

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

on Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30pm

081/18 - Present

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

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Cllr. G Watts and Unitary Councillor Motley

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, and five members of the public.

082/18 - 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.

083/18 – Public question time

No matters were raised.

084/18 - Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018

The Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 16th July 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. Madeley

Vote: by a unanimous vote the members present approved the Minutes and they were duly signed by the acting Chairman of the meeting as being a true record of the meeting.

084/18: Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 16th July 2018 not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

077/18/3 - Blocked drains by St. Edith's Church and Eaton bridge. Cllr. Pugh reported he had discussed the blocked drain by the bridge with the owners of The Old Rectory: the owners believe the drains on their property are in good order but they are thinking of putting in a drain splitter and will contact Cllr. Pugh to discuss the matter further. Cllr. Madeley advised there is an existing drain pipe coming down from Wenlock Edge track which emptied into the drain by the church wall, but it is probably blocked and its route is no longer obvious. If he is able to identify its route the parish council could instruct Kinch Parry to clear it with a digger. Matter deferred until further information is available.

No other matters arising were raised by the members.

085/18 – Reports

Cllr. Motley was unable to attend the meeting.

The members confirmed they had received and read the report prepared by the Clerk concerning the last Clerk's Meeting hosted by Lisa Bedford, when CIL and the EMO grants were discussed. It appears Shropshire Council may not after all pass CIL payments on to parish councils, a matter about which there had been no consultation at all. There is still no news about the Environmental Grant, which is normally paid in May: this year we have yet to receive the application forms.

086/18 – Planning applications

086/18/1: 18/03447/FUL Application for the erection of a single storey extension at the rear of 12, Mount View, Hope Bowdler, SY6 7DB

The applicants attended, to assist the councillors and they explained the application.

It was noted there were no public or consultee comments on the planning portal and the parish council had received no objections. The councillors perused the plans.

Cllr. Gray **proposed** that the council support this application and raise no objections to it. The proposal was **seconded** by Cllr. Orme

Vote: The members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

086/18/2: 18/03447/FUL Re-submitted application for the erection of an agricultural implements store and a new field access at The Bungalow, Ragdon, SY6 7EZ.

The application was in same format as the original except the following sentence had been removed from the Proposal Summary, namely: "Since moving into the property two years ago the applicants have established links within the agricultural community and are working to develop a business based on the repair and restoration of agricultural vehicles"

The applicant and her husband attended to assist the councillors.

The parish council noted the following facts displayed on SC's Planning Portal:

- There were seven public comments: 5 objected to the application, two supported it, one a relative.
- SC Rights of Way want conditions attached to any permission to protect the footpath.
- SC's ecologist had made a number of comments. In essence the ecologist requires the applicant to provide a full ecological survey from a licensed ecologist, and requires an impact assessment for the proposed 100 metre drain to be run from the pool before this application can be assessed.
- SUDS state that an Ordinary Watercourse Consent must be applied for and granted before any development commences on the site. No such application has been made.
- SC's Highways Dept. note that no information or details have been submitted by the applicant for the proposed new access. The application cannot proceed until details are supplied so that a technical assessment can be made.

The Chairman invited the applicant and her husband to comment on the above problems. The applicants stated they had never wanted to run a business from the site and didn't know why their agent had put that in the original Proposal. They want to use the proposed shed to store their equipment and feedstuffs – they have 3.5 acres but no livestock at present. They did not appear to accept that they needed to provide further information to the planners: they understood the planning officer had told them their application would be passed. The perceived problems with the new access were discussed but in the absence of adequate plans it was difficult for the councillors to understand the layout apart from Cllr. Pugh who had in fact lived at the property in the past.

After further discussion on all issues involved, the Chairman advised the applicant that as the application stood, it was not ready for either SC nor the parish council to reach a decision on it, as much vital information was missing. Therefore the parish council would not be able to support the application before them tonight. The Chairman requested, and the applicant agreed, that when the additional information is supplied and the application is ready to be re-heard, that facilities would be given to the councillors to have a site meeting. That way they could more readily understand the application the next time they have to make a decision on it.

The Chairman therefore **proposed** that the parish council is unable to support this application. Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Vote: The members unanimously supported the proposal.

087/18 – Minor Highway & Environmental matters

087/18/1: The Clerk reported that £2,458.03 remains of the Environmental Grant and it is wholly unclear if or when this year's grant will be received as no application forms have been made available. If a grant payment is finally made for this financial year (2018/2019) it appears the parish council will have to match-fund any grant awarded, even though they had not been notified of this last year and thus did not build any sum into the 2018/2019 Precept to match fund: it is to be hoped there will be sufficient reserves available to deal with this contingency. Hopefully the situation will be clearer in November when the parish council carries out an initial consideration of the 2019/2020 Precept budget. The Clerk will seek information from Cllr. Motley on the grant position.

