

KINNERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held at Maesbrook Village Hall Monday 25th February 2019, at 7pm

PRESENT

Cllr Nick Barclay (Chair), Cllr Charles Green, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Mandy Chapman, Cllr Lorraine Jones, Cllr Maurice Jones, Cllr James Peto, Cllr John Pinder, Cllr Sharon Quayle

APOLOGIES

Cllr Betton Cambridge (work commitments)

CLERK

Ms Marian Giles

UNITARY MEMBER

Cllr Matt Lee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

10 People in attendance

10.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Jones queried whether she was required to declare a conflict of interest if she had siblings involved in a planning matter on the agenda. The Clerk confirmed that this was neither a pecuniary interest, or a conflict of interest per se.

11.19 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATED 28th JANUARY 2019

The Minutes were submitted and circulated as read. Two small matters of accuracy were raised, first that Cllr Green was on the Management Committee of CPRE Shropshire (and not Telford and Wrekin), and second that 4.19b) in the penultimate sentence, the word 'sham' should be removed. **It was RESOLVED (with one abstention) and subject to the amendments outlined, that the minutes of the Council meeting be approved and signed as an accurate record of that meeting.**

12.19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Ten members of the public were present. Most were in attendance in relation to the resubmitted planning application for five affordable dwellings at Knockin Heath. All were invited to speak and to raise their concerns or queries by the Chair. These covered a wide range of matters including:-

- Lack of sustainability of the location
- Road safety considerations with lack of turning circle for vehicles
- Drainage concerns
- Concerns about appropriateness and accessibility of design, use of decking etc
- Objection to removal of trees that have TPO's in place

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance for their input.

13.19 PLANNING MATTER 6C) ii) WAS BROUGHT FORWARD IN THE AGENDA AT THIS POINT

Councillors debated the resubmitted application 19/00564/FUL for 5 affordable rented dwellings at Knockin Heath. It was felt that the application had been turned down on a number of occasions and that the same points of concern still remained. The refusal on the last occasion was made on the high amenity value of the trees to be removed which was considered to be particularly detrimental to the rural character of the area. Cllr Chapman pointed out that more of the building land now fell into the flood zones (although this seemed to be a matter of dispute). Cllr Green highlighted that the SUDS team from Shropshire Council had actually recommended refusal because of flooding/drainage concerns. It was also felt that the traffic/road safety concerns had been underestimated and had not been picked up by Highways in their formal response. Councillors remained concerned about the sustainability of the site and also whether there was a demonstrable need for this sort of housing – the results of the housing survey might further clarify this point. Based on the discussion, Cllr Quayle proposed that the Parish Council formally

object to the application with detailed grounds. **It was therefore RESOLVED (unanimously) that a detailed letter of objection be drafted initially by the Clerk in liaison with Cllrs Barclay and Green for circulation as a final draft to all councillors for comment.**

Eight members of the public left at this point.

14.19 PARISH MATTERS

a) Reports

- i) The Clerk circulated a statistical report from PC Moth on offending data for the relevant period. It was **AGREED** that PC Moth should be asked for a simpler list type report with recorded outcomes for offences if possible.
- ii) Cllr Matt Lee confirmed that he would be meeting with local residents at the Knockin Heath site on Tuesday 26th. He was asked to pursue the issue of flood improvements on the Pentre to Royal Hill stretch of highway, and how to lobby for these to be prioritised. Clerk to provide him with background information. Cllr Barclay asked if it was correct that Shropshire Council was going to start charging for green waste collection. Cllr Lee agreed to query this and provide information to the Clerk for circulation.

b) Report from Clerk

A written report had been circulated with councillors' papers and was taken as read. The Clerk verbally updated councillors in relation to item 2b) where she had received confirmation from Sarah Hughes from Shropshire Council in writing that the proposed Neighbourhood Fund CIL spend on the VAS units would only have to be reported on the annual return (prepared for the September Meeting). The report was duly **NOTED**.

c) Casual Vacancy for Argoed Ward

Mr Richard Greening was invited to speak to the Parish Council about his application for the casual vacancy in the Argoed Ward. The Chair asked for a formal nomination of Mr Greening for the vacancy and this was made by Cllr Quayle and seconded by Cllr Pinder. **It was therefore RESOLVED (unanimously) that Mr Richard Greening be invited to fill the vacancy in the Argoed Ward replacing Councillor Sheila Bruce. Mr Greening was invited to sign his Declaration of Acceptance by the Clerk.**

d) Commissioning SOX Replacement Work

Cllr Barclay thanked Mr Andy Vaughan of Highline Electrical Ltd for his patience. Mr Vaughan had brought a LED light with him which was the type likely to be installed to replace the SOX lanterns. He explained that LED lights had a more limited boundary of light but their intensity was greater. The intensity of the light could be adjusted on site to suit their location (for example if one was directly outside a house). The lights could also be set at the factory to dim progressively – in Oswestry this took place for midnight to 5.30am to 50% intensity. He underlined that it was important to first undertake the review of brackets and existing lantern fittings, and he would be undertaking this early in March. In response to a query Mr Vaughan confirmed that the LED unit was guaranteed for 10 years, although the photocell would need to be replaced at around the 4-5 year point. This should reduce repair costs considerably. Mr Vaughan also suggested that he could fit a demonstrator light somewhere in the village so local residents could see what LED lighting looked like. It was proposed and **AGREED** that the light should be fitted on the pole nearest to the village shop. Mr Vaughan was thanked again for his attendance and useful input.

