## EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES

#### OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

## MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 at 7.30pm

## 059/17 Present & Apologies for absence Present

Cllr. T Madeley – Acting Chairman for this meeting Cllr. S Jones Cllr. B Orme Cllr. L Gray Cllr C Pugh Cllr. P Jenkins

#### **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman and Unitary Councillor C Motley

#### In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, Mr A Hough & Mr W Hough (Planning applicants).

#### **060/17:** 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. Bruce Orme made a declaration of pecuniary interest relating to planning application 17/02640/FUL (Item 7.2 on the Agenda)

#### <u>061/17 – Public question time</u>

Both members of the public attended in connection with planning application 17/02022/REM

#### <u>062/17 - Approval of the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, the Annual General Meeting</u> <u>Minutes and the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting all on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017</u>

The three sets of Minutes had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to them.

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

**Vote: unanimously carried** by the members and the Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of those meetings.

#### <u>063/17: Matters arising from the ordinary business Minutes of the of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017</u> not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

<u>057/17/1</u>: The Clerk had investigated with Wildes of Dorrington the feasibility of hiring a power broom to clean around the parishes. Wildes do not have one listed in their catalogue, and had not responded to an email enquiry she had sent them. It was agreed that since the Environmental Grant has been halved this year, the matter would not be pursued further.

<u>057/17/2 -</u> The Clerk advised that an Environmental Grant of  $\pounds$ 3,000 had been applied for, but the current indications are that we will only receive  $\pounds$ 1,672.00.

057/17/3 – The Clerk had taken up the state of the road around New Hall, Eaton, with the Highways Department: they had responded Mr Peter Gould would be investigating the matter.

## <u>064/17 – Reports.</u>

Cllr. Madeley reported on a planning seminar he attended on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. He had kindly circulated to all members a synopsis of the information gleaned from that meeting and he had obtained a USB stick with further information, which was passed to the Clerk. There was much emphasis placed on pre-planning applications, to try and eliminate unacceptable applications from coming forward. Everything in planning is geared towards approval as appeals are so expensive and the planning officers are working under intense pressure. Parish Councils are urged to approve applications with the addition of caveats if there are unacceptable elements in the proposals.

## 065/17 – Planning applications

065/17/1 - 17/02022/REM. Application by Mr J A Hough for consideration of reserved matters (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) re agricultural worker's dwelling at Harton Farm, Harton, SY6 6DL.

Mr Andrew and Mr Willian Hough attended to assist the councillors with this application. They advised that their only neighbour (who does not live in the house but rents it out) did not object at the outline planning permission stage, but now objects not just to the reserved matters but to the house being sited there at all.

The councillors considered all the plans and design details and could find nothing objectionable about the reserved matters, and consequently supported it.

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that the Parish Council supports the reserved matters application without caveat or objection.

**Proposal seconded** by Cllr. L Gray **Vote: unanimously agreed by the councillors.** 

<u>065/17/2 – 17/02640/FUL</u> Application by Mr & Mrs B Orme of 1, Wolverton Manor, Wolverton SY6 6RR to raise existing roof to create first floor bedroom, shower room and storage; conversion of existing loft space storage areas to create No. 2 bedrooms, alterations to ground floor to create entrance hall.

Cllr. Orme left the room whilst this application was considered.

The councillors considered the plans and found nothing objectionable about the application and consequently supported it.

Cllr. Pugh **proposed** that the parish council support the application and raise no objections to it.

**Proposal seconded** by Cllr. Jones **Vote: unanimously agreed by the councillors.** 

## 066/17 - Minor Highways and Environmental matters

The councillors had no specific matters for the EMO to deal with other than Hope Bowdler Bus Shelter needs a good clean and the window is broken again. The Clerk will pass this information on to Mr Reynolds.

