

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD on 20th JUNE 2022, at 7.30pm at TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

081/22 - Present

Cllr. G. Watts - Chairman
Cllr. L. Gray
Cllr. P Jenkins
Cllr. S Jones
Cllr. C Pugh

Apologies received from: Cllr. T Madeley and Cllr. B Orme

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett and Unitary Cllr. Cecilia Motley and one member of the public.

082/22- 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 declaration of interest were made.

083/22 – Public question time

A parishioner asked why the campsite at Oaklands, Harton, was continuing to openly trade when no planning permission had been given for 55 camp sites and various ancillary accommodation buildings: he wanted to know what the parish council, Cllr. Motley and Shropshire Council planning department were doing about the matter.
The Chairman advised the matter would be discussed when Cllr. Motley gave her report.

084/22– Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting and May business meeting held on 16th May 2022

084/22/1 The Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General meeting held on 16th May 2022 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the AGM Minutes be approved by the members.
Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Vote: Unanimously members present voted to approve AGM Minutes of 16th May 2022, and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

084/22/2 The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 16th May 2022 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

Cllr. Gray **proposed** that the Annual Parish Minutes be approved by the members.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Vote: Unanimously members present voted to approve Annual Parish Minutes of 16th May 2022, and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

084/22/3 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2022 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

The Chairman **proposed** that the Minutes be approved by the members.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: Unanimously members present voted to approve the Parish Council Minutes of 16th May 2022, and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

085/22 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 16th May 2022

No matters were raised.

086/22 – Reports

Cllr. Motley reported she had received notifications about various planning matters: The application for an agricultural shed at Ragdon is scheduled for the planning committee, she believed, on 28th June 2022, she understands there is an issue about a concrete apron which has caused water to run down the road. The Clerk advised the parish council had received no notification from the planning department about this hearing.

Cllr. Motley noted that a planning application submitted by Eaton Manor had been withdrawn following a lot of complaints from people living in the area.

The Chairman outlined the current issues at the Oaklands site: one enforcement request submitted in early April had not been acknowledged and the other had been acknowledged on 12th April but no action has been taken. Cllr. Motley asked that the enforcement requests be sent to her so she could investigate the matter. The Clerk advised that a notice was now attached to the Oaklands sign post indicating it was Freedom Camping affiliated site. A perusal of the internet listings for the site did not suggest the site was open only to bona fide members of Freedom Camping.

Cllr. Motley reported on the current status of the parliamentary boundary reviews, which currently would see the Ludlow constituency extended to cover Acton Burnell, Cardington and Conover. Until the parliamentary boundaries have been redrawn by the Boundaries Commission the Community Governance Review of parish boundaries is in abeyance. In the meantime work continues on the new Local Plan, which has been delayed by three years. It is not clear whether SC's five-year housing development plan will survive this review. A second Public Transport Strategy is being submitted to government. There has been support for SC's proposed review of rates in Bands A – C.

087/22 – Planning matters

Application 22/02145/VAR submitted by Eaton Manor had been withdrawn. Cllr. Motley and the parish council had received a number of objections to the planning variations sought in the application, on the grounds of noise and increased traffic.

The parish council were aware that the excavation works by Mr G Hotchkiss on the land by New Hall are still active and a large area of the hillock had been removed. The Clerk was asked to contact the enforcement team for an up-date.

088/22 – Consideration of on-going Community Governance Review negotiations with Rushbury Parish Council and Acton Scott Parish Meeting re boundary changes/amalgamation

Cllr. Motley indicated she believes Church Stretton would be interested in amalgamating with Eaton & Hope Bowdler Parish.

The Chairman advised that Cllr. MacFarlane has stood down as Chairman of Rushbury Parish Council and Cllr. Colin Stevenson has taken over as temporary chairman. He has held discussions with Cllr. Stevenson on budgeting and other matters and both are agreed that an amalgamation of the parish councils is in the residents' interests. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr. Jenkins will work with Cllr. Stevenson on the production of a merger plan which could then be discussed by the two parish councils.

