

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman  
D.A. Cook  
R.J. Cotham  
D.S. Cowie (Chairman)  
M.J. Edwards  
D. Hyde  
Mrs. J.C. Marsh  
R. S. Parr  
Ms L. Patel  
P.J. Wade

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward

For part of meeting: Mr. J. Cooksey, Ms S. Crawford, Miss J. Dowd, Mr. C. Farman,  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Fenwick-Wilson, Mr. & Mr. C. Foster, Mr. R. Hollingshead,  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Kempsey, Mr. J. Kendrick, Mr. D. Northcote, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. A. Reade,  
Mr. A.T. Reade, Mrs. J. Simpson, Miss P. Thomas, Mr. A. Tilley, Mr. K. Walton, Mr. M. Weston,

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell – personal reasons  
(the reason for Councillor Caswell's absence was noted)  
Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar – personal reasons  
Councillor M.P. Hill – business reasons

**DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Beaman declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in discussions regarding the Kings Arms.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, having been distributed to all Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

18/18 Spicers Hall Caravan Site

Alan Reade informed those present he had received a response to his Stage 2 complaint about Shropshire Council's alleged breach of duty and had now made an appeal to the Local Government Ombudsman. A reply was expected within four weeks. The Local Government Ombudsman was unlikely to be able to make Shropshire Council change its mind regarding the site licences. He had obtained two quotations to obtain an initial legal opinion on the validity of the case against Shropshire Council. Claverley Preservation Society might be able to help raise the £500 plus VAT to get a legal opinion.

Miss Thomas of 11 Digbeth Lane stated she did not want to sell her home to Mr. Flanagan. She felt she was suffering from harassment which she had reported to the Police. The Chairman expressed sympathy and explained the Parish Council can only deal with planning

applications but would send a letter to the Police and Public Protection to express the Parish Council's concern about the alleged harassment. Miss Thomas was advised to keep a log of incidents. Mr. Tilley, Miss Thomas' nephew, added that a large quantity of nails had been dropped along Digbeth Lane between Digbeth Cottage and the entrance to the chalet site. He had endeavoured to collect them up because of the danger to users of Digbeth Lane.

17/05265/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for ground levelling engineering operations, Spicers Hall Caravan Park, Digbeth Lane, Claverley for Sought After Location Ltd.

Further information had been supplied by the applicant including details of the interlocking blocks to be used as retaining walls. Councillors expressed concern that the applicant had not fully answered the queries raised by the Planning Officer in his letter of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Existing and proposed site levels had not been provided in a form that could be properly understood. No provision for parking for visitors appeared to have been made and it was considered insufficient information had been provided. Nine councillors voted to object to the planning application and one councillor abstained.

**Action: Clerk to draft the Parish Council's objections to the planning application for circulation to councillors prior to submission.**

Councillor Beaman left the meeting.

#### 19/18 The Kings Arms

It was reported members of the Planning sub-committee had met the developer on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Mr. Beaman had decided against formal re-submission of the planning application for 12 open market houses and a public car park because of public hostility towards the scheme. He had met a Shropshire Council Housing Enablement Officer and was considering a "Cross Subsidy" scheme for up to 19 houses which would be part private owned and part rental but there would not be a public car park. A "Cross Subsidy" affordable housing development in Alveley had obtained planning permission. Mr. Beaman had stated that if a housing association became involved with the site he would not have control over the design and density of the properties.

Councillor Woodward informed the meeting the site of the "Cross Subsidy" housing development in Alveley was in the development boundary and complied with planning policy.

Councillor Cook said it was important to find a sensible solution and various other options should be explored.

All members of the public left the meeting. Councillor Beaman re-joined the meeting.

#### 20/18 Closure of Pattingham Surgery

The detailed concerns of residents of Spicers Close regarding the closure of Pattingham Surgery and the resultant effect on Claverley had been made during the public session.

Following the Clerk's letter to Dr. Jones, she had received an email from Ian Saberton, Senior Primary Care Development Manager, South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Commissioning Group. He had informed the Parish Council that a notice on the lease for the use of Pattingham Surgery had been received at the beginning of 2018 with a date of 16<sup>th</sup> February to vacate the premises. All patients using the Pattingham site had been informed. A paper outlining the current situation and planning process had been presented to the CCG Primary Care Committee and the outcome of the discussions will be shared once it had been to the committee.

**Action: Clerk to inform Dr. Jones of the concerns raised.**

#### 21/18 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been circulated to councillors.

Despite dreadful weather on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 18 volunteers had planted 40 lime trees either side of Crabtree Lane and CIB thanked everyone who had participated. Unfortunately, a few complaints about the project had been received as the complainants thought the trees will cast unwanted shade and may eventually damage the road surface but the vast majority of comments had been very supportive.

Although fewer people had participated, £130 had been raised for CIB funds from the Winter Quiz held on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Keith and Karen Horton were thanked for their generosity in providing prizes and donating half of the value of ticket sales. A Summer Quiz is planned for September.

#### 22/18 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported Claverley Football Club was struggling to play home matches as the pitch was very wet because of the weather. He suggested looking at improving drainage at the bottom corner of the field. Councillor Edwards suggested digging a hole to find out if the issues were caused by compaction or lack of drainage.

**Action: Councillor Cook would put Councillor Edwards in touch with Oliver Plank to arrange to meet and dig the hole.**

Tom Leather had requested to use the field during the half-term holiday to run courses on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Councillors were in agreement provided he used the top half of the field.

Councillor Cotham had noticed the trees which had been planted on the footpath side of the field had not been pruned.

#### 23/18 Bonfire and fireworks event 2017

A suggestion had been made that a sign showing The Paddock was not a through road and a new "The Paddock" sign could be provided for the entrance to The Paddock. This suggestion would be added to those already made for funding from the bonfire and fireworks event profit.