087/18/2: Members had noted an article in the Shropshire Star in which it was claimed by Highways that all potholes in south Shropshire had been filled. They found this claim risible given the vast number of potholes around this parish alone still awaiting attention.

087/18/3: As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had written to Mr Keyland at Highways asking for the drain by the old railway bridge in Eaton to be replaced, as every time it is jetted or cleared, it refills as soon as it rains and the road floods. She had received no response. Cllr. Madeley advised that a Highways vehicle had visited and cleared the drain: there was no evidence it had been replaced. Cllr. Madeley will contact the Clerk next time there is significant rain, to report on whether the drain has been cleared or is blocked again.

088/18 - Correspondence and Communications

The councillors considered the following items, none of which required any response.

1. 20.08.18 – Notification of planning decision re 17/05225/FUL – partially retrospective application for affordable dwelling opposite Yules Bank, Soudley,

including detached outbuilding, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access.

Permission granted.

2. 22.08.18 - Notification of planning decision re 18/02850/FUL, 18/02851/LBC and 18/02583/FUL re works to facilitate repairs to stone retaining wall of a listed building and for the erection of a wooden summerhouse, at Hatton Cottage, Hatton, SY6 6QP

Permission granted on all three applications

3. 29.08.18 – Notification of planning decision re 18/01316/COU for change of use of land to form camp site (up to 50 tents) and siting of five seasonal touring caravans at Oaklands Leisure Campsite & Fishery, Harton, Shropshire, SY6 7DL
- Permission refused

089/18 – Finance Report for August/September 2018

1. Precept Fund: balance b/fwd from July 2018 £4,462.36
LESS Cheques authorised to be drawn on Precept funds on 17.09.18

1. Clerk's August & September 2018 net salary	£264.72	
2. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's Aug/Sept. salary	£ 50.40	
3. <u>Administrative expenses paid by Clerk in August & September 2018 on behalf of parish council and reclaimed by her</u>		
• Contribution towards telephone/Broadband provision for August/Sept. @ £15 per month	£30.00	
• 12 x 2 nd class postage stamps	£ 6.96	
• 1 ream A4 copier paper	£ 2.75	
• 5 x wallet files	£ 1.00	
• Gratuity & card for Lisa Bedford	£10.00	
• Badger inks: Epson XP442 ink cartridges	£14.98	
• Andy Holmes: IT assistance (paid by Clerk)	£20.00	
• Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile		
29.08.18 – Culmington Village Hall for Clerk's Meeting with Lisa Bedford. 38 miles but cost shared with Diddlebury so 19 miles		
17.09.18 – to Ticklerton Village Hall for meeting- 44 miles.		
Total mileage: 63 miles @ 45p	£28.35	
Total of Clerk's August/September 2018 expenses	£114.04	£114.40
		£429.16
Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to October 2018		<u>£ 429.16</u>
		<u>£4,033.20</u>

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

- **Environmental Grant: Corrected** balance b/fwd from July £2,970.29

LESS:

- August Invoice 18/131 from Oak Garden Services for hedge cutting & strimming in Ticklerton £ 80.00

- Sept. Invoice 18/189 from Oak Garden Services £ 18.00
- Claim for hours worked since 16.01.18 to 05.08.18 from Graham Reynolds – 35 hours @ £10 per hour £350.00
- Mileage @ 45p per mile claimed by Graham Reynolds - total 81 miles £ 36.45
- Materials: Perspex for Hope Bowdler bus shelter £ 27.81 £ 512.26

Balance c/fwd to October 2018 **£2,458.03**

- **Transparency Code grant:**balance b/fwd from July **£1,037.17**
- Less:** Inv. No. 201807-424 Stretton Internet £ 30.00
- Balance c/fwd to October 2018** **£1,007.17**

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

Proposal seconded by Cllr. Madeley

Vote: Proposal carried by an unanimous vote.

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

- **Precept Fund** **£4,033.20**
 - **Environmental Grant Fund** **£2,458.03**
 - **Transparency Code grant** **£1,007.17**
- £7,498.40**

4. Bank Statement/Cash Book Reconciliation

HSBC Bank Statement numbers 82 and 83 were 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.

090/18 - Questions for the Chairman

Both Cllr. Gray and Cllr. Jenkins raised the issue of motorist speeding through Hope Bowdler in violation of the 30mph limit and the number of near-misses this generated, given the narrow pavements and the blind bend. Cllr. Jenkins' property has been damaged by a speeding motorist. What, if any, steps could be taken to improve the problem were discussed. The Clerk and Cllr. Jenkins had been told that no action would be forthcoming from the Police unless and until a fatal accident occurred. A community speedwatch scheme was vetoed by the Police. It was generally agreed that VAR (speed awareness indicator) signs would be helpful but Shropshire Highways are unlikely to fund them. The Clerk agreed to research the cost of installing these signs and will report back to the next meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, the acting Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting,

Monday 19th November 2018 at Hope Bowdler Village Hall

SIGNED Graham Watts

DATED: 19th November 2018