089/22 – Consideration of Correspondence and Communications

1. Street works notifications:
20th – 22nd July 2022 – closure of Henley Lane end of Acton Scott to Sandford Avenue. (Severn Trent water)
12th September – 13th September: closure of Chelmick Road junction to B4371 junction in Hope Bowdler. (Severn Trent Water)
2. FixMyStreet – Report from Clerk that the drain by the old railway bridge at Eaton continues to block every time it rains. 02.06.22 - notification from Fix My Street – “We are pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed”.

Response from Cllr. Madeley: “Last week the council cleared all the drains down the Eaton road, and made a very good job - all are running now. There is still the inherent problem that a few heavy storms will wash gravel down to block it again.”

3. Telephone conversation and email - Clerk/Mr Peter Carty concerning a volunteer group which includes the AONB, the National Trust and Shropshire Wildlife Trust, called The Stepping Stones Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project. They advocate a highways scheme which combines highway verge management and managed rewilding. The cut grass is sent to an anaerobic digester to invest in its energy value, then part of the verge is planted with wildflower species which repress the grass, reducing the cost of cutting verges and producing insect sustaining vegetation. He sends photos showing an example of a verge at Bow House, Bishops Castle after three years of work. He seeks parish council support/endorsement of this scheme.
4. Email from SALC asking if either Hope Bowdler or Ticklerton Village Halls have or intend to install EV car charging points. Both village hall representatives indicate there are no plans to install EV points. Clerk notified SALC accordingly.

5. Shropshire Council planning notifications.

22/01401/FUL – part conversion and extension to existing double garage to create ancillary accommodation at Hope Bowdler Hall, Hope Bowdler. Planning permission granted 23/05/22

22/019906/FUL – application for erection of detached garage/store and carport at Fernvale, Bull Lane, Hope Bowdler. Permission granted 17.06.22

22/01343/FUL – application for erection of detached garage/workshop building, insertion of glass lantern and roof mounted solar panels to existing extension of main house, plus work to windows. Planning permission granted 17.05.22

Responses: Item 3: It was agreed the parish council would offer support to the Stepping Stones Restoring Shropshire's verges restoration project.

090/22 – Highways and Environmental matters

The Clerk reported that on her way to the meeting she had found one carriageway of the lane from Harton leading to Eaton was blocked by a large part of a mature tree, which was still partially attached to the tree. She was asked to report to the obstruction urgently to Highways.

091/22 - Finance Report for June 2022

Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from May 2022 **£8,029.14**

Less: Payments to be made on 20th June 2022 from Precept Fund

• HSBS bank charges	£ 5.40		
• Clerk's net salary for June 2022	£166.60		
• HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's June 2022 salary	£ 41.60		
• Shropshire Council May 2021 Election costs	£200.00		
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in June 2022</u> <u>paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>			
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for June 2022 @ £20 per month	£20.00		
• Postage of AGAR documents to external auditor	£ 0.95		
• 1 pkt A4 copy paper	£ 3.50		
• Travelling expenses: 20.6.22 to Ticklerton Village Hall for parish council meeting			
Total Milage –32 @ 45p	<u>£14.40</u>		
	Total: <u>£38.85</u>	£ 38.85	
		£452.45	£ 452.45
			<u>£7,576.69</u>
		Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to July 2022	

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the cheques listed totalling £452.45 be authorised for payment.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

Vote: Councillors voted unanimously to approve the payments.

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

Balance of Environmental Grant b/fwd from May 2022 **£1,130.93**

Neighbourhood Fund.

£ 451.59

Total funds held by Parish Council following authorisation & presentation of the above cheques.

•	Precept Fund	£7,576.69
•	Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	£1,130.93
•	Neighbourhood Fund grant	<u>£ 451.59</u>
		<u>£9,159.21</u>

2. Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

The verification by councillors of Clerk's reconciliation between PC's cash book and HSBC bank statements 128 was performed by Cllr. Jenkins and duly approved.

092/22 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions for the Chairman were raised.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40pm

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 18th July 2022, 7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall.**

Graham Watts

SIGNED _____

18th July 2022

DATED _____