

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19 JUNE 2023 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL, RUSHBURY

3026. WELCOME

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

3027. PRESENT

Councillor Dr C Stevenson - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, A Richards and Clerk C Maclean

Members of Public: 4

3028. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and noted from Councillors A Dixon, Ms A Henderson, M Lowndes and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

3029. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3030. PUBLIC SESSION

Dr C Stevenson welcomed Mr C Priestley of Openreach to the meeting. Councillors and members of the public present noted the full fibre broadband offering being provided by Openreach. Mr Priestley advised that there had been delays but that the initiative was continuing and on the basis that sufficient households signed up, the value of the vouchers being provided with the scheme would make the project viable.

Mr Priestley advised those present that buy in to the scheme required only a one year contract with a provider and householders were then free to go with any provider of their choice.

Councillors thanked Mr Priestley who left the meeting at 8:10pm. The three residents expressed their thanks and left the meeting at 8:11pm.

3031. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

3031a. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 22 MAY 2023

Councillor T Flashman proposed, Councillor P Bodimeade seconded that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council held on 22 May 2023 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

3031b. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 22 MAY 2023

Councillor A Richards proposed, Councillor P Bodimeade seconded that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 May 2023 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

3032. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised Councillors of the resignation of Councillor M Pye.

Councillors noted this with regret and thanks were expressed for Councillor Pye's service to the Council and the community.

Councillors noted that Mr Pye would continue being a trustee on the Wainwright Trust. Councillors considered whether a member of the Parish Council required to be a representative on the trust. The Clerk would follow this up.

3033. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

3033a. **Corvedale Chair and Clerk Meeting:** Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised Councillors of the upcoming meeting of Chairmen and Clerks in Corvedale with Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley. Two meeting dates were being considered: 29th June or 5th July. Councillor A Richards advised he was available to attend on 5th July if that date was chosen as Councillor Dr C Stevenson was not available.

3033b. **South Shropshire Area Committee:** Councillors noted that a meeting of this committee was scheduled for 27th June which Councillor Dr C Stevenson hoped to attend.

3034. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk noted the meeting of the community to consider the proposal for an Asset of Community Value bid over The Plough Inn scheduled for 14th July. Councillors considered the rules of engagement for the meeting.

3035. **PLANNING**

Planning Application received for:

3035a. 23/02271/FUL (validated 09/06/2023): Field to the North of The Homestead, Longville In The Dale, Much Wenlock, Shropshire
Proposal: Creation of field access.

Decision: Support.

Councillors considered the criteria and guidelines supporting the decision making.

3035b. **Planning Decisions**

Reference: 23/00716/FUL (validated 04/04/2023): Heath Farm, Heath Common, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7DZ.

Proposal: Erection of domestic use outbuilding (resubmission of previously approved proposal).

Decision: Grant Permission

3036. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley no report was received.

3037. **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Councillors noted there was no update to previous considerations.

3038. **PARISH PLAN AND SURVEY**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson discussed with Councillors the merits of undertaking an update to the Parish Plan. Councillor P Bodimeade advised that a range of questions had been compiled and just needed finalising.

It was agreed that the draft survey be shared amongst Councillors once the questions were completed.

3039. FINANCIAL REPORT

3039a. **Current Finances:** Councillors noted the balances on the Council's accounts.

Community Account at 02.06.2023	£251.97
Deposit Account at 01.06.2023	£15,630.76

3039b. **Invoices to Pay June**

Tivoli Group Ltd (TBC)	£168.19
Rushbury Village Hall (TBC)	£15.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (SI-121652)	£3.60
Clerk Salary (Quarter 1)	£787.50

Councillor P Bodimeade proposed, Councillor T Flashman seconded and it was agreed that the payments be made and on receipt of the respective invoices.

3039c. **AGAR Process for 2022/23**

The Clerk advised Councillors that the internal auditor he had lined up had changed views and advised that they were unable to undertake the process. A replacement auditor was identified and work was underway to complete the audit. An extraordinary meeting would be organised for the next week to review and approve the documents.

3040. ROAD SAFETY WITHIN PARISH

The Clerk advised Councillors that he had heard back from Nick Newton of Shropshire Council Highways. Nick had provided dates to meet but unfortunately these were not possible for the Clerk. Further attempts continue to arrange a meeting. Councillors considered the village gateways previously discussed and consideration was given to placing these further out of the main village entrances. Councillors considered other possible options in terms of calming traffic through the villages.

3041. CORRESPONDENCE

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

3042. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

3042a. **Village Hall:** Councillor T Flashman advised Councillors that he was happy to continue representing the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.

Councillors thanked Councillor T Flashman and agreed he represent the Parish Council for a further year.

3042b. **Millennium Green and Playground:** No update.

3043. PARISH MATTERS

3043a. **Hedge at Village Hall:** Councillor P Bodimeade noted the condition of the hedge at the Village Hall car park which appeared overgrown. Checks would be made with the Chair of the Village Hall Committee to identify responsibility.

3043b. **Parish Maintenance:** Councillors considered the duties of Mr Tipton and his maintenance of the parish environment. Checks would be made to clarify these.

3043c. **Retention of Documents:** Councillor Dr C Stevenson reminded Councillors of previous discussions relating to the review of the Council’s historic documents and the option to pass these across the Shropshire Archives.

Councillors agreed to leave the conclusion of the review to the Chairman and Clerk.

3043d. **B4371 AT Wall Bank:** Councillors noted the surface of the B4371 at Wall Bank continued to be covered by water. Concerns remained whether this resulted from an overflowing drain or sewage overflow. The matter would be referred to Shropshire Highways.

3044. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA

Questionnaire for Parish Plan

Road Safety

Co-option

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

3045. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday 17 July 2023

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:05pm.

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Chairman

Date: 17 July 2023