EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL

**M I N U T E S**

# OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

**MONDAY 21st MARCH 2016 at 7.30pm**

**025/16 Present & Apologies for absence**

**Present**

Cllr. T Madeley - Chairman for the meeting

Cllr. S Jones

Cllr. C Pugh

## Apologies for absence were received and accepted from

Cllr. B Orme

Cllr. G Watts

Cllr. M Young

Cllr. L Gray

### In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett

Unitary Cllr. C Motley

**026/16: Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting.**

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary 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.

**027/16 - Public Question Time**

No members of the public attended.

**028/16 - Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd February 2016**

The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd February 2016, having been previously circulated to all members and considered by them, were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

**029/16: Matters arising from the Minutes of the of 22nd February 2016 not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda**

135/15/1: Cllr. Pugh has driven by the culvert between New Hall and Harton and believes it had been repaired.

024/16: The Clerk confirmed instructions have been given to the Web Orchard in Shrewsbury to create a new dedicated website for the Parish Council. They have a lead in time of 4 - 6 weeks. In the meanwhile 2ShropNet is still operating.

**030/16 - Unitary Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Motley advised on proposed management changes and restructuring of the AONB. Due to the budget cuts it may lose management posts and is being moved to a Shropshire Council department. There is a meeting tomorrow about it and she will keep us informed.

Mr Greg Clarke, the government Minister for Communities and Local Government, has been persuaded by Mr Pate to come and visit Shropshire Council in May to discuss difficulties the council faces, especially in terms of adult and social care for the elderly.

Shropshire Council has increased the Council Tax, largely to fund the deficit in adult and social care for the elderly, but also because there are so many lower band houses in Shropshire the total revenue is lower than many other counties.

She is holding a second meeting of all parish council chairman in her division at which she will encourage councils to join forces in funding and providing services for the area. She cited the example three Corvedale parishes which are planning to jointly employ a highways and environmental officer. She also spoke about one council exploring the possibility of amalgamating with an adjoining parish, to reduce overheads. She suggested Eaton & Hope Bowdler might want to give consideration to amalgamating with either Acton Scott or Rushbury.

**031/16- Reports from Councillors**

No councillors had any reports.

**032/16 - Planning issues**

**032/16/1: 13/02789/FUL and 14/05289/FUL** - applications re Stone House Farm, Soudley.

Cllr. Motley reported she had now been through the two applications and had found there were some differences. The original application was for a new two storey residential annexe with conservatory, linked to the existing house, replacing an existing outbuilding. That application was rejected by the planners because it was a new building, it was not supported by an ecological survey and it did not meet CS6.

The second application was based on the conversion of the existing outbuilding and included an ecological survey, and so was acceptable to the planners.

**032/16/2 - 16/00602/REM** - application by Mr & Mrs P Egan concerning reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 14/02545/OUT for the erection of one dwelling and detached two storey 2-bay garage with external staircase and first floor office, to include landscaping, layout, scale and appearance.

The members compared the current application with the original - 14/02545/OUT - and were concerned to note the proposed house was significantly larger than that on the original application plan; it included a large two-storey garage with an office over, whereas no garage was mentioned in the original application; the design and materials did not blend with existing properties in the area. The north elevation of the house which contained the largest amount of fenestration, plus balconies, faced straight into the windows and gardens of Hope Bowdler Hall so was overbearing and destroyed the privacy of existing properties. The members considered a letter of objection from Mrs Lugg of Hope Bowdler Hall and a photograph she supplied showing the extent to which her property would be overlooked.

Cllr. Pugh **proposed** that the parish council should **object** to the application on the grounds that the size of the proposed house was overbearing and intrusive to other properties in the AONB; that the materials and design were inappropriate for the AONB area; that the fact the proposed house over-looked Hope Bowdler Hall made it over-bearing and oppressive in relation to existing properties in the area.

**Proposal seconded** by Cllr. Jones

The vote was **unanimously carried.** The Clerk was instructed to lodge a list of observations and the detailed objections to the planning department

**032/16/3 : - 16/00918/OUT** - Outline application by Mr J A Hough of Harton Farm, Harton, Shropshire SY6 7DL for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling to include means of access.

