

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING HELD AT  
HOPE BOWDLER VILLAGE HALL**

**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 at 7.30pm**

**070/17 Present & Apologies for absence**

**Present**

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman  
Cllr. T Madeley  
Cllr. S Jones  
Cllr. L Gray  
Cllr. P Jenkins

**Apologies for absence were accepted from:**

Cllr. C. Pugh and Cllr. B Orme

**In Attendance**

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett and Unitary Cllr. C Motley

**071/17: 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.

No declarations were made.

**072/17 – Public question time**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**073/17 - Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to them.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the Minutes be approved by the members.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray .

**Vote:** With 1 abstention a majority of the members present approved the Minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

**074/17: Matters arising from the Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda**

057/17/2 - The Clerk had advised at the June meeting that an Environmental Grant of £3,000 had been applied for, but the current indications were that the parish council will only receive £1,672.00. Since then she had received notification that a further sum of £500 had been awarded, making a total of £2,172 for 2017/2018. The sum has not yet been credited to our bank account,

### **075/17 – Reports.**

#### 075/17/1 – StrettonDale LJC Business Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

No members had been free to attend this meeting so the Clerk highlighted some of the matters debated from the Minutes provided by Lisa Bedford, including an up-date on the Library and the leisure facilities in Church Stretton. The future of the library is still under discussion: the mobile library will be retained but its role will be expanded.

There was a reference in the Minutes to Community Led Plans (CLP) and it was indicated they could be used as a material consideration if the Shropshire Council CLP guidance is followed. This parish council had not previously heard of CLP's. Cllr. Motley advised, if it is not intended by the council to up-date its Parish Plan or its Place Plan designation as "Open Countryside", then it would be useful to carry out a survey on the perceived housing needs in the parish between now and 2036. The Clerk questioned how this would be funded as the Parish Plan of 2013 had cost over £150 in postage alone, funded by a grant. Cllr. Motley advised that no steps should be taken at present: the matter is to be further reviewed by the LJC at its October meeting (date to be advised) in Wistanstow, when matters may become clearer.

#### 075/17/2 – Unitary Councillor's Report

Cllr. Motley spoke of the new cabinet and its new Leader, Mr Peter Nutting and changes to date which have affected the cabinet and all budgets.

One matter of some concern is a strategy paper which is being circulated concerning parking charges. Town and parish councils are being consulted about changes to parking fees across Shropshire.

It is proposed there will be six charging bands and the scale of charges will be uniform across the county. Town centre parking charges - especially on-street parking - will mostly rise plus the period of charging will be extended from 6pm to probably 8pm: slightly out-of-town car parks may have their charges reduced. Cllr. Motley had no information as yet on the charges for season tickets and residents' parking permits. She urged councillors to respond to the survey.

### **076/17 - 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 had passed this information on to Mr Reynolds and will send him a reminder. It was agreed that no action should be taken on trying to move the bench at the top of Sanford Avenue.

### **077/17 - Correspondence and Communications**

The councillors considered the following items of correspondence:

1. 20.6.17 – letters - Clerk to Planning Dept, supporting application 17/02640/FUL – Mr & Mrs B Orme and 17/02022/REM – reserved matters for Mr Hough, Harton Farm
2. 20.6.17 – letter Clerk to EMO, Mr Reynolds asking him to clean and repair window in Hope Bowdler bus shelter
3. 14.7.17 – email from SALC re free conference on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (no time stated) hosted by Professor John Whitelegg at the Theatre Severn to campaign for a 20mph speed limit on all residential roads in Shropshire. He seeks delegates from all town and parish councils.
4. July 2017 – update from “Connecting Shropshire”. A £11.2m contract has been given to Airband to provide high speed Broadband by wireless masts where fibre broadband is not available. Work is due to commence immediately.
5. Email from Lisa Bedford, LJC attaching Minutes of LJC meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 which have been emailed to all members for them to read. Next LJC meeting to be at Wistanstow Village Hall on a date to be fixed in October 2017.
6. Email from SALC advising of a further “Planning from a Local Perspective” training event to follow on from the one held in June. To be held at Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 10am to 4pm. (NB. These courses cost £65: our training budget for 2017/2018 has been used up and further courses for 2017/2018 will have to be funded from reserves.)

Item 2: The members debated Professor Whitelegg’s proposal and agreed the parish council should write to him stating they thought it was a thoroughly bad proposal both pollution wise, and as 30mph largely cannot be enforced, there is no prospect of a county wide 20mph residential limit being enforced.

Item 4: Cllr. Motley advised the council to expect a rash of planning applications from Airband for masts across the county.

Item 6: It was felt unlikely that a delegate needed to attend this further planning training seminar as the previous one had been so comprehensive.

## **078/17 - Finance**

### 078/17/1 - Finance Report for July 2017

<b><u>Precept Funds</u> - Balance b/fwd. from June 2017</b>	<b>£4,317.63</b>
<b>Add: portion of VAT Refund received 5.7.17</b>	<b>£ 12.94</b>
	<b>£4,330.57</b>
<b>LESS: Precept cheques</b> authorised for payment on 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	
1. Clerk’s net salary for July 2017	£126.56
2. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk’s July 2017 salary	£ 31.00
3. <u>Expenses incurred by the Clerk in July 2017 in connection with Parish Council business:</u>	
• Contribution to Broadband/telephone and office overheads – July 2017	£10.00

• 12 x 2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamps & postage to Cllr. Pugh	£ 7.70		
• 1 x HP364 black ink cartridge; 1 ream A4 copy paper and 6 black biros	£13.75		
• Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile: 17.07.17 – Hope Bowdler V.H for PC meeting 45 miles @ 45p =	£20.25		
	£51.70	£ 51.70	
Total of Clerk's July expenses		£209.26	£ 209.26
<b>Balance of Precept c/fwd</b>			<b><u>£4,121.31</u></b>

### Ring Fenced Funds

#### **1. Highways & Environmental Grant**

Balance of Highways & Environmental Grant b/fwd	£1,780.40		
Add: Portion of VAT Refund received 5.7.17	£ 385.38		
No claims received in July 2017	£2,165.78		
<b>Balance of Highways &amp; Environmental Grant c/fwd</b>			<b><u>£2,165.78</u></b>

#### **2. Transparency Code Grant**

<b>Balance of Transparency Code grant b/fwd</b>	£798.40		
<b>Add:</b> Portion of VAT refund rec'd 5.7.17	£194.00		
	£992.40		
<b>Less:</b> C.M. Smith (Stretton Internet) Inv. 201706/ 365 for website administration	£ 60.00		
	£932.40		
<b>Balance of Transparency Code c/fwd</b>			<b><u>£932.40</u></b>

**TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY PARISH COUNCIL c/fwd** **£7,219.49**

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

Proposed by: Cllr. Jenkins

Seconded by: Cllr. Jones

Vote: Unanimous

#### 078/17/2 - Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation

HSBC Bank Statement numbered 69 was presented to members to verify the Clerk's bank statement/cash book reconciliation as at 04.07.17. Cllr. Jones duly checked and approved the reconciliation.

#### 079/17 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised with the Chairman.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

**MINUTES SIGNED BY:** Graham Watts

**DATED:** 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall