

KINNERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7.00pm

Held Remotely by ZOOM

PRESENT

Cllrs Nick Barclay (Chair), Charles Green, Peter Clarke, James Peto, Mandy Chapman, Alan Lewis, Lorraine Jones, Richard Greening, Maurice Jones, Lorna Baker

Shropshire Councillor: Cllr Vince Hunt

Clerk: Ms Marian Giles

APOLOGIES

Cllr Sharon Quayle

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Three members of the public attended the meeting

23.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

a) Cllr Barclay declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 6b) and would not therefore vote on the matter.

b) No dispensations were required for the meeting to proceed.

24.21 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATED 22ND FEBRUARY 2021

The Minutes were submitted and circulated as read. **It was RESOLVED (unanimously) that the minutes of the meeting be approved. Minutes to be subsequently signed by the Chair (once Covid 19 restrictions permit) as a correct record of that meeting.**

25.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No comments or questions were raised by members of the public present at the meeting.

26.21 REPORTS

a) Cllr Vince Hunt was in attendance at the meeting – he outlined progress on the vaccination programme in the County, which had accelerated significantly, placing the County fourth in the country for delivering vaccinations to target groups. The benefits of the programme were beginning to show real results with significant drop in hospitalisations and infection rates.

Cllr Hunt also provided information on Highways litter picking in the area on the 23rd or 24th March. If any councillors had specific areas along the Highway that they would like to see considered for inclusion these should be referred to him through the Clerk.

He had also been contacted by a Pentre resident about potholes on roads in the area and these concerns had been forwarded on to Steve Davenport the portfolio holder for response.

It was noted that the NWRR planning application had been validated and that Mike Davies is the relevant case officer.

b) No report had been received from the community policing team. This was the third meeting in a row where no apologies or report had been received by the team, which the Clerk emphasised was not usual. Cllr Hunt offered to contact Inspector Claire Greenaway who held responsibility for the team. Clerk to e-mail Cllr Hunt with details.

c) The Clerk's report had been previously circulated and was taken as read. Cllrs discussed the tree at risk in the closed churchyard. Concerns were expressed about potential damage to the churchyard wall if the section of tree collapsed completely. Cllr Clarke also reflected on the beauty of the tree, and his concern that any work to the tree should aim to preserve it for the future.

At the request of the Clerk, it was **AGREED** that she should be given **delegated authority** to make the necessary planning application for works to the tree. Clerk to also liaise with diocese office.

27.21 PARISH MATTERS

a. Update on Speed/Traffic Survey for the Parish

The Clerk had received six responses to the initial exercise to canvass suitable contractors. All of these were suitably qualified and keen to tender for the work. The Clerk would therefore move forwards with a formal procurement exercise based on the following:-

- Use of Automatic Traffic Counters in two locations (initially) ie at the entrance point to Knockin Heath, and in Argoed Road approaching the junction with the school. Exact locations to be determined by directions associated with permit from Shropshire Council, and availability of surrounding street furniture.
- Count to be taken over a 7 day period
- Tenders to include for additional locations after first phase eg at Pentre/Edgerley.
- ATC data must be able to identify categories of vehicle ie domestic vehicle, HGV, etc
- Contractors to indicate whether additional services were available eg use of qualified transport planner to interpret data.

The Clerk emphasised that this phase of work would only produce a lot of 'raw' data. This would need to be interpreted at further expense.

Councillors **NOTED** that the report on tenders would be available for the April meeting for decision.

b. Moss Removal – Parish Hall

The Clerk reported that the work to remove moss from the roof of the Parish Hall and to clear gullies of leaves had already been completed. Photos of the work illustrated very well the extent of the problem. Some background information relating to the treatment of the moss, and the 10 year guarantee that came with it, had also been circulated to councillors provided by the Chair of the Parish Hall Trust. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED unanimously (with one abstention) that a donation of £500 be made towards the final bill for the work. This to reflect the proportion of the overall roof potentially affected by the overhanging copper beech tree.** Clerk to communicate this to the Parish Hall Trust and arrange payment from the donations budget accordingly.

c. Community Request to adopt BT Phone Booth in Kinnerley Village

Interest in adopting the village phone box for a community use had been expressed in writing to the Clerk. This was a result of a Facebook post showing a BT poster put in the box relating to adoption of the box. Although councillors have no 'in principle' objection to adopting the box in the future, the preference at this stage is to retain the box as a working asset for the community.

This was particularly important in view of its proximity to the parish hall defibrillator and the problem with patchy signal coverage on mobile phones.

Clerk to contact Lois Dale at Shropshire Council to inform her of BT actions in view of the more normal procedure of a 90 day consultation period managed through Shropshire Council.

