

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

on Monday 17th June 2019 at 7.30pm

062/19 - Present

Cllr. S Jones – Acting Chairman
Cllr. C. Pugh
Cllr. L Gray
Cllr. T Madeley

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

Cllr. G. Watts - Chairman, Cllr. B Orme, Cllr. P Jenkins

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, Unitary Cllr. Cecilia Motley and three members of the public.

063/19 - Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting.

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Cllr. Madeley declared an interest in planning application 19/02210/FUL and left the room whilst the matter was considered.

064/19 – Public question time

No matters were raised.

065/19 - Approval of the Minutes of the three meetings, Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting and an ordinary business meeting all held on 20th May 2019

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, Annual General meeting and an ordinary business meeting, all held on 20th May 2019, had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to them.

Cllr. Madeley **proposed** that the three sets of Minutes be approved by the members.
Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Pugh

Vote: The members present voted to approve the three sets of Minutes of 20th May 2019 and they were duly signed by the Acting Chairman as being a true record of the meetings.

066/19 Matters arising from the Minutes of the three meeting on 20th May 2019 not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

There were no matters arising from the three sets of Minutes of 20th May 2019.

067/19 – Unitary Councillor’s Reports

Unitary Cllr. Motley apologised for missing a few meetings, but unfortunately they clash with meetings in London from which she is unable to return in time.

She advised SC’s efforts to keep financially afloat are very hard, with little help coming from central government to help with the ever-rising cost of elderly adult and child care. The massive amount of work and legislation occasioned by Brexit has totally occupied Parliament. SC is now almost at the end of a four year local government funding review and is in danger of running out of funds if the government doesn’t very quickly take funding decisions for local authorities.

She continues to work with RSN on their template for a rural strategy designed to make the government realise how much rural communities funding is lagging behind urban ones. They have had a meeting with Lord Gardner and Lynne Truss to promote the strategy for a comprehensive spending review.

Cllr. Motley also gave the members an update on her role on the new SC company looking at building houses on redundant SC owned land.

068/19 – Review of Place Plan and Housing Needs Survey

Councillors had in May been due to discuss whether or not to authorise Shropshire Council to commence a Housing Needs Survey in the Hope Bowdler & Eaton Under Heywood parish. When giving her apologies for that meeting Unitary Cllr. Motley had asked that this matter be deferred to the June meeting so she could discuss it with councillors before they took a decision. In the meantime, members had had sight of a letter from Ms Vicky Turner, SC’s Place Plan Officer, which appeared to suggest that all responses from across the county to the Survey all go into one survey. It was unclear how any useful information would then be disseminated to individual parish councils. Cllr. Motley agreed to investigate the process by which the Survey results would be collated and analysed and will advise the members at their July meeting. The matter was therefore deferred to July.

069/19 – Planning applications

069/19/1 - 19/02210/FUL. Application for the erection of a workshop/outbuilding at Eaton Cottage, Eaton Under Heywood, SY6 7DH

The members considered the plans of this application which is for a workshop/shed 13metres x 10 metres. The applicant attended to assist the members and advised that the shed was required purely for domestic storage and for hobbies and no commercial use is intended now or in the future. There is also no intention at any point to seek change of use to ancillary domestic premises use. The shed will be timber clad and will have a dark forest green roof: it will be screened as much as possible.

The members considered the matter and the Acting Chairman **proposed:**

Having received assurances from the applicant that the building is to be used purely for working on hobbies and for domestic storage, the parish council support the application and raises no objections to it. The parish council would appreciate it if a condition could be placed on the planning permission that no commercial use of the building must take place, nor must it be used for ancillary accommodation purposes.

Proposal seconded by Cllr. Gray

Vote: The members voted unanimously to support the Proposal

069/19/2 - 19/02197/FUL. A retrospective planning application made under S. 73A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use of area of pastureland and woodland, surrounding pools to camping for up to 50 tent pitches, 8 glamping units and retrospective permission for a shower and toilet block at Oaklands Leisure Campsite & Fishery, Harton, SY6 7DL.

A very similar application – **18/01316/COU** – had been considered by this council on the 16th April 2018. The parish council had objected to that application and Shropshire Council had refused permission on 29th August 2018. The Decision Letter of Mr Ian Kilby, Development Manager stated:

“It is acknowledged that the proposal would help diversify the rural economy Shropshire, however the majority of the proposed development site lies within a Local Wildlife Site (Pool NNW of New Hall) and therefore within a core area of the countryside Environmental Network. The remainder of the site not within the core area lies within an Environmental Network Corridor. The proposal would therefore be likely to cause significant harm to this ecological asset contrary to Shropshire Local Development Framework Adopted Core Strategy Policies CS6 and CS17 and Shropshire Site Allocations and Management Development (SAMDev) Plan Policy MD12 as well as the advice in the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework (in particular advice at paragraph 174). Thus the proposal cannot be assessed to be sustainable development”.

The planning officer’s report recommending refusal was also considered by the members. Despite this refusal, research by the parish council revealed that in apparent disregard of the refusal, the applicant had proceeded to develop the site: a new toilet/shower block had been built, numerous camping pitches had been established, a number of glamping pods and cabins were in use. The facilities on offer were widely reported on the Internet. When the parish council queried all this activity with the applicant’s agent, they were told that the site had been developed under the “Freedom Camping rules”: the Agent was asked to provide a copy those Rules for the parish council’s perusal but failed to do so.

