

Kinnerley Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Kinnerley Parish Council** on **28th October 2024** at Maesbrook Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Nick Barclay, Mandy Chapman, Mark Cuthbert-Brown, Charles Green (Chairman), Richard Greening, Desmond Hudson, Lorraine Jones, Maurice Jones, Alan Lewis, James Peto, Sharon Quayle.

In attendance: Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council); Ian Cruise-Taylor, Parish Clerk

1. **To note apologies for absence:** there were no absences
2. **To note declarations of interest and consider requests for dispensation:** there were no declarations or requests
3. **Council approved the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd September**, save for an amendment explicitly including reference to the attendance at the June meeting of a member of the public and the comments made, for signature by the Chairman.
4. **Public participation session:**
There were no members of the public present
5. **Parish matters**
 - a) **To receive a report from Unitary Councillor:** Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) reported that:
 - Emails had gone out to residents regarding the new arrangements for green bin collections and new stickers had been ordered to be sent to residents
 - Shirehall would be closing permanently on 1st November 2024, with staff being housed at the Guildhall in Shrewsbury
 - Shropshire Council continued to face a difficult financial situation, noting an 84% rise in Children in Care since 2020 which had a major impact on the Council's budget
 - The Remembrance service traditionally held at Shirehall would go ahead
 - b) **To receive a report from Clerk, to include action log – and agree any next steps:** Council noted the report, and the Clerk drew attention to the updated CIL proposals, which will be discussed at the November Parish Council meeting.
 - c) **To receive a report back on any developments regarding flooding and agree any next steps: - see appendix C**
 - d) **To receive a Police report:**
 - i. The Clerk reported that Police Inspector Claire Greenaway has agreed to attend the November Parish Council meeting to address council and residents' concerns, including rural crime, county lines and road safety. Council noted the recent pruning of the Judas tree and the continuing concerns about its safety and health. It was agreed to ask for a tree inspection to determine what else the Council should consider.
 - ii. to agree three Charter priorities: Council agreed to retain the 3 top priorities as previously: Speeding, drug misuse and thefts
 - e) **To report any Highways or other parish matters:**
 - i. To receive a report on discussions with Freedom Fibre: Council noted the information circulated and the final version would be added to the council's website. It was noted that the recent visit by senior staff from Freedom Fibre had resulted in some minimal changes to plans and that Freedom Fibre were planning a residents meeting in the near future to be held at Kinnerley Parish Hall

- ii. To consider and agree who will look after the Kinnerley Defibrillator – (information from Ambulance Service stating that it has been used and needs checking): Council noted that the Kinnerley Defibrillator had been checked and appeared ok. It was agreed that Argoed ward councillors would look after the defibrillator and the parish clerk would be the main point of contact for the supplier of pads and batteries
- iii. Council noted Cllr Lezley Picton's response dated 14 October 2024 following Parish Wide meeting on 20 September 2024 with Helen Morgan MP at The Guildhall, Oswestry - circulated
- iv. To receive an update regarding the Halston Field Gate, and agree next steps, including adding an alternative access suitable for those using wheelchairs and baby carriers: Council noted that the gate was now off its hinges and would be left so until a meeting had been held with members of the Parish Hall Committee to look at the best solution for all users. The Clerk would also seek advice from RoSPA.
- v. Consider possible steps regarding rural speed limits, in the light of DfT information: Council agreed to raise the matter with the Police and Shropshire Council
- vi. Council noted Green Gen Cymru Vyrnwy Frankton Update and Consultation Change of Date – circulated

6. Planning – see appendix A

- a) **Planning decisions for information:** noted
- b) **Planning applications/appeals for decision** - To consider and determine response(s)
- c) **Council noted:** update regarding Cross Keys applications - 24/01988/FUL and 24/03320/LBC, which included the submission of a report from CPRE Heritage Adviser
- d) **To agree next steps** in relation to planning proposals from new owners of Kinnerley Shop: Council agreed an informal meeting with the architect and developers
- e) **Council agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman** to represent the Council at the Local Plan Review EiP hearing for the Oswestry area on 26th November 2024

7. Financial Matters

- i. Council noted receipts to end of September 2024: £650 EMG grant towards 'gateway.'
- ii. Council approved Payments – see appendix B, including additional payment to Pritchards for the new bollards (£336)
- iii. Council approved Bank Reconciliation, see appendix B
- iv. Council received and noted the quarter two financial report
- v. Council agreed in principle to the setting up of a deposit account, but asked for more information about CCLA deposit account for its November meeting
- vi. Council considered and determined to grant £167 to the PCC of St John's in Maesbrook - attached

8. Items for consideration at the November meeting – not for discussion or debate at this meeting

9. Date and time of next meeting – 25th November 2024, 7 p.m., Kinnerley Parish Hall

Confidential session under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)

