

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman  
D.A. Cook  
R.J. Cotham  
D.S. Cowie (Chairman)  
Mrs C.G. Dungar  
M.J. Edwards  
M.P. Hill  
S.J. Lawrence  
Mrs. J.C. Marsh  
R.S. Parr

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward

Mr. David Perridge, Operations Manager, Safer Roads Partnership (for item 183/16)

Mr. & Mrs J. McSherry, Mr. D. McSherry, Mr. N. Humphrey (Express & Star)  
(for item 183/16)

Mr. R. Davies, Mr. K. Davies, Ms C. Yerlett, Mr. C. Ropos (for item 184/16)

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell - business reasons  
Councillor D.A. Whitmore - personal reasons

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No pecuniary interests were declared.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016, having been distributed to all Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

183/16 **B4176 ROAD ISSUES**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Perridge to the meeting. Mr. Perridge said he was pleased to be invited to discuss the issues which had been raised by Mr. McSherry and the Parish Council. He explained how the Safer Roads Partnership decide to enforce speed limits. Collection of data is the first step but figures obtained for the B4176 in the parish did not indicate speed was an issue. He commented that poor driving rather than speed resulted in the fatal accident earlier in the year. If the data shows speeding is an issue, consideration would be given as how to make a road safer and whether to install fixed cameras or mobile cameras. A mobile camera would cost around £14,000 and a fixed camera around £60,000 plus power, phone line and other costs. Recent data collected at Upper Aston showed an average speed of 48.7 mph.

Councillor Woodward informed the meeting that the Parish Council's concerns relating to the speed of traffic on the B4176 between the Rudge Heath roundabout and the county boundary had been put forward for consideration under Shropshire Council's Road Safety policy and suggested that data should be collected again in the summer when more motorcyclists would be using the road to obtain accurate up to date information.

Mr. McSherry was asked what action he would like to see taken. He replied that he accepted that deaths are not necessarily attributable to speed but fixed cameras would cost less than a death.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Perridge. He said all parties must work together and focus on how to reduce accidents.

Mr. McSherry and his family and Mr. Humphrey left the meeting

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### 184/16 Request for confirmation of strong local connection

Mr. Ryan Davies wished to build an affordable home under the Single Plot Exception Site Policy and had asked the Parish Council to confirm his strong local connection. He had submitted various documents in support of his request. Councillors asked Mr. Davies to provide further evidence as it was considered the information submitted was not solid evidence of a strong local connection.

Mr. Davies and his family and friends left the meeting

#### 185/16 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr reported that Keith Horton of the Plough had offered to host a winter fundraising quiz night on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February and tickets will be available from the Plough from early January.

A few additional specimen trees will be planted in the Aston Lane bank in the New Year. An application had been submitted to the Shropshire Free Tree Scheme and Woodland Trust for bare root whips. It was hoped that Claverley School pupils will be involved with the planting. The Yew tree sapling which had been obtained from the “We Love Yews” organisation was now ready for planting out. It was intended to plant it in the Aston Lane bank immediately opposite the school entrance. A small explanatory plaque will also be installed. It was hoped children from the school will be involved.

Comments were being sought from the residents of Danesbrook regarding plans to refresh and expand the planting beds at Danesbrook.

#### 186/16 Dog fouling

Councillor Woodward had checked if Shropshire Council had any posters which could be used in a campaign to deter dog fouling. Shropshire Council had offered free copies of previously used posters and councillors were shown examples. Councillors considered a hybrid poster incorporating some of the design elements would have the best impact but Councillor Woodward would have to check with Shropshire Council if this would be acceptable. Councillor Lawrence suggested the design of a poster could be a Youth Club project for consideration at the January meeting.

The Clerk reported Shropshire Council had now installed a dog waste bin near 10 The Wold. Councillor Marsh suggested that perhaps the Post Office could sell waste bags.

#### 187/16 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported on the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November with Chris Edwards, Phil Wilson (Shropshire Council) Jo Derrer (Head Teacher), Helen Herritty (School Governor) and Councillor Woodward. Various options had been put forward. Councillor Cook's recommendation to the Parish Council was option 3, the removal the existing play equipment and reinstatement of the ground. This would be funded by Shropshire Council. The field could then be re-opened to the public. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Lawrence and agreed by the Parish Council to accept option 3.

**Action: in view of the Clerk's computer problems, Councillor Cook agreed to confirm the Parish Council's decision.**

Consultation between the School, Youth Club and Parish Council would take place to see what type of play equipment the children would prefer. Any concerns of local residents would have to be addressed and funding would have to be sought. Tracy Johnson, the Community Enablement Officer, would advise on funding opportunities.

The existing Joint Use Agreement would be redrafted to make it absolutely clear in respect of the provision and maintenance of any new equipment.

#### 188/16 Defibrillator

Councillor Beaman reported the keypad was faulty so Ken Jones had removed it and fitted a new one.

