

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD on MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2023
7.30pm at TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

013/23 - Present

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

Apologies received and accepted from:

Cllr. Bruce Orme, Cllr. T Madeley and Unitary Cllr. C Motley

In Attendance

The Clerk and three members of the public.

114/23 - 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.

115/23 – Public question time

No matters were raised.

116/23 – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2023 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the Minutes of 16th January 2023 be approved by the members. Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Vote: Unanimously members present voted to approve the Minutes of 16th January 2023 and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

117/23 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 16th January 2023

122/22: Cllr. Motley had not so far contacted the parishioner mentioned: the Clerk had provided her with the necessary contact details by email and gave Cllr. Motley a written note of the relevant contact details at this meeting. The Chairman will speak to the resident concerned.

124/22: The Clerk has sent a letter to Mr Francis Acton, as agreed.

009/23: The Clerk confirmed she had reported the pot hole at Harton to Highways.

018/23 – There was no Report from Unitary Cllr. Motley as she was unable to attend the meeting.

019/23 – Planning applications considered

23/00293/FUL – application for the erection of a two-storey side extension and associated alterations following some demolition work at 12 Mount View, Hope Bowdler, SY6 7DB.

The applicants attended the meeting to assist councillors and to provide copies of their plans. They explained the need for the extension was to accommodate their expanding family: they had considered a loft conversion but it was not viable due to new building regulations. No neighbours had raised any objections to their plans. They confirmed they will use their best endeavours to match the new extension to the existing house. The extension will add 3.7 metres to the size of the house.

Councillors considered the plans and the applicants' responses to their questions.

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that the parish council supports the application and raises no objections to it.

Cllr. Jones **seconded** the proposal.

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

23/00297/FUL – application for the proposed sub-division of existing dwelling into two dwellings, including associated internal and external alterations and parking provision, at Hope Bowdler Court, Hope Bowdler SY6 7DD

Councillors carefully considered and discussed facets of this application which concerned them, namely: the increased risk of flooding in a flood-prone area which could result from additional building or hardstanding for vehicles; the undesirability of increased traffic entering/exiting the B4371 in an accident prone dangerous stretch of the road in the middle of the village, where there is no pavement for pedestrian's safety. It was felt likely that the sub-divided part of the property would probably be used as an Airbnb type operation, as per the adjacent property, which could increase the traffic beyond ordinary domestic use. Councillors further considered the fact that Hope Bowdler is designated open countryside and thus only affordable or exception site development is permitted – this property is stated to be open market, and thus brings no benefit to the community in terms of affordable housing. There is no tradition of flats in Hope Bowdler.

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that the parish council objects to this planning application on the basis of the matters discussed.

Cllr. Jones **seconded** the proposal.

Vote: Members voted unanimously to object to this application.

23/00377/FUL – part retrospective planning application for the erection of a Vending Hut and erection of composting toilet building and shelter, to include change of use of land, at Gaerstone Farm, Hope Bowdler, SY6 7ES

Councillors discussed this application and concluded that the vending hut and additional facilities provided a useful service for local walkers and tourists and was an excellent example of farm diversification.

The Chairman **proposed** that the parish council supports this application and raises no objections to it.

Cllr. Jones **seconded** the proposal.

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support this application.

020/23 – Consideration of Correspondence and Communications

Correspondence/communications received in February 2023 to be considered at meeting on 20th February 2023