**Action: Clerk to put a request for suggestions for suitable projects in the March issue of 'Halo'.**

24/18 Implementation of the Parish Plan

Councillors decided to defer discussion to at least June as there was insufficient time at present due to lengthy discussions of other ongoing matters at the monthly meetings.

25/18 Website

Discussion took place about updating the website and it was agreed that only councillors' telephone numbers would be displayed on the website.

Councillor Hyde suggested that an appeal be put in the next issue 'Halo' for an experienced website designer to help the Parish Council alter the design of its website.

**Action: Clerk to place an appeal in the March issue**

26/18 Method of communicating with the public

Website to be kept up to date so that members of the public were kept fully informed.

27/18 Draft Budget for 2018/2019

The Clerk had made the adjustments discussed at the January meeting and the amended draft budget had been circulated to councillors. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Parr and agreed by the Council to approve the budget.

28/18 **PLANNING**

Permissions

17/05848/FUL Internal reconfiguration and external changes to fenestration, The Barn, Wall Hill for Mr. G. Wright.

17/05849/FUL Internal reconfiguration and changes to external fenestration, The Malt House, Wall Hill for Mr. D. Squires.

17/05910/FUL Installation of 3 no. dormer windows to front elevation and other associated works, Kenmylde, Draycott for Mr. and Mrs. C. Robertson.

17/05950/FUL Erection of 1 no. detached double garage, Kenmylde, Draycott for Mr. and Mrs. C. Robertson.

New Applications

17/05303/MAW The phased extraction of sand and gravel, inclusive of mineral processing, all ancillary works, equipment and associated infrastructure and progressive restoration, land North West of Naboths Vineyard, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley for JPE Holdings.

The Clerk had prepared a draft submission objecting to this application and was seeking councillors' comments to ensure it was as robust as possible.

17/06146/FUL Conversion of Gatacre Hall and outbuilding to 7no. apartments,

refurbishment of buildings, extension to garage block and construction of additional garages and parking, Gatacre Hall, Claverley for Mr. Mark Owen.  
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

17/06147/LBC Conversion of Gatacre Hall and outbuilding to 7no. apartments, refurbishment of buildings, extension to garage block and construction of additional garages and parking affecting a Grade II Listed Building, Gatacre Hall, Claverley for Mr. Mark Owen.  
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

18/00470/FUL Erection of an agricultural shed, land to the North of Claverley Cricket ground, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakley.  
The Parish Council objected to this planning application as there was no proven need for an agricultural building, of disproportionate size, on this field.

29/18 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported that items of concern raised by a local resident relating to the BOAT running between the Lion o' Morfe and High Grosvenor had been passed to Shropshire Council and the BOAT was fully opened up. Kerbing work at the Woundale crossroads was taking place and the poor road surface between Three Dwellings and Woundale crossroads had gone to Shropshire Council's forward planning.

30/18 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillor Cowie informed the meeting that he would not be seeking re-election as Chairman at the Annual Council meeting in May due to increased working commitments. Councillor Edwards also informed the meeting he did not wish to continue as either Chairman or Vice Chairman and was considering his position as a councillor.

**Action: Councillor Cowie to let the Clerk know what dates he was available to chair the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting**

31/18 **PARISH MATTERS**

Potholes were reported on Bulls Bank, Church Street (outside the Tennis Club), pull-in outside the old blacksmiths at Hopstone, on the bend to Wall Hill, before bend to Little Bank Farm, Broughton, between the Old Gate and Pear Tree Lane, Heathton and outside Two Oaks, Draycott.

**Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways**

Gullies were blocked at Lower Hopstone, Wall Hill turn and the junction with Lower Hopstone Road.

**Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways**

Fly-tipping had taken place on the grass verge near the turning to Ludstone Avenue.

**Action: Clerk to report fly-tipping to Shropshire Council**

A resident of High Street had informed the Clerk that unsociable behaviour by some young people was taking place in and around the Lychgate. Concern had been expressed that they

had been using scooters/skate boards in the middle of the Bull Ring which could result in an accident.

**Action: Clerk to ask the complainant to keep a log which could be passed on to the Police Community Support Officer**

The Davro site had been acquired by Hovi Luxury Homes.

32/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Bridgnorth & South Shropshire Crucial Crew

Bridgnorth Crime Prevention Panel had written to request the Parish Council's support by match funding Claverley Primary School for the fees for ten Year 6 pupils to attend the Crucial Crew event in June. This would amount to £100.00. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Cotham and agreed by the Council to make a donation of £100.00.

General Data Protection Regulations – update

NALC had commissioned a firm of solicitors to produce a toolkit and templates. NALC was firmly of the opinion that the clerk cannot be the Data Protection Officer and, until further guidance had been received, was recommending that councils should delay making any long term commitment until the position is clarified.

Notification of road closure

The Claverley to Heathton road will be closed between the Draycott to Pear Tree Lane junctions on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February to enable BT to clear blockages.

Subject to final budget confirmation, essential maintenance of Cider House Lane is programmed to take place from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June which will necessitate a temporary road closure between 07.30 to 17.30 hrs.

SALC AGM

The postponed Annual General Meeting had been re-arranged for Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury commencing at 5.30 p.m.

33/18 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported volunteers were surveying the suggested walks in the parish. When their survey had been completed, details of walks will be published on the website.

34/18 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001437 Mrs. G.M. Price – balance for cost of Broadband	
07/10/17 to 06/01/18... ..	£6.00
Travel expenses to SALC training.....	£23.40
Currys/PC World – ink cartridge.....	£31.00
Renewal of Microsoft Office 365.....	<u>£59.99</u>
	£120.39

It was proposed by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Beaman and agreed by the Council to pass the cheque for payment.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hal