The Clerk reported an anonymous donation of £849.00, covering the cost of the defibrillator and the cabinet, had been received. She had received complaints about the bright colour of the cabinet and had been asked if it could be painted white. It had been explained to the complainants the importance of the cabinet being clearly visible in an emergency.

#### 189/16 Christmas Lights

Councillor Parr informed the meeting he was hoping to take down the lights on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 8.00 a.m.

**Action: Clerk to write to local householders requesting them to park their vehicles elsewhere whilst the work was taking place.**

The switching on ceremony had gone well and there had been a good attendance. Unfortunately, the firework had damaged Roger Port's car. He was obtaining an estimate of the cost of repair. Councillor Cook had the firework casing which caused the damage and was taking it up with Jubilee Fireworks who had supplied the firework.

#### 190/16 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2016

Councillor Cook was pleased to report a profit of £2352.28 had been made. Costs had been lower and income had increased.

191/16 Review of salary budget (Financial Regulation 4.4)

Councillor Dungar had surveyed wage inflation and there was a 2.9% increase in the public sector. A decision was deferred.

192/16 Parish Plan Implementation

Discussion was deferred.

193/16 Casual Vacancy

The Clerk had not received any enquiries.

194/16 **PLANNING**

**Permissions**

16/03205/FUL Erection of a link extension, Elms Farm Cottage, Broad Lanes, Six Ashes for Mr. Graham Guest

16/04095/COU Change of use of agricultural building to form two commercial units, Unit 3 High Grosvenor Farm, High Grosvenor for High Grosvenor Estates Ltd.

16/04441/FUL Erection of rear two storey extension, Lion o' Morfe, Upper Farmcote for Mr. B. Jervis

**Withdrawn**

16/04663/FUL Erection of one dwelling, north of Birchland Cottages, Broughton, Claverley for Mr. M. Nalborczyk

**New Applications**

16/04537/FUL Erection of part single storey side extension, conversion of garage and first floor side extension, 38 The Wold, Claverley for Mr. Andrew Fletcher

16/05288/CPL Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed upgrading and refurbishment and erection of part single part two storey extension, Yew Tree Cottage, Farmcote for Ms C. Garbutt

16/05307/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension and entrance porch, 1 The Paddock, Claverley for Mr. Daniel Holford  
The Parish Council did not have any objections

16/05401/FUL Conversion of an agricultural building into a cattery; formation of parking spaces, Woundale Farm, Woundale for Miss Emily Jones  
The Parish Council did not have any objections

The Chairman reported a prospective purchaser of The Crown had not turned up to meet the planning sub-committee on 5<sup>th</sup> December. It was hoped to arrange a meeting in January.

16/03673/COU Due to computer problems, the Clerk had been unable to download the amended application for change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to B1 (light industrial) and/or B8 (storage and warehousing), buildings to the north of Small Heath Farm House. The Planning Officer had advised the revised application is a separate matter to the on-going unauthorised car repairs which is an enforcement matter. The amended planning application should be determined on its own merits which does not include the unauthorised car repairs which are considered inappropriate for the location.

**Action: Clerk to request an extension to the consultation expiry date**

#### 195/16 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported she was following up with Shropshire Highways the scheme for Woundale and the repairs to the road surface in High Street.

She informed the meeting that Shropshire Council would be inviting parish councils to make financial contributions to mobile library services and community grass areas for 2018/19. Meetings will be organised to provide more information.

Councillor Woodward concluded by thanking Councillor Cook for his contribution to the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the Joint Use field.

#### 196/16 **DRAFT BUDGET 2017/2018**

The Clerk had been unable to submit the first draft of the Budget for 2017/2018 due to the computer problems. She asked if the Youth Club required funds and Councillor Lawrence requested £500.

#### 197/16 **PARISH MATTERS**

Shropshire Highways had asked for the Parish Council's comments on the proposal to remove the small grass triangle at the Draycott road junction to the Old Gate.

**Action: Councillor Cowie to consult the Draycott residents to obtain their views on this proposal**

Severn Trent Water had investigated the complaints about noise. They had visited the sewage treatment works on 18<sup>th</sup> November and found the sludge pump was causing the noise. Replacement parts were required.

#### 198/16 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Parr reported the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 199/16 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001350	Rushmere Nurseries – plants for Claverley in Bloom.....	£125.40
001351	Rudge Heath Stores – soft drinks, crisps, glasses for Bonfire and Fireworks event.....	£128.00
001352	D. Cook – reimbursement for purchase of firework for switching on Christmas lights ceremony.....	£25.00
001353	The Plough Inn – refreshments for volunteers who put up Christmas lights.....	£25.00
001354	K. Jones – items for installation of defibrillator cabinet.....	£16.94

001355 G.T. Drury - supplying P.A. equipment and music for  
bonfire and fireworks event and switching on Christmas  
lights ceremony..... £120.00

It was proposed by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Hill and agreed by  
the Council to pass the cheques for payment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. in the

Village Hall