Clerk to liaise with other councillor members of the Facebook site about posting a response from the Parish Council.

d. Feedback from Helicopter Noise Liaison Group

Cllr Peto reported on his recent attendance at a HNLG meeting. A new Station Commander, Philip Wadlow was present at the meeting and Cllr Peto was impressed by the obvious commitment to community liaison.

e. Reports of any additional identified Parish Matters

Cllr Lorraine Jones reported (in her capacity as a Trustee) that the Kinnerley Parochial Charities had recently agreed to make a donation of £590 to Kinnerley School for Covid hygiene measures.

f. Reports of any additional Highways Matter

Cllr Lorraine Jones reported an issue resulting from the recent flooding where damage had occurred to the road edge at The Dunkett, Edgerley. Cllr Jones to send photos she had taken to the Clerk so the matter could be reported.

28.21 KINNERLEY FLOOD PROTECTION WORKING GROUP

a) Feedback from Meeting Held with Environment Agency by Zoom on Thursday 18th March 2021

Cllr Green reported that the meeting came about as a follow-up meeting to the one arranged by Owen Paterson on 26 January – there had been subsequent email exchanges, and unanswered questions.

Cllrs Barclay, Green, and Lorraine Jones represented the Parish, Rosy Harding Melverley PC, Lucy Roberts, the Powys County Councillor for Llandrinio, and George Whitworth from Pool Quay, who has been active in flooding matters and whose work was quoted in the presentation given at our open Flood Protection Working Group meeting on 11 February (and that presentation, in a further updated form, is now on our Parish Council website). Owen Paterson was not able to attend.

On the EA side, six members of were in attendance, who were the people doing the work and who could talk knowledgeably and in detail.

The meeting started with a 10-minute presentation which again showed they had parked the idea of a dam combined with the relief road, and were now considering other options for flood control and water management. Their slides actually indicated they had moved backwards from Step 1 (working on the Strategic Outline Case) to Step 0 (working on the Catchment Vision & Programme). The rest of the hour and a half meeting was then spent on questions, from which it emerged that:

- They had initially concentrated on the dam idea because it was an opportunity to combine it with another piece of infrastructure, namely the North West Relief Road. Initial investigations brought out the difficulties of this, along with the outcry from round here, and the need to get a planning application in to secure funding. So the dam idea has been dropped for now.

- They have detailed hydrological models from the Severn/Vyrnwy confluence and downstream, but are liaising with NRW to get their models for the higher end of the catchment in Wales
- They are expecting climate change to produce much higher flows and the aim of their plans is to halve the expected peak flows, by as yet unspecified means.
- It seems the two dams, Clywedog and Vyrnwy, are managed mainly to provide drinking water for urban conurbations. If managed appropriately, they could reduce the severity of our flooding.

There were a number of questions which there wasn't time to get answers to, so we will be following up further.

b) Plans for the site visit set up by Owen Paterson with EA people on 13 May to walk round the argaes and sluices

This is still envisaged as being for about 6 – 10 people in say 3 cars, wearing masks, and might still be subject to the rule-of-six on that date. We are gathering information and photos ahead of that visit. Another call for people's ideas should be going out later this week.

Cllr Green's work on co-ordination and planning of the Group's work was noted with thanks.

(Cllr Hunt left the meeting at this point to attend another meeting).

29.21 PLANNING

a) To receive details of planning applications/appeal decisions from Shropshire Council

20/04572/FUL – Station House, Maesbrook, SY10 8QG. Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to dwelling and detached double garage.

PERMISSION GRANTED

20/04998/PMBPA – Barn North West of Ivy Cottage, Maesbrook

Application for Prior Approval under Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the conversion of outbuilding to form one residential dwelling.

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED AND GRANTED

b) Planning applications for decision

21/00585/FUL – Caegwision Farm, Maesbrook, SY10 8QL. Conversion of agricultural building to self-contained residential annex ancillary to farmhouse and erection of single storey extension.

Cllrs noted that this was the second application for the same site. The decision had been made to support the previous application. However, a distinction was drawn with this new application which appeared to be extending the building to become a separate residence rather than an annex to the main farmhouse. Councillors therefore **RESOLVED (unanimously) to make representations in respect of the application, particularly highlighting the importance of flood resilience measures and the absence of an ecology report or Heritage Statement.**

c) To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was sent out

None received.

30.21 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a. Receipts

£240.00 repayment of fee for Peels Plantation Tree Safety Survey.

b. Payments for Approval

- i. Clerk's Salary for March 2021 - £712.76
- ii. Clerk's Expenses for March 2021(includes printer cartridge) - £76.96
- iii. Highline Electrical – new light and pole bracket for Kinnerley Village -£1239.82 (**£1487.78 with VAT**)
- iv. HMRC – tax and National Insurance for 20/21 - £73.90 (**amended from £73.92 on the agenda**)

c. Invoices received after the agenda has been sent out

None received

It was RESOLVED (unanimously) that the above payments be APPROVED for payment and bank signatories INSTRUCTED to sign cheques/authorise electronic payments where appropriate

31.21 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received by the Clerk was duly **NOTED**.

32.21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next full Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7pm by ZOOM

Meeting ended at 8.16 pm

Signed by Chair

Date