

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

on Monday 18th June 2018 at 7.30pm

060/18 - Present

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

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Cllr. B. Orme and Cllr. C Pugh

In Attendance

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

061/18 - 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.

062/18 – Public question time

No members of the public attended.

063/18 - Approval of the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, the Annual General Meeting Minutes and the ordinary business meeting Minutes all held on 14th May 2018

The Minutes of the three parish council meetings held on 14th May 2018 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to them.

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

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

Vote: with one abstention the members present approved the Minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the three meetings.

064/18: Matters arising from the three sets of Minutes of the meetings on 14th May 2018 not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

No matters arising were raised by the members.

065/18 – Unitary Councillor’s Report

Cllr. Motley reported in detail on the lengthy discussions concerning the fate of the Community Enablement Team. She remains hopeful that the Team will survive the budget cuts, albeit in a different form.

She has spent time working with planners and developers on the design of houses to be built in Shropshire. In particular it is hoped developers will produce a sympathetic design for rural homes which blend more with the existing housing stock.

The future of CIL is still under discussion as some rural parish councils are holding not inconsiderable sums of CIL money but have no infrastructure schemes to spend it on, whereas Shropshire Council has many necessary infrastructure schemes and no money with which to implement them.

Discussions in Cabinet about the revised Local Plans are on-going.

She has spent a lot of time working on the re-vamping of the AONB. There are 38 AONB’s in the country and they cover exceptional landscapes, but do not have the same status as National Parks, The Shropshire Hills AONB has been in existence for 60 years. DEFRA are the principal funders and Shropshire Council is the accountable body for our local AONB. Two years ago the Shropshire Hills AONB decided to seek Conservation Body status as it would give them more freedom of movement for fundraising, etc. After much thought DEFRA turned down their request, not at least as a 25 year Environmental Plan was being rolled out, followed now by the Glover report into National Parks and AONBs and it was felt inappropriate to allow Conservation Board status until these reports have been concluded. The AONB is thus resuming and recasting its relationship with Shropshire Council.

The consultation process about the future of the Environmental Grants has been completed and parish councils should be on the look-out for details for applying for a grant for 2018/2019. It is also planned that all EMOs should go on a one-day training course with Kier and that Kier will provide EMOs with certain equipment.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Motley for her report.

066/18 – Minor Highway & Environmental matters

The Clerk advised that she had not heard from the EMO since March and had last received a claim for payment from him in January 2018. In total in the past year the parish council has paid the EMO £621.37. Various councillors present confirmed they had seen the EMO working around the parish, and the bus shelters were clean and in Hope Bowdler the broken window in the bus shelter had been repaired. It was agreed the Clerk will continue to seek time sheets and receipts from the EMO.

Cllr. Madeley reported that two drains remained blocked in Eaton, one opposite Eaton Cottage and the other by St. Edith’s church. Such a level of mud and debris had washed down from Wenlock Edge blocking one drain that Cllr. Pugh had attended with a digger on two occasions to clear the road. The Clerk will contact Highways again and will ask them to liaise with Nichola Cariss at Eaton Manor, so they can get directions for the locations of the blocked drains. As far as Cllr. Madeley was aware, the road at New Hall

has not been repaired. Councillors were however pleased to note that a number of serious potholes on the Hope Bowdler/Sandford Avenue road had had some, but not all, potholes repaired. Illogically, when asked by Cllr. Jones why all potholes were not being repaired, he was told by the work crew some adjacent potholes had not been repaired as they were not yet deep enough.

067/18 - Correspondence and Communications

Only two items of correspondence had been sent/received during the month. The Clerk had written to the new external auditors sending them the necessary AGAR documents including the Certificate of Exemption. Eaton PCC had written thanking the parish council for the annual churchyard maintenance grant.

068/18 – Finance

068/18/1 - Finance Report for June 2018

1. Precept Fund: balance b/fwd from May	£5,704.20
ADD: VAT refund received 08.05.18	<u>£ 137.29</u>
	£5,841.49

LESS Cheques authorised to be drawn on Precept funds on 18.06.18

1. Clerk's June 2018 net salary	£132.36	
2. HMRC – PAYE & NHI on Clerk's June salary	£ 25.20	
3. Shropshire Council - Elections Recharge for May 2017	£200.00	
4. <u>Administrative expenses paid by Clerk in June 2018 on behalf of parish council and reclaimed by her</u>		
• Contribution towards telephone/Broadband provision for June (£15) plus £8.10 Broadband usage surcharge (cost shared with Diddlebury PC)	£23.10	
• 12 x 2 nd class postage stamps	£ 6.96	
• 1 ream A4 copier paper	£ 3.25	
• Paid Andy Holmes for IT support re GDPR – Installing privacy notices on emails & giving assistance with scanning problems	£30.00	
• Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile 18.06.18 – to Ticklerton Village Hall for meeting- 45 miles.	<u>£20.25</u>	
Total of Clerk's June 2018 expenses	<u>£83.56</u>	<u>£ 83.56</u>
	<u>£441.12</u>	<u>£ 441.12</u>
Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to July 2018		<u>£5,400.37</u>

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

• Environmental Grant: balance b/fwd from May 2018	£3,536.69
Less: Invoice 18/044 from Oak Garden Services	<u>£ 18.00</u>
Balance c/fwd to July 2018	<u>£3,518.69</u>
• Transparency Code grant: balance b/fwd from May 2018	£1,475.17
Less: Inv. No. 201805-409 Stretton Internet	<u>£ 75.00</u>
Balance c/fwd to June 2018	<u>£1,400.17</u>

3. <u>Total funds held by parish council following this meeting:</u>	
• Precept Fund	£5,400.37
• Environmental Grant Fund	£3,518.69
• Transparency Code grant	<u>£1,400.17</u>
	<u>£10,319.23</u>

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the above cheques be authorised for payment.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

Vote: Proposal unanimously carried by the members.

068/18/2 - Bank Statement/Cash Book Reconciliation

HSBC Bank Statement number 80 presented to members to verify the Clerk's reconciliation between the bank statement and the parish council's Cash Book. Reconciliation duly verified by Cllr. Jones.

069/18 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm
Cllr. Jenkins gave his apologies for the next meeting (16th July) as he will be away.

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting,

Monday 16th July 2018 in Hope Bowdler Village Hall

MINUTES SIGNED BY: S. Jones

DATED: 16th July 2018