1. Notification from Planning Department re 22/01331/FUL – application for the erection of an agricultural implement storage building with hardstanding apron at The Bungalow, Ragdon, SY6 7EZ.
Planning permission refused. (Detailed reasons given)
2. Email from John Green, Chief Executive of Shropshire Rural Housing Association Ltd, seeking to recruit new members to its Board and Committees. Tel 01743 874848 for an information pack.
3. Letter, 30.01.23 Eaton Under Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council to Mr Francis Acton re boundary review and unauthorised development at in Hatton Wood.
4. Email Richard Inman, Rural Services Network, seeking assistance with a joint Citizens Advice Bureau/RSN rural cost of Living Household Survey, to help them reach people with no internet access. Posters provided with a request that the parish council displays them. Survey finishes 31.03.23
5. Notification Clerk to Highways re large pot hole in dip by railway bridge in Harton and confirmation notification has been logged for action.
6. Email Mr Bernard Quinn, Strategic Assets Manager, Connexus housing association advising that the housing association proposes selling No. 4 Mount View, Hope Bowdler via an estate agent, on the open market. He states they have taken the decision to sell this social housing as it “is not viable to carry out the works required to bring it up to a lettable standard” and the income from the sale will be put towards developing energy efficient housing for its customers. Contact details for comments: Bernard.Quinn@connexus-group.co.uk,
7. Email Rose Aston (rose.aston@bbc.co.uk) advising that BBC Radio Shropshire is again going to run a Make A Difference Awards. Nominations are open for awards in the following categories: Volunteer, Carer, Great Neighbour, Fundraiser, Community Group, Bravery Award, Green Award and The Together Award. Contact www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference for details. Nominations close 5th March 2023
8. Forthcoming road closure notifications: 2nd March 2023 to 28th December 2023, various roads in Church Stretton will be closed every Thursday to facilitate the weekly market.

9. West Mercia Police Charter to be completed and returned.

The categories to be included in the Police Charter were discussed and agreed.

021/23 – Highways and Environmental matters

Cllr. Jenkins advised that once again one of the windows in the Hope Bowdler Bus Shelter had been removed. The Clerk will contact Mr Ray Hall and ask him to fix it.

022/23 - Finance Report for February 2023

Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from January 2023 **£5,605.31**

Less: Payments to be made on 20th February 2023 from Precept Fund

• HSBS bank charges to February 2023	£	5.80	
• Clerk's net salary for February 2023		£166.60	
• HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's February 2023 salary		£ 41.60	
• Data Protection Registration Fee 2023/4		£ 40.00	
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in February 2023</u> <u>paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>			
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for February 2023 @ £20 p.m.		£20.00	
• Ink Cartridges		£23.98	
• Note book & Minute taking book		£ 2.00	
• 20.02.23 – heating for Ticklerton village hall		£ 3.00	
• Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile			
20.02.23 Ticklerton Village Hall – 31 miles		<u>£13.95</u>	
		Total of admin. expenses	
		£62.93	
			£ 62.93
			<u>£316.93</u>
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		Balance of Precept fund c/fwd to March 2023	<u>£5,288.38</u>

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that cheques/direct debits totalling £316.93 be approved for payment.

Cllr. Pugh **seconded** the proposal.

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

Environmental/Maintenance Fund balance b/fwd from January 2023 **£1,036.83**

Neighbourhood Fund – balance b/fwd from January 2023 **£451.59**

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

• Precept Fund	£5,288.38
• Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	£1,036.83
• Neighbourhood Fund grant	<u>£ 451.59</u>
	<u>£6,776.80</u>

Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

The Clerk's reconciliation between the Cash Book and Bank Statement 136 for February 2023 was verified by Cllr. Jenkins.

023/23 - Resolution to appoint Mrs Jennie Griffiths as internal auditor to the parish council

As Mrs Susan Hackett, long time auditor of the parish council's accounts, has moved to Norfolk, an alternative auditor has been found, Mrs Jennie Griffiths of Leebotwood, Church Stretton.

The Chairman **proposed** that Mrs Griffiths be appointed with immediate effect to act as auditor to the parish council.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

024/23 - Questions for the Chairman

The Chairman has been contacted and advised that the members of Rushbury Parish Council are proposing to revise their Parish Plan. As it has been agreed that Rushbury and Eaton & Hope Bowdler Parish Council should in due course amalgamate, Rushbury has enquired whether this parish council wants to join in with a joint revised parish plan.

The Clerk reminded the council that a lot of the work on our April 2013 parish plan had been done by Lisa Bedford, who is no longer with Shropshire Council. Also, that a grant of £750 had been available for the April 2013 plan. As she understands it, no grants are available for revisions at present. The £750 had barely covered the cost of the very modest April 2013 Plan. It was agreed that this issue be an agenda item for the March meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 20th March 2023, 7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall.

SIGNED Graham Watts

20th March 2023

DATED _____