

KINNERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Held Remotely by ZOOM

PRESENT

Cllrs Nick Barclay (Chair), Charles Green, Sharon Quayle, 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

None received

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Eleven members of the public attended the meeting

12.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

a) Cllr Green declared a conflict of interest in planning application **21/00321/FUL** and would accordingly abstain from voting on the matter. Cllr Lorraine Jones clarified that