On Cllr. Motley’s advice:

Cllr. Jones (Acting Chairman) **proposed** a request for enforcement action in respect of the breaches committed by the applicant regarding 18/01316/COU be submitted by this parish council to the Planning Department.

Proposal seconded by Cllr. L Gray

Vote: Proposal passed by a unanimous vote. The Clerk was instructed to submit an enforcement request to the planning department.

The members then discussed at length their response to the retrospective application
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Cllr. Jones (Acting Chairman) **proposed** that the council should object strongly to each and every aspect of this application.

Proposal seconded by Cllr. L Gray

Vote: Proposal passed by a unanimous vote. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of objection to the planning department.

070/19 – Minor Highway & Environmental matters

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted Highways Dept. re the missing manhole cover in Wolverton and the state of the road in Eaton from the railway bridge to the church. Cllr.

Jones reported that there was a large pothole directly outside Stoneycroft in Ticklerton (his home). When it rains it fills with water and cannot be seen, It is sited on a bend on the road and the only way to avoid it is to go into the middle of the road – but then oncoming traffic cannot see the evasive action taken, so it creates a potentially dangerous situation. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department and report it.

071/19 - Correspondence and Communications

The councillors considered the following items and discussed responses.

1. Email from Ms Vicky Turner, Place Plans Officer at SC, attaching a 38 page draft of Church Stretton and Surrounding Area Place Plan 2019 - 2020. Document sent to councillors by email.
2. Email – Clerk to Highways Dept. asking for a new covering grate for a manhole in Wolverton and for the road between the railway bridge and the church in Eaton to be repaired. Items have been logged as 4321512 and 4321513 and passed to the relevant technician.
3. Letter from Eaton Under Heywood PCC thanking the parish council for its donation of £200 towards churchyard maintenance at St. Edith’s Church.
4. Email from Hope Bowdler PCC thanking the parish council for its donation of £200 towards churchyard maintenance at St Andrew’s Church.
5. 05.05.19 – letter Clerk to PKF Littlejohn, auditors, enclosing AGAR Certificate of Exemption and allied forms.
6. Invitation from the Mayor of Shrewsbury inviting parish councillors to attend a Final Great War Remembrance Service at St. Chad’s church, Shrewsbury at 5pm on Wednesday 26th June 2019.

072/19 – Finance Report for June 2019

1. Precept Fund: balance b/fwd from April/May 2019	£5,408.51
ADD: Portion of VAT refund due to Precept funds	£ 55.49
	£5,464.00

LESS Cheques authorised to be drawn on Precept funds on 17.06.19

1. Clerk’s net June 2019 salary	£149.33
2. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk’s June salary	£ 37.40
3. <u>Administrative expenses paid by Clerk in June 2019 on behalf of parish council and reclaimed by her</u>	
• Contribution towards telephone/Broadband provision for June 2019 @ £20 p.m.	£20.00
• 12 x 2 nd class stamps	£ 7.32
• 1 ream A4 copier paper	£ 3.35
• Postage & certificate of posting – AGAR form	£ 0.70
• Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile 17.06.19 to Hope Bowdler to post Statutory Public Rights Notice on notice board	

and to Ticklerton Village Hall for meeting

Total mileage: 48 miles @ 45p	£21.60	
Total of Clerk's June 2019 expenses	£52.97	£ 52.97
	£239.70	£ 239.70
Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to July 2019		<u>£5,224.30</u>

2. Ring-fenced sums held by Eaton Under Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council

• Environmental Grant: balance b/fwd from April/May 2019	£1,389.28
ADD: VAT refund from 2018/2019	<u>£ 270.40</u>
	<u>£1,659.68</u>
• Transparency Code grant:	<u>£ 629.17</u>
3. Neighbourhood Fund grant/CIL received 26.04.19	<u>£3,145.35</u>

The Chairman **proposed** that the above listed cheques should be authorised for payment

Proposal seconded by Cllr. Pugh

Vote: members voted unanimously in support of the proposal to approve the cheques.

3. Total funds held by parish council following this meeting:

• Precept Fund	£5,224.30
• Environmental Grant Fund	£1,659.68
• Transparency Code grant	£ 629.17
• Neighbourhood Fund	<u>£3,145.35</u>
	<u>£10,658.50</u>

4. Bank Statement/Cash Book Reconciliation

HSBC Bank Statements number 92 presented to members to verify the Clerk's reconciliation between the bank statements and the parish council's Cash Book. Cllr. Jones duly verified the reconciliation.

073/19 - Questions for the Chairman

Cllr. Pugh enquired whether the parish council could use its CIL money of £3,145.35 to fund some more benches around the parish. The Clerk advised it is still unclear exactly what CIL funds can be used for: bus shelters were being refused as are litter bins but benches are unclear. Since they can't be related to an infrastructure need arising from new development, it is unlikely they would be approved.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 15th July 2019 at Hope Bowdler Village Hall – 7.30pm

SIGNED Bruce Orme

DATED: 15th July 2019