

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

on MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020 at 7.30pm

001/20 - Present

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

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

Cllr. G. Watts

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, Unitary Cllr. C Motley and four members of the public.

002/20 - 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 of interest were made.

003/20 – Public question time

No questions were raised.

004/20 - Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2019

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2019 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

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

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: The members present voted unanimously to approve Minutes of 18th November 2019 and they were duly signed by the Acting Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

005/20 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2019 not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

No matters arising from the Minutes of 18th November 2019 were raised.

006/20 – Unitary Councillor’s Report

Unitary Cllr. Motley reported on the many matters delayed by the election. including the Fair Funding Review, namely the rebalancing of government funding as between rural and urban local authorities. RSN continues to be very active in promoting this issue. However, she was able to report that SC’s Cabinet has found extra funding to help protect local vulnerable children from getting involved in county lines drug running and criminal behaviour generally. Another delayed matter is the setting of budgets: SC currently has a £10m deficit in its social care budget.

Cllr. Motley reiterated her view that a review of the Corvedale parish boundaries may occur: she advised a meeting of Chairs and Clerks will be held at 7pm at Culmington Village Hall on the 25th February 2020 so the Corvedale parishes can have a plan ready ahead of the Boundary Commission getting involved. Chairs are asked to raise at the meeting their views on any anomalies they are aware of with the current parish boundaries and whether they see any scope for parishes amalgamating. The meeting can also be used to discuss local issues, including highways.

007/20 – Planning applications

7.1 - **19/05185/FUL** – full planning application for the erection of a detached double garage and workshop with storage room in the roof space, at Windyridge, Church Stretton, SY6 7EY
The applicants attended to assist the members. After consideration of the plans and a full discussion it was noted the applicant currently had nowhere else to store items or park vehicles, Cllr. Pugh **Proposed** that the Parish Council supports this application.

Cllr. Jones **seconded** the proposal

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

7.2 – **19/05336/FUL** full planning application for the erection of a porch to the side elevation of Pheasant Cottage, Birtley, Church Stretton, SY6 7DW.

The applicants attended to assist the members. Members noted that this was a very unobstrusive small extension and they had no objections to it.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the Parish Council supports to application.

Cllr. Pugh **seconded** the proposal.

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

008/20 – Minor Highway & Environmental matters

008/20/1. The EMO had not responded to the Clerk’s request for an estimate of the cost of the repairs needed to Hope Bowdler bus shelter before it is repainted. It was agreed the estimate for repainting the shelters in the total sum of £241 should be accepted, but the EMO will be urged to cut back hedging behind the Hope Bowdler shelter and repair the broken boards before commencing the work Likewise, no estimate had been received for repairing the broken fence at the war memorial in Ticklerton. Cllr. Pugh reported he has seen the EMO at the war memorial and discussed with him the best way to effect the repairs. As the insurance excess is £250 it was agreed it was not worth involving the parish council’s insurers. Cllrs. Pugh and Madeley agreed to assist the EMO if he needed additional help: the Clerk will pass this on to him.

008/20/2 – Potholes and flooding.

There has been no response to the parish council’s request for flood alleviation works on Darby Lane, by Whitefield Farm caused by a blocked culvert, nor had the very deep pot

hole adjacent to the pedestrian gate by Ticklerton Village Hall been repaired: 3 cars have been damaged by it. The re-surfacing of the lane below the old railway bridge down to Eaton Manor has not been resurfaced and the white lines applied around pot holes in readiness for the work to commence have faded into oblivion. Still no steps have been taken by Highways to fix the perennial flooding by the old railway bridge: the Clerk has been pursuing this matter for years. Cllr. Motley recommended the Clerk contact Mr John Bellis at Highways about the flooding issue.

009/20 – Consideration of Correspondence and Communications

The councillors considered the following items and discussed any necessary responses:

1. 20.11.19 – notification from Planning Officers re application no. 19/03983/FUL – conversion and extension of domestic garage to form a separate dwelling house at Hysbatch, Ticklerton.
Planning permission refused.
2. Email Clerk to Lois Dale re possibility of the parish council purchasing the red telephone kiosk at Soudley as we understand it is to be decommissioned and removed.
16.02.20 – email from Lois Dale explaining the procedure to be followed.
3. 17.01.20 – email from Shropshire Hills AONB inviting the parish councillors to a community networking event focussed on the Environment and Climate Emergency, at the Craven Arms Community Centre – 7 – 9pm on Thursday 27th February 2020.
4. Emails and photographs from Cllr. Jones to Clerk reporting on damage to the fence surrounding the War Memorial in Ticklerton caused on Friday 11th January 2020 by a hit and run driver. Emails Clerk to EMO asking him to visit the site, assess the damage and provide an estimate for its repair: estimate awaited as at 20.01.20.
Excess on Parish Council’s insurance is £250.