To consider quotations for replacement flagpole – attached – and agree contractor: Council agreed the lower quote

a) Planning Decisions for information:

- i. **24/03391/VAR:** Proposed Dwelling East of Baldin Oak, Dovaston, Kinnerley, Shropshire
Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission 23/05188/FUL dated 30
January 2024
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. **24/03230/DIS:** Kynaston Cottage Kynaston SY10 8EF; Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials)
relating to 24/01669/FUL for the erection of a single storey extension to kitchen Status:
Decision: Granted

b) Planning applications for decision:

- i. **24/04033/DIS:** Post Office and Stores Kinnerley SY10 8DF; Discharge of condition (A
Written Scheme of Investigation for an historic buildings assessment and an archaeological
watching-brief) relating to 23/02248/FUL for the conversion of barns to three dwellings,
alterations to a previous access, and ancillary works
Decision: noted
- ii. **24/03644/VAR:** Cranberry Moss Caravan Park, Knockin Heath, SY10 8DY. Variation of
Condition 5 attached to planning permission OS/05/14157/FUL
Decision: no comment

i. Known payments for approval at the October 2024 meeting

IFCT		refund for wreath	24.49
Info Solutions		conversion of website to .gov	72.00
KPH		room hire	20.00
Pritchards		grounds maintenance	815.14
DW Morris		Judas tree works	240.00
HMRC		Tax	327.60
Clerk		pay	491.40
			1,990.63

ii. Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2024

Financial year ending 31st March 2025

Date: 30/09/2024

	£	£
CASH BOOK		
Opening balance 1 April 2024		51,366.31
Add: Receipts to date		43,764.92
Less: Payments to date		18,813.35
Closing balance per accounts to date		<u><u>76,317.88</u></u>
Balance per Unity Trust bank statement as at 30/09/24		76,317.88
Less: any un-presented cheques		
		0.00
Add: any un-banked cheques		
		<u>0.00</u>
Total reconciled balances		<u><u>76,317.88</u></u>

1. After the very heavy rain on 16 October, flood warnings were issued for the River Vyrnwy at Maesbrook, and Molverley, and a flood alert for the Severn Vyrnwy confluence, and for the River Severn at Pentre. The usual roads in Maesbrook, Molverley, Argoed and Edgerley were cut off, and some were still cut off last week. Llandrinio Bridge was also closed.
2. The high river conditions prevented the planned repair work on Molverley Bridge from going ahead. The details that Shropshire Council (SC) had circulated about this gave news about how the Council can mitigate the impacts of the restriction and coordinate the collective efforts to ensure the community is safeguarded during periods of flooding. It turned out that this was a multi-agency meeting on 17 October with the Molverley Flood Action group but the Chairman's request to the National Flood Forum to be allowed to attend was declined because it was said to be a closed meeting.
3. Cllr Mark Cuthbert-Brown and the Chairman attended the Shrewsbury Flood Action Group meeting at Nerdy in Mardol, Shrewsbury on Tuesday 8 October at 6:30pm. It chiefly involved a presentation from two representatives from the Association for Dry Homes, which is a new initiative (with startup funding from Energy Transition Fund, an international environmental foundation). It brings impacted people together to define a national standard of resilience and use it to empower communities to take action. Their goal is national policy change and effective, sustained collective action, so that no one is left unsupported.

They gave a very useful overview of the legislation surrounding flood management. The main relevant act, The Flood and Water Management Act 2010, [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) requires lead local flood authorities, in our case Shropshire Council, to have a strategy for local flood risk management in its area (i.e. a "local flood risk management strategy") but there was a recognition that because many local authorities were strapped for resources, both financial and personnel, that is not being done effectively. In SC's case, the strategy was last updated in December 2015.

They made the valid point that flood resistance is woefully underfunded, and that even the main initiative for our area, via the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme, may not receive the funding it needs, because it has to compete using the Government's Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGIA) and other cost-benefit formulae for funding.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

Cllr Mark Cuthbert-Brown has raised the issue of updating the strategy with Shropshire Council through our County Councillor.

4. Helen Morgan has again been elected as chair of the Flooding All Party Parliamentary Group.
5. On Tuesday 22/10/24 SVWMS announced a series of five drop in events over the next three months, at Newtown (7 Nov), Llanidloes (26 Nov), Meifod (10 Dec), Oswestry (13 Jan) and Shrewsbury (29 Jan), which they say will coincide with briefings for local parish and community councils. The sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the project, ask questions, and share their views.

It is understood that the storyboards for the drop-in sessions will just be hard copy versions of the SVWMS website pages, so it is worth looking at that new website. Amongst other things, it says that, if delivered, the SVWMS will bring numerous benefits to communities and businesses across the Severn catchment in England and Wales:

- Improved Flood Risk Management
- Enhanced Biodiversity
- Climate Resilience

- Social Value
- Economic Benefits