## 067/17 - Correspondence and Communications

The councillors considered the following items of correspondence:

- 16.5.17 notification from SC Planning Officers re 16/03746/FUL application by Mrs S Akers for residential development of land NW of Ticklerton. Application refused.
- 2. Letter 16.5.17 Clerk to Monitoring Officer submitting all necessary documents on behalf of the councillors following the recent election.
- 3. 23.5.17 email of complaint from Mr Warren Prosser re closure of the Hope Bowdler Village Hall car park: passed on to the village hall committee to respond.
- 4. 8.6.17 email from Ms R Wallace asking for a copy of our Parish Plan and offering assistance to up-date it.
- 5. Email from Sara Crombie notifying the parish council that the A49 and the railway line at Onibury will be closed from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for essential works to be carried out on the level crossing.

Item 1: The Chairman read out to the meeting the grounds of the refusal relating to application 16/03746/FUL

Item 4: The possibility of up-dating the Parish Plan was discussed. The idea was discounted as the parish council has no funds available for such a revision (the original cost nearly £800) and generally the planners disregard the planning wishes contained in the Plan, rendering it worthless.

Item 5: It is anticipated this closure will cause a lot of difficulty and additional traffic on the parish's narrow roads. Details of the closure have been advertised on our website and on the notice boards.

## 068/17 - Finance

068/17/1 - Finance Report for June 2017

#### **Precept Funds - Balance** b/fwd. from May 2017

£4,526.65

LESS: Precept cheques authorised for payment on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 1. Clerk's net salary for June 2017 £126.56 2. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's June 2017 salary £ 31.00 3. SALC Invoice 612 for Planning Course on 7.6.17 £ 65.00 4. Expenses incurred by the Clerk in June 2017 in connection with Parish Council business: • Contribution to Broadband/telephone and office overheads – June 2017 £10.00 • Electricity for meeting on 15.05.17 £ 3.00 • Postage expenses to Shropshire Council for Elections expenses forms etc. £ 1.30 Postages to Mazars, Cllr. Pugh and  $12 \times 2^{nd}$  class stamps £ 8.26 1 x HP364 black ink cartridge £10.00 • • Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile: 19.06.17 – Ticklerton V.H for PC meeting 42 miles @ 45p =£18.90 Total of Clerk's expenses £51.46 £ 51.46 £209.02 £ 209.02 **Balance of Precept as at 19.06.17** £4,317.63 **Ring Fenced Funds** 1. Highways & Environmental Grant Balance of Highways & Environmental Grant b/fwd £2,077.32 Less: March – June claim by EMO for time, mileage • and materials £264.92 • Invoice No. 17/444 Oak Garden Services For work in May & June 2017 £.32.00 £296.92 £ 296.92 Balance of Highways & Environmental Grant c/fwd £1,780.40 £1,780.40 **Transparency Code Grant** 2. Balance of Transparency Code grant b/fwd £888.40 Less: C.M. Smith (Stretton Internet) Inv. 201706/ • 361 for website administration £ 90.00 £798.40 <u>£ 798.40</u> **Balance of Transparency Code c/fwd TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY PARISH COUNCIL AT 19.06.17** £6,896.43

Authorisation of Precept, Highways & Environmental Grant and Transparency Code Grant cheques:

**Proposed by**: Cllr. Jones **Seconded by**: Cllr. Jenkins **Vote**: Unanimous

068/17/2 - Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation

HSBC Bank Statement numbered 68 was presented to members to verify the Clerk's bank statement/cash book reconciliation as at 04.06.17 and was duly verified by Cllr. Jones.

068/17/3 - VAT Refund. The Clerk asked members to consider allocation of VAT refund proceeds totalling £592.32. The VAT had been incurred as follows:

On Precept funds - £12.94

On Transparency Code funds - £194.00

On EMO grant funds- £385.38

The members agreed that the VAT should be allocated to the funds from which it arose.

#### 069/17 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised with the Chairman. There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

#### Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall

MINUTES SIGNED BY: Graham Watts

**DATED:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017