Responses

Item 2. Councillors discussed whether or not the parish council should adopt or purchase the BT red kiosk at Soudley. The Clerk had visited the kiosk prior to this meeting and reported the door was stuck fast, the kiosk was fragile and in a very poor state of repair and had a broken pane of glass on the door. The members discussed the matter and agreed unanimously that the parish council does not have the resources to repair and thereafter maintain the kiosk. The Clerk will notify SC that the parish council will not seek to adopt the kiosk.

010/20 – Finance Report for December 2019 and January 2020

1. Precept Fund: balance b/fwd from 18.11.19	£4,052.71
Less: Cheques to be authorised for payment on 20.01.20	
1. Clerk’s net salary for December 2019 & January 2020	£298.86
2. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk’s Dec.2019/Jan. 2020 salary	£ 74.60
3. Hope Bowdler Village Hall hire charges 2019/2020	£ 40.00

4. Ticklerton Village Hall hire charges 2019/2020	£ 72.00		
5. <u>Administrative expenses paid by Clerk in Dec.2019 & Jan. 2020 on behalf of parish council and reclaimed by her</u>			
• Contribution towards telephone/Broadband provision for Dec.2019/Jan 2020 @ £20 p.m.	£40.00		
• 1 x ream of A4 copy paper	£ 2.95		
• £4 electricity for heating Hope Bowdler Village Hall 218.11.19 & £3 for Ticklerton Village Hall on 20.01.20	£ 7.00		
• Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile 20.01.20 – to Ticklerton Village Hall for Parish council meeting – 34 miles			
Total mileage: 34 miles @ 45p	<u>£15.30</u>		
Total of Clerk's Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020 expenses	<u>£65.25</u>	£ 65.25	
		<u>£550.71</u>	£ 550.71
Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to January 2020			<u>£3,502.00</u>

Cllr. Pugh **Proposed** that the cheques listed above be authorised for payment
Proposal seconded by Cllr. Madeley
Vote on proposal: Unanimously supported by the members.

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

• <u>Environmental Grant:</u> balance b/fwd from Nov. 2019	<u>£790.93</u>
2. <u>Transparency Code grant:</u> - balance b/fwd from Nov. 2019.	<u>£564.17</u>
3. <u>Neighbourhood Fund grant/CIL</u> received 26.04.19	<u>£3,145.35</u>

3. **Total funds held by parish council following presentation of the above cheques:**

• Precept Fund	£3,502.00
• Environmental Grant Fund	£ 790.93
• Transparency Code grant	£ 564.17
• Neighbourhood Fund	<u>£3,145.35</u>
	<u>£8,002.45</u>

4. **Bank Statement/Cash Book Reconciliation**

HSBC Bank Statements numbered 098 and 099 were presented to members to verify the Clerk's reconciliation between the bank statements and the parish council's Cash Book: the reconciliation was duly verified by Cllr. Jones.

011/20 - Setting of the Precept Budget for the financial year 2020 – 2021.

The Clerk had prepared and circulated to members a further draft Precept Budget for the financial year 2020 – 2021 following their initial deliberations about the draft budget in November.

It was noted that the Precept sum budgeted for 2019/2020 - £4,686 - has not been exceeded and adequate reserves will be carried forward. It had been agreed that no application will be made to Shropshire Council for an environmental maintenance grant in 2020/2021: £790.93 remains in EMO funds and it was agreed this is adequate for 2020/2021. Maintenance work is needed on the two bus shelters and the fence around the Ticklerton War Memorial. After discussion a figure of £850 was agreed for asset maintenance.

The Acting Chairman noted that the draft budget did not include a pay-rise for the Clerk and he **proposed** an increase in the Clerk's 2020/2021 salary of £67.20 with effect from 01.04.20. This will bring the Clerk's salary to £2,307.88 p.a.

The Proposal was **seconded** by Cllr. Madeley

Vote: members voted unanimously in support of the proposal.

After further discussion the Acting Chairman **proposed** that the parish council requests a Precept of **£5,252.00** for the financial year 2020/2021.

Cllr. Madeley **seconded** the proposal

Vote: members voted unanimously in support of the proposal.

The Chairman and the Clerk duly signed the Precept Requirement form.

The 2019/2020 Precept of £4,686 cost Band D ratepayers £25.35. The 2020/2021 Precept will cost £28.33, an increase of £2.98, largely occasioned by the need to repair and maintain parish council assets. A copy of the Precept Budget is annexed to these Minutes.

012/20 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised.

There being no further business to conduct, the Acting Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 17th February 2020 at Hope Bowdler Village Hall – 7.30pm

SIGNED Graham Watts

DATED: 24th February 2020