

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22 MAY 2023 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL, RUSHBURY**

**3003. WELCOME**

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

**3004. PRESENT**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, A Dixon, T Flashman, Ms A Henderson, M Lowndes, M Pye, A Richards and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley

Clerk C Maclean

Members of Public: 15

**3005. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**3006. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**3007. PUBLIC SESSION**

Dr C Stevenson welcomed Samantha Taylor of SWS Broadband to the meeting. Councillors and members of the public present noted the developments relating to the rollout of SWS's broadband initiative in the parish.

Ms Taylor advised those present that the company was scaling up its operation and further staff was being recruited to cover both engineering capabilities as well as customer support. Councillors received advice from members of the public present on the proposal to submit a Community Right to Bid Nomination Form to Shropshire Council in relation to The Plough Inn at Wall Under Heywood. Councillors noted the desire of the community for the Parish Council to be involved in the bid.

Members of the public present noted the need to prepare a plan in relation to how they might run the public house, should the nomination be successful.

Councillors noted that 140 signatures from 140 different households had been secured in support of the bid.

Councillors expressed their thanks to the residents who had prepared and worked on the bid.

The 15 residents expressed their thanks and left the meeting at 8:12pm.

**3008. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**3008a. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 20 MARCH 2023**

**Councillor P Bodimeade proposed, Councillor T Flashman seconded that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 March 2023 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.**

3008b. **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON 17 APRIL 2023**

**Councillor M Pye proposed, Councillor T Flashman seconded that the Minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on 17 April 2023 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.**

3009. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Councillors noted the interest of two local residents in the remaining vacant seat. Councillors considered the merits of an application form being devised to assist in Councillor deliberations. Efforts would continue to fill the position.

3010. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson noted the recent dedication ceremony of the Chestnut tree next to the tennis/ballcourt.

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley joined the meeting at 8:22pm.

3011. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk advised that there were no items other than those already covered in the agenda.

3012. **PLANNING**

**Planning Application received for:**

3012a. 23/01942/FUL (validated 19/05/2023): The Homestead, Longville In The Dale, Much Wenlock, Shropshire

Proposal: Conversion of existing workshop/store to form ancillary annex and associated works.

Councillors questioned the merits of the application and questioned its necessity, especially in the perceived distance of the building from the main residence.

**Decision: Object.**

3012b. **The Plough Inn, Wall Under Heywood:** Councillors considered the proposal that the Parish Council submit the Nomination Bid on behalf of the community.

**Councillor A Dixon proposed, Councillor P Bodimeade seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Nomination Bid be submitted in name of the Parish Council. It was further agreed that this would be on understanding that the community would form a group to plan for the running and maintenance of the property in the event the bid was successful and resulted in it being acquired by the community.**

3012c. **Planning Decisions**

Reference: 23/01327/VAR (validated 27/03/2023): Oak Cottage, Rushbury, Shrops, SY6 7EB

Proposal: Variation of Condition No 2 attached to planning permission 21/05452/FUL dated 01 March 2022.

**Decision: Grant Permission**

3013. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised Councillors of the following:

- 3013a. **Local Government Boundary Review:** Councillors noted the latest proposals and the inclusion of the proposal that Cardington parish be moved into the Corvedale ward. Councillors considered the merits of the proposal and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised that she would be in contact with the Cardington Clerk to discuss. The merits of providing further comments were considered and the importance of the public being able to express their views.
- 3013b. **Combined Authority Proposals for Shropshire:** Councillors noted proposals for the county maintaining a combined authority and the challenge from the West Midlands authorities to seek land for property development.
3014. **DLUHC CONSULTATION**  
Councillors noted the proposal from NALC to respond to The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities consultation. Councillors considered that no response was required from the Parish Council.
3015. **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**  
Councillors noted the comments from earlier in the meeting and the proposal by Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley that a meeting of the Chairs and Clerks within the Corvedale ward be held in June to discuss responses.
3016. **PLACE PLANS**  
Councillors noted the new process for reporting projects to Shropshire Council. The Clerk would forward the details to Councillors. Consideration will be given to the projects relevant to the parish.
3017. **PARISH PLAN AND SURVEY**  
Councillors noted that attempts will be made to progress the questions for the survey.
3018. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
- 3018a. **Current Finances:** Councillors noted the balances on the Council's accounts.
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| Community Account at 02.03.2023 | £268.55    |
| Deposit Account at 01.03.2023   | £16,830.76 |
- 3018b. **Invoices to Pay May**
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| BHIB Councils Insurance (LCO01747)             | £523.57 |
| SALC Affiliation Fee (2076)                    | £326.62 |
| Tivoli Group Ltd (TBC)                         | £168.19 |
| Rushbury Village Hall (3526)                   | £15.00  |
| Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (SI-121582) | £67.20  |
- Councillor P Bodimeade proposed, Councillor A Richards seconded and it was agreed that the payments be made.**
- 3018c. **AGAR Process for 2022/23**  
Councillors noted the process for the year just ended and that the documentation would be presented at an upcoming meeting.

**3019. SMARTWATER**

Councillors noted that details on the initiative would be set out in a future edition of the parish magazine to gauge public interest.

**3020. ROAD SAFETY WITHIN PARISH**

Councillors noted concerns relating to mud on roads and the size of farm vehicles on the parish roads. Councillors considered the merits of contacting contractors with request that greater consideration be given to other road users and use of a leading vehicle to warn of following large vehicle.

**3021. CORRESPONDENCE**

None outside of the bulletins received from SALC, NALC and the Rural Services Network which were forwarded to Councillors.

**3022. CORRESPONDENCE**

3022a. **Village Hall:** Councillor T Flashman advised Councillors that he had missed the previous Committee meeting but would check on the minutes once received.

3022b. **Millennium Green and Playground:** No update.

**3023. PARISH MATTERS**

Councillors noted to make regular checks on the Chestnut tree and keep watered. The invoice from Stretton Stonemasons relating to the plaque was awaited. Councillor A Dixon advised Councillors of discussion with the Chair of the Village Hall Committee and the possibility of the Parish Council contributing towards the costs of creating and installing a plaque for the tree on the other side of the Village Hall.

**3024. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

AGAR Return

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

**3025. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Monday 19 June 2023

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

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Chairman

Date: 19 June 2023