds maintenance contractor recommended scarify and re-seed of the wildflower area at the end of September, he will forward a quote to the Clerk.

c. Moles on the field are becoming an issue for grounds maintenance although, as this is a public area, there are limited options to deal with the problem.

d. The new hedging on Jubilee Field is becoming established so at this stage there is little maintenance needed. The existing mature hedge has in the past been cut by a local resident. Consider joint contract with the Village Hall re hedge maintenance.

e. Village hall users requested a litter bin next to the new bench on the patio. After discussion, regarding siting and ongoing maintenance costs, members agreed that there is little benefit given there are already bins provided across the recreation area.

f. Clerk to progress expressions of interest with regard to the car park installation

119/24 Highways

- a. Potholes and overgrown hedges on Park Lane are much worse. Cllr Lewis will investigate and report
- b. Cllr. Harrison reported feedback on behalf of Community Speed Watch
- c. LHA has confirmed that the mini roundabout at the junction with the Meadows will be re-instated following resurfacing works.

120/24 Reports of Meetings Attended: None

121/24 Correspondence for information:

- a. Letter from Shropshire Council and BDUK on fibre infrastructure; SC budget information and changes to garden waste and fly tipping processes.
- b. Website update – Clerk reported the change of Registrar due to Cabinet Offices changes with the way .gov.uk domains are managed.

122/24 Consultations

- a. **NALC:**
Reform of National Planning Policy Framework

Community Safety Case Study Survey - Information circulated 13/08/24
- b. **Shropshire Council Consultations**
Letter from the leader of Shropshire Council re Partnering to Provide Services in the area
Information Circulated 30/07/24
Members agreed to respond to Shropshire Council expressing an interest in partnership working to maintain services

Nature Recovery Strategy Partnership - three surveys:
 - Landowners and land managers
 - Town and Parish councils
 - General public.The surveys are open until 16 October.
<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/environment/ecology-and-biodiversity/shropshire-and-%20telford-wrekin-local-nature-recovery-strategy/>
To consider for the next meeting.

Other surveys including Autism Support Services West Midlands and Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Survey - <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/>

123/24 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:

- a. Update next issue of Parish Matters with change of Village Hall Bookings clerk .
- b. Dog Park, Jubilee Field
- c. Hedge cutting – Jubilee Field

124/24 Date of next meeting:

Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Thursday, 10th October 2024 @ 7:30 pm
SALC North Shropshire Area Meeting – Monday, 16th September @ 7:00 pm in Wem Library

The Chair, Cllr Webb, declared the meeting closed at 9: 00 p.m.

Signed.....

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