

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL, RUSHBURY**

**3102. WELCOME**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson welcomed everyone to the meeting of Council.

**3103 PRESENT**

Councillors Dr C Stevenson - Chairman, A Dixon, T Flashman, M Lowndes, R Madeley, A Richards, E Riley and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

Clerk C Maclean

Members of Public: 0

**3104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and noted from Councillors P Bodimeade and Ms A Henderson.

**3105. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**3106. PUBLIC SESSION**

No issues raised.

**3107. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Councillor E Riley proposed, Councillor A Richards seconded that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 September 2023 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.**

**3108. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised that he had no updates or matters to raise Councillors.

**3109. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised that relevant topics were to be discussed later in the meeting.

**3110. PLANNING**

**Planning Application received for:**

3110a. 23/04087/FUL (validated 02/10/2023): 3 Roman Bank, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7ED.

Proposal: Ground level PV array.

**Decision: Support.**

3110b. 23/04224/FUL: Blockley, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7DU.

Proposal: Erection of single story rear extension and conversion of garage into self-contained annex accommodation ancillary to dwelling.

**Decision: Support.**

3110c. 23/04184/TCA: The Eaves, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB.

Proposal: Re-pollard by 4m to previous pruning points 1no Willow (T1) & establish pollard at 4m of 1no Willow (T2) within Rushbury Conservation Area

**Decision: Support. Councillors noted the decision from Shropshire Council to approve the application.**

3110d. 23/04362/FUL: The Old Parlour, Lushcott, Easthope, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6EE.

Proposal: Alterations and extensions to dwelling (revised scheme).

**Decision: Support**

3110e. **Planning Decisions**

Reference: 23/00326/FUL (validated: 31/01/2023): Stone Acton Farm, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7HL

Proposal: Extension to existing farmhouse including single storey side extension and reinstatement of first floor and conversion of rear loft space.

**Decision: Grant Permission**

3111. **ROAD SAFETY WITHIN PARISH**

Councillors noted the report compiled by the Clerk following his meeting with Mr Nick Newton of Shropshire Council Highways.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the meeting incorporated a tour of the parish extending from (i) Hope Bowdler to observe the operation of their speed indicator device, (ii) through Wall Under Heywood; (iii) through Rushbury past school up to Roman Bank and top of hill; and (iv) through Longville to top of Wenlock Edge.

The Clerk advised Councillors that there appeared to be insufficient range for a speed indicator device at Wall Under Heywood. This was due to the proposed location being on a bend.

Mr Newton noted with the Clerk the unrestricted speed through Rushbury and especially the school. It was understood a review of schools and speeds in their area was ongoing and it was suggested that enquiries be made with the ward Councillor to identify whether Rushbury was included.

Mr Newton had recommended a discussion with Ms Vicky Tuner in relation to the Place Plan and this was being arranged.

3112. **PARISH PLAN AND SURVEY**

Councillors noted that responses were being received on the survey. 24 forms were extracted from the post box at the Village Hall and 34 responses had been received online. Councillor A Dixon offered to assist Councillor M Lowndes in the compilation of the findings.

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley joined the meeting at 8:18pm.

3113. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised Councillors of the following:

3113a. **Community Governance Review:** Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised that she is chairing the Shropshire Council panel that oversees the governance review.

Councillors considered the current position between the Councils of Rushbury and Eaton Under Heywood and Hope Bowdler and the merger proposal. The process relating to

communications with parishioners was also considered. Councillors considered the merits of a further meeting of Councillors between the two councils. Councillors noted the priorities on Shropshire Council to review polling station requirements following conclusion of the Local Government Boundary Review.

Councillors A Richards gave his apologies and left the meeting at 8:34pm due to another commitment.

**3114. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW**

Councillors noted the Commission's decision to relocate Cardington into the Corvedale ward. Councillors considered the merits and timing for reaching out to Cardington around the time of the relocation.

Councillors expressed appreciation to Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley who gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8:58pm.

**3115. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Councillors noted the previous discussions and proposed actions.

**3116. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised Councillors that he had assessed the offerings between Parish Online and Hugo Fox and their respective costs.

**It was agreed that the Council remain with Hugo Fox.**

**3117. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**3117a. Current Finances and Invoices for Payment:** Councillors noted the funds currently being held in the bank accounts.

**3117b.** Councillors noted the following payments requiring to be made

Tivoli Group Ltd Invoice for September 2023 at £168.19

Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd for September 2023 at £7.20

Hugo Fox for annual website subscription at £122.28

Rushbury Village Hall for room hire at £16.50

**Councillor A Dixon proposed, Councillor T Flashman seconded and it was resolved these payments be made.**

**3118. CORRESPONDENCE**

None, other than the communications received from SALC, NALC and Rural Services Network.

**3119. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**3119a. Village Hall:** Councillor Dr C Stevenson noted it may be appropriate for the Village Hall to be the location for D Day Celebrations next June and that this could be incorporated with a Fish and Chip supper.

Councillors noted that a Quiz Night was being scheduled for 10 February.

3119b. **Millennium Green and Playground:** Councillor T Flashman advised of local interest in maintaining the Green. The Clerk confirmed that tenders would be welcome.

3119c. **The Plough Inn:** Councillors noted the appeal against the ACV decision and the outcome of the further review by Shropshire Council.

**3120. PARISH MATTERS**

3120a. **Parish Maintenance:** Councillors agreed that the current maintenance arrangements for the open spaces and ball court be reviewed alongside the Millennium Green.

3120b. **Hedgehogs:** Councillor T Flashman observed the high mortality rate of hedgehogs crossing the B4371 at Longville and Wall Under Heywood. Councillor A Dixon advised of a contact who could give advice and he would seek information on signage within the parish.

**3121. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

a Standing Orders

b Financial Regulations

c Budget 2024/2025

d To advise Clerk of items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda.

**3122. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Monday 20 November 2023

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:29pm.

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Chairman

Date: 20 November 2023