

MINUTES

**of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th April 2024 at
7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall**

038/24 - Present

Cllr. G Watts – Chairman

Cllr. P Jenkins

Cllr. L Gray

Cllr. C Pugh

Cllr. T Madeley

Apologies received and accepted from

Cllr. Steve Jones

In Attendance

The Clerk and one member of the public.

039/24 - 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.

040/24 – Public question time

No matters were raised.

041/24 – Approval of the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 18th March 2024

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 18th March 2024 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

The Chairman **proposed** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18th March 2024 be approved by the councillors.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

Vote: Councillors voted to approve the Minutes.

042/24 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 18th March 2024

032/23/2: The Clerk confirmed that she had responded to the Shropshire Council consultation questionnaire about their proposed new Leisure Centre in Shrewsbury. In line with Councillors' instructions, she had objected to the whole scheme, challenging it being prioritized at a time when, inter alia, the housing list has been closed, other leisure centres and libraries around the county are threatened with closure, and the Craven Arms re-cycling centre is under threat of closure.

An 18 page long consultation survey is now available for people to respond to about the proposed closure of the Craven Arms Recycling Centre. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the survey on behalf of the Parish Council, objecting to the proposal in the strongest terms.

034/24: Mr Julian Beeston of the SC Enforcement Team confirmed he is investigating whether the new static caravan delivered to the Oaklands Leisure & Camping site requires planning permission, and will report back to the parish council in due course.

043/24 – Reports **Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported that the informal get-together he had arranged on 8th April at Hope Bowdler Village Hall had been successful and informative. It had enabled Rushbury Parish councillors and Eaton & Hope Bowdler Parish councillors to meet each other and to discuss issues in common to establish a closer relationship in finding solutions between the two parish councils. It is hoped that the two parish councils will achieve a merger in 2025.

No report was received from Shropshire Councillor Motley.

044/24 – Planning application – sent to the Parish Council for information only.

24/01023/AGR – this was an application made to Shropshire Council under General Development Order provisions for the erection of a machinery shed at Chelmick Farm. SC had refused to grant permission on several grounds.

It is anticipated that a full planning application will be submitted in due course which the parish council will consider.

045/24 - Correspondence/Communications considered at the meeting

Councillors considered the following items:-

1. **Road closure notifications:**

1st – 6th May 2024 – centre of Ludlow closed for May Fair, includes High Street, Castle Street, Castle Square, Mill Lane and Dinham.

29th April – 6th May 2024 – B4365, Culmington to Stanton Lacy, 9.30am to 4pm daily.

2. Parish Council’s response to Notification from Shropshire Council of a proposed Public Consultation relating to its developing plan for a major new swimming, fitness and leisure facility to be developed at the Shrewsbury Sports Village on Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury was sent on 21.03.24, objecting to the proposal, but there was no facility for printing the response.

When commencing the response, the Clerk noted that the Liberal Democrat Group of Shropshire Council had called in the decision made by SC’s Cabinet of 17th January 2024 relating to the proposed development on the grounds that the decision taken by Cabinet was flawed.

The public have until **8th May 2024** to comment on the proposal. Links are:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/sportsvillagetransformation

<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2024/03/proposed-28m-swimming-pools-enhanced-leisure-facilities-shrewsbury/>

3. Second Notification to Fix My Street of the dangerous road erosion in Ticklerton adjacent to the brook opposite Lower House Farm.

4. Notification from SC advising that it is currently focusing on the review of parish boundaries in five areas within Shropshire. Rushbury Parish and Eaton Under Heywood

& Hope Bowdler Parish are not included in this round of reviews in the Community Governance Review of boundaries.

5. Invitation to enter the 2024 Best Kept Village & Community Competition. For details contact bkvc@shropshire.foundation or call 017843 295900
6. Notification that planning permission was granted for 24/00831/FUL – for erection of a rear porch and workshop/store modifications at Hill View Barn, Ticklerton on 28th March 2024

046/24 – Highways and Environmental matters

Cllr. Madeley reported that yet again the drain underneath the Eaton/Ticklerton road by the old railway bridge is blocked, causing localised flooding. The Clerk will report the matter.

047/24 - Finance Report for April 2024

1. Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from March 2024 **£4,171.59**

LESS; Payments to be made on 15th April 2024 from Precept Fund

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| • HSBC bank charges | £ 7.80 | | |
| • Clerk’s net salary for April 2024 | £190.59 | | |
| • HMRC - PAYE on Clerk’s April 2024 salary | £ 47.40 | | |
| • DM Payroll Services Limited – payroll admin. | £120.00 | | |
| • <u>Admin expenses incurred in April 2024 paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u> | | | |
| • Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for April 2024 @ £20 p.m. | £20.00 | | |
| • Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile 15.04.24 to Hope Bowdler Village Hall | | | |
| Total: 32 miles | £14.40 | | |
| Total of April 2024 admin. expenses | <u>£34.30</u> | £ 34.40 | |
| - | | £400.19 | <u>£ 400.19</u> |
| Balance of Precept fund c/fwd to May 2024 | | | <u>£3,771.40</u> |

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

Environmental/Maintenance Fund balance b/fwd from March 2024 **£1,161.78**

Neighbourhood Fund – balance b/fwd from March 2024 **£ 451.59**

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

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| Precept Fund | £3,771.40 |
| Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund | £1,161.78 |
| Neighbourhood Fund grant | £ 451.59 |
| | <u>£5,384.77</u> |

Cllr. Madeley **proposed** that the payments totalling £400.19 be approved.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Pugh

Vote: Councillors voted unanimously in support of the proposal.

2. Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

The Clerk’s reconciliation between the Cash Book and HSBC Bank Statement was checked and verified by Councillor Jenkins.

048/24 – to consider and/or approve the following 2023 – 2024 Audit matters

048/24/1 – to approve the 2023 – 2024 Schedule of all Receipts and Payments prepared by the Clerk

and

048/24/2 - to approve the end of year Cash Book and Bank Statement reconciliation prepared by the Clerk.

Councillors considered the two documents

The Chairman **proposed** that both documents be approved

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Note: Councillors voted unanimously in support of the proposal and the documents will now form part of the annual audit process.

048/24 – Any Other Business (for dissemination of information only)

Councillors were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting, as well as the usual business meeting, at which a Chairman for 2024 – 2025 will be appointed, will take place on Monday 20th May 2024, 7.30pm at Hope Bowlder Village Hall. All councillors are asked to attend.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meetings.

The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th May 2024, 7.30pm at Hope Bowlder Village Hall.

SIGNED

DATED