Members considered the plans and application. The proposed dwelling was on the edge of the village and affected no other properties. Cllr. Pugh **proposed** that the Parish Council support the application; **seconded** by Cllr. Jones and passed by a **unanimous vote.**

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**033/16 - Minor Highway & Environmental Matters**

033/16/1 - The members noted last month that the new bench had been installed in Gaerstones lay-by, adjacent to a large rock. Cllr. Pugh explained it had been affixed to an existing concrete platform, which necessitated it being close to the rock. It was agreed that the concrete platform will be increased in size, so the bench can be moved back from the rock. Cllr. Madeley offered a spare concrete slab which should be suitable and Cllr. Pugh agreed to organise the re-siting of the bench The plaque the Clerk had obtained will also be attached to the bench.

033/16/2 - Highways & Environmental Maintenance Officer. As Cllr. Orme was not present, it was not known whether he had found a candidate for the HMO position. The Clerk will contact him to find out.

033/16/3 - Members reported that there were serious potholes in the road around New Hall, Eaton and Walls Bank in Ticklerton. The Clerk will report them to the Highways Department. Cllr. Pugh asked the Clerk to get Mr Parry to contact him about some further JCB work needed in Eaton.

**034/16 - Correspondence and communications considered**

1. Notification dated 3.3.16 from Karen Burton that in future the Registration Office in Church Stretton will only be open between 2pm and 4pm on Tuesdays. Prior appointments have to be made - telephone 0345 678 9016.

 The appointments will from 1st April 2016 be held in the Sylvester Horne Institute.

2. 3.3.16 - Letter Clerk to Kinch Parry Ltd re outstanding JCB works around the parish.

3. 23.2.16 - email Clerk to Highways Department, Craven Arms, reporting blocked drain by Darby Lane, Eaton and asking for remedial action.

4. email notification concerning a consultation process involving three draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) on:-

 1. Draft Type and Affordability of Housing SPD

 2. Draft Natural Environment SPD

 3. Draft Historic Environment SPD

 The draft SPDs can be viewed on-line at: new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-supplementary-planning-documents-spd-consultation

 or they can be viewed at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury, or Ludlow Library, 7/9 Parkway, Ludlow or Bridgnorth Library, Listley Street, Bridgnorth- during normal working hours.

**035/16 - Finance reports for March 2016 and cheques authorised for payment**

035/16/1 - Finance Report

**Precept balance b/fwd. from 22nd February 2016 £2,871.03**

LESS: cheques authorised for payment on 21st March 2016

1. Clerk’s net salary for March 2016 £132.36

1. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk’s March 2016 salary £ 25.20

3. Hope Bowdler Village Hall - hall hire for meetings

 in 2015/2016 £ 70.00

4. Ticklerton Village Hall - hall hire for meetings

 in 2015/2-16 £ 62.50

5. Expenses incurred by the Clerk in March

 2016 in connection with Parish Council business:

* Contribution to Broadband/telephone and

 office overheads - March 2016 £10.00

* 6 x 2nd class stamps £ 3.24
* 2 x 1st class letters to Cllrs Pugh & Young £ 1.26
* Electricity for TVH meeting £ 3.00
* Travelling expenses claimed at 30p per mile:

 21.03.16 - To Ticklerton Village Hall for PC

meeting - 44 miles

Total: 44 miles @ 30p per mile £13.20

Total of Clerk's expenses March 2016 £30.70 £30.70 £320.76 £ 320.76 **Balance of Precept as at 21.03.16 £2,550.27**

**Ring Fenced Funds**

**1. Highways & Environmental Grant**

 Balance of Highways & Environmental Grant b/fwd from Feb 2016 £1,674.73

Less: Inv. 151646, 12.3.16 from Kinch Parry Ltd £ 156.00

 **Balance of Highways & Environmental Grant c/fwd** **£1,518.73**

**2. Transparency Code Grant** **£2,004.20**

**11.2 - HSBC Bank Statement numbers 53/54**

 presented to councillors for verification of cash book/bank statement reconciliation.

Cllr. S Jones verified the reconciliation.

**036/16 - Questions for the Chairman**

No questions were raised for the Chairman.

 There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

 **Date & Venue of next Meeting:**

Monday 18th April 2016, 7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall

 **MINUTES SIGNED BY:**

 **DATED**