e) To Consider Renewal/Replacement of Existing Grounds Maintenance Contractor

A report had been circulated to councillors confirming that the existing grounds maintenance contractor, Groundforce, did not wish to extend their contract. It was obvious from their correspondence with the Clerk that they had seriously underestimated the cost of the contract and were losing money on it. The Clerk expressed regret that these concerns had not been raised with her at an earlier opportunity. Given that the previous procurement exercise was only 12 months' old, the Clerk had approached the next two best priced quotes and asked the contractors concerned if they wished to review their prices/be considered for the contract. Only one had confirmed their price, which they were happy to hold from their earlier submission. **It was therefore RESOLVED (unanimously) that Martin Pritchard be offered the grounds maintenance contract subject to receipt of a satisfactory reference, for one year with an option to extend for a further two years.**

f) Tree Survey Report

The Clerk confirmed that a very detailed report had been received but with insufficient time to study it and prepare an action plan of indicated works. This would therefore be prepared for consideration at the March meeting.

g) Replacement of Goal Posts

Cllr Lee offered to use his work contacts to see if he could obtain a replacement goal post(s) for the Parish Council. Cllr Quayle reiterated her point that she felt it was important to involve local young people in a fundraising exercise which would give them a greater sense of ownership over the resources.

h) To Report other Identified Parish Matters

A table of Community Infrastructure Levy payments was circulated showing a further £4565.89 Neighbourhood Fund CIL would be paid to the Parish Council alongside the precept in April. It was **AGREED** that a future meeting of the CIL Working Group should be arranged to revisit and review the existing CIL Priorities Plan.

i) To Report other Identified Highways Matters

Cllr Pinder raised the issue of potholes in the road at Firs Farm corner.

15.19 PLANNING

a) Matters for Information and Noting only

Planning Enforcement Case 19/06420/ENF - **breach** of planning control in relation to erection of dwelling, stationing and occupation of static caravan and storage containers and vehicles. **Duly NOTED.**

b) To Receive details of Planning Applications/Appeal Decisions

18/05137/OUT – Severn Moorhens, Edgerley – Outline application for the erection of replacement dwelling
Permission Granted

c) Current Applications/Appeals for Decision

i) Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 86 (part), Kinnerley, Shropshire. Local ward councillors had discussed the application with local residents and there were objections from two households. Concerns were raised about the loss of the footpath at certain times of year when flooding was prevalent. The alternative footpath was sometimes impeded with an overgrown hedge. **Following discussion councillors RESOLVED (unanimously) to make comments on the basis discussed.**

d) To Consider any Applications received after agenda sent out

None received.

e) Shropshire Local Plan Review

Councillor Green gave a brief verbal update. It was **NOTED** that the Housing Survey results were now ready and that a meeting at Shirehall was to be arranged so that these could be formally presented. Members of Local Plan Review Working Group to be canvassed for a delegation to attend the meeting.

16.19 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Receipts

None

b) Payments made before meeting

None

c) Payments for Approval

- i. Clerk's Salary February 2019 £666.38
- ii. Clerk's Expenses January 2019 £107.95
- iii. Lawrence Direct - £14.12
- iv. Morelock Signs Ltd - £7185.60

d) Invoices received after the Agenda has been sent out

None

It was **RESOLVED** that the above payments are **APPROVED** for payment and the bank signatories **INSTRUCTED** to sign the cheques.

e) Transfer to Unity Bank

The application to open the bank account had been submitted on-line and the Clerk now had a list of documents and original signatures to provide in order to satisfy the ‘proof of identity’ requirements for the four signatories to the account. A cheque was required to open the account in the sum of £500. **Councillors therefore RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve a cheque in the sum of £500 be raised in the name of Kinnerley Parish Council in order to complete the opening of the account and signed accordingly.**

17.19 CORRESPONDENCE – See list below

The following correspondence was received and NOTED.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

SALC	Updated training schedule February newsletter
NALC	
Shropshire Council	CET update
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital	Media Release – future of our hospitals Futurefit briefing Futurefit Press release CCG webcast notification Consultation on ophthalmology services
PCC	Newsletter
Shropshire DAAT	Newsletter
Corbet School	Newsletter
Llangollen 2019	Funding request
Shropshire Islamic Foundation	Visit my Mosque initiative

18.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 25th March 2019 at Kinnerley Parish Hall. Councillors noted that this was the Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the full Parish Council Meeting. The focus of the Annual Parish Meeting to be the Annual Report from the Chair and a ‘round table’ discussion with invited agencies and local residents about parish priorities, the potential use of CIL etc. Cllr Quayle offered to organise light refreshments for this part of the meeting, and Cllr Greening offered to assist in designing a flier for the event.

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Signed by Chair

Date