

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Cllr. Graham Watts

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD on 20th SEPTEMBER 2021, at 7.30pm at
TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

093/21 - Present

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman
Cllr. P Jenkins
Cllr. T Madeley
Cllr. L Gray
Cllr. C Pugh
Cllr. S Jones
Cllr. B Orme

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Russett, Unitary Cllr. C Motley and one member of the public.

094/21 - 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.

Cllr. Madeley made a declaration of interest in relation to planning application 21/03540/FUL and took no part in it's consideration.

095/21 – Public question time

No matters were raised.

096/21– Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2021

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th July 2021 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes of the meeting.

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

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

Vote: The members present voted by a majority to approve the Minutes of the meeting on 19th July 2021 and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

097/21 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 19th July 2021

079/21 - Cllr. Pugh indicated that the very large pot hole 400 yards beyond Tickleton on the Wall road has still not be filled. The Clerk will chase the matter for a third time.

092/21 Members debated whether the parish council should be considering provision of SmartWater kits or a second Speed Indicator Device via the Precept next year. The Clerk will investigate the cost of SmartWater kits and whether grants are still available from the PCC, plus applying for a grant for the SID from the PCC.

098/21 – Reports

098/21/1 The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Planning Committee hearing on 7th September 2021 relating to 20/03751/FUL, the proposed agricultural shed at Ragdon. The Committee had voted to refuse the application, largely on the basis of its overbearing nature in the rural setting.

098/21/2: The Clerk reported that HSBC, despite having conducted the required telephone interview with her in July, had written to say the parish council had not co-operated and thus our bank account will be closed with effect from 10th November 2021. She has written back in vehement terms denying any failure to co-operate.

098/21/3: Cllr. Motley reported that there is much activity centred on the various boundary reviews. The Parliamentary Boundary Review is still to be decided but will probably involve an expansion of the Ludlow constituency northwards towards Shrewsbury, taking in the Burnell and Severn Valley divisions which currently sit within the Shrewsbury constituency.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is calling for a review of the 74 divisions that make up the unitary council. At present we have no criteria from the Boundaries Commission with regard to any potential reductions in - or additions to - Shropshire Council divisions.

This Commission is completely separate from the more localised Town and Parish Boundaries Review which has already set up a cross-party working group and will invite comments from parishes and towns about the possible reorganisation of some parish/town boundaries.

Cllr. Motley also reported on the on-going budget meetings at SC, as the council continues to operate with a large deficit: indications are still awaited from the government as to the level of financial assistance which can be expected.

A group seeking the listing of Shirehall as an important and remarkable building has failed. Alternative premises for SC continue to be explored.

099/21 – Planning matters

099/21/1: 21/03540/FUL – application for the erection of a general purpose arable farm building comprising of a grain store, machinery store, workshop, chemical store, toilets with shower facility, training and meeting room, farm office and stores at Rye Moors Farm, Ticklerton.

Cllr. Madeley left the room whilst this application was considered.

There were no public objections on the planning portal but one councillor had been approached by a local resident concerned at the size and height of the proposed building. Councillors debated the application at some length. Cllrs Pugh and Orme explained that such a multi – purpose building is necessary for modern farming businesses. Other members were concerned at the size of the building.

Cllr. Orme **proposed** that the parish council supports this application as it is fit for the purpose of a modern farming enterprise.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Pugh

Vote: Three members voted in support of the proposal, three abstained and thus did not vote. Proposal carried by a majority of members voting.

099/21/2: 03832/FUL – application for the erection of an annexe following demolition of existing stable/shed, to include change of use to domestic curtilage at Hazler Farm, Bull Lane, Hope Bowdler

Members considered the plans and purpose of this application. It was noted there were no public objections to it.

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

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Madeley

Vote: Members voted unanimously in support of the proposal.

099/21/3: 19/02197/FUL, Oaklands Leisure & Camping Ground at Harton.

It was noted that the applicant's appeal has been rejected by the Planning Inspector. An analysis of the permitted planning at the site suggests only 15/04136/FUL is valid, namely for "the erection of 5 camping/glamping pods and timber constructed toilet/shower block, car park formation of vehicular and pedestrian access and installation of a sewage treatment plant". The subsequent applications for 50 tent pitches, further glamping pods, additional shower and toilet blocks were refused. However, whilst awaiting the outcome of the planning applications, it appears the applicant built/developed all these facilities, and then added cabins/huts, a reception and bike hire facilities for which no further planning applications were submitted.

The applicant continues to operate the site and campers throw rubbish including used nappies, broken glass and beer cans onto the neighbouring fields, causing a nuisance to the landowners and a danger to livestock.

It was agreed that the parish council will strongly request the Enforcement Officers at Shropshire Council to implement enforcement proceedings expeditiously in order to restore the site to its legal limits.

100/21 – Consideration of Correspondence and Communications received in August & September 2021

1. Document from Mr Chris Borg, Policy Manager at NALC concerning its lengthy negotiations with UK Finance, representing UK High Street banks concerned the poor service currently being offered to parish councils and the problems this is causing. The document did not raise the many issues caused by HSBC's Safeguarding Reviews and the unilateral closing of parish council bank accounts. Clerk contacted Mr Borg, who recommended that in the event of difficulties to contact SALC and/or Shropshire Council for assistance. Advised him we had tried this route and got not one iota of help from either. No further word from Mr Borg.
2. Emails between Cllr. Madeley and Clerk concerning repairs to be carried out to stiles etc on footpath between TVH and Saplings Farm by SC's footpaths team.
3. Notification that SC's Highways Depot in Bridgnorth is to be closed and its work transferred to Craven Arms.
4. Notification from Connecting Shropshire with information about Project Gigabit, an open market review on Broadband coverage in Shropshire and a Public Review to be conducted by BDUK re Broadband provision.

5. Notification of road closure between 4th and 8th October on the B4371 (Much Wenlock road) at Longville Farm junction.
6. Bundle of emails between Clerk and Highways Dept. re serious pot hole in lane between Ticklerton Village Hall and entrance to Saplings Farm. Advised that work will be carried out “within an appropriate time scale”.
7. Bundle of emails between Julian Beeston and the Clerk concerning enforcement action at Oaklands. (This predates the result of the appeal).
8. Letter 26.8.21 Clerk to Mr Tim Ward asking for details of the planning committee meeting dealing with Ragdon application and his response.
9. Minutes of the SALC South Shropshire Area Committee meeting on 8th September 2021. Next meeting is via Zoom on 19th November 2021 at 6pm.
10. Bundle of emails between Clerk, Mrs S Pinsent of Soudley and copies of her emails to Highways Dept. She asks that the parish council and Cllr. Motley assist with the problem of the blocked drain adjacent to her property.
11. Notification from Planning Department concerning application 20/03751/FUL (erection of an agricultural implements storage building in Ragdon). Planning permission was refused by the SC Planning Committee.
12. Letters from HSBC, one advising of changes to the terms to our banking arrangements and the other advising our account is to be closed on 10th November 2021. Long response sent to HSBC by the Clerk, No response from HSBC to date.

Responses: Item 10. The Clerk advised the council that Mrs Pinsent has just reported that the drain has been cleared to her satisfaction.

101/21 – Highways and Environmental matters

Cllr. Pugh advised that a bridge in the small lane beside Soudley Cottage, leading to The Hollies and Mount Flirt, has been damaged. The metal pole is not attached to the bridge’s concrete supports and is set at a dangerous angle. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways and report the matter.

Cllr. Madeley reported that the flooding issues by the railway bridge in Eaton continues to flood.

102/21– Financial Matters

102/21/1 – Finance Report for August & September 2021

1. Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from July 2021 £5,065.45

Less: Payments to be made on 20th September 2021 from Precept Fund

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| • Clerk’s net salary for August 2021 | £159.86 |
| • HMRC. PAYE on Clerk’s August Salary | £ 40.00 |
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- Admin expenses incurred in August/September 2021, paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.
- Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for Aug/Sept 2021 @ £20 per month £40.00
- Postage & certificate of posting re HSBC x 2 £ 5.25
- Ink cartridges for printer (Badger Inks) £12.98
- Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile
02.09.21 – to Hope Bowdler to check on
Installation of SID & monitor its effectiveness,
plus check on EMO's work to date– 34 miles
20.09.21 – to Ticklerton Village Hall for
Parish Council Meeting – 32 miles:
Total mileage @ 45p – 66 miles £29.70

	£87.93	<u>£ 87.93</u>	
		<u>£487.65</u>	<u>£ 487.65</u>
Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to October 2021			<u>£4,577.80</u>

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

<u>Balance of Environmental Grant b/fwd from July 2021</u>	£895.93	
Less: Invoice from Mr James Bent for work to 10.09.21	<u>£765.00</u>	
	£130.93	£ 130.93
<u>Transparency Code Grant- balance b/fwd from July 2021</u>		£ 43.17

The Chairman **Proposed** that the cheques listed in the finance report should be approved for payment.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Orme

Vote: members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

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

Precept Fund	£4,577.80
Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	£ 130.93
Transparency Code Grant	<u>£ 43.17</u>
	Total <u>£4,751.90</u>

102/21/2 - Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

HSBC Bank Statements numbered 117, 118 and 119, were presented to members to verify the Clerk's reconciliation between the parish council's cash book and the bank statements. (NB – no statement had been available for verification at the meeting in July 2021) Cllr. Jenkins checked and verified the reconciliation.

102/21/3: HSBC bank.

In view of the ongoing difficulties with HSBC, the Chairman **proposed** that the parish council should move its account to the NatWest Bank.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Vote: Members voted unanimously in favour to seeking banking facilities with NatWest Bank plc.

103/21 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00pm

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 18th October 2021, 7.3 0pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall.**

SIGNED Graham Watts

DATED: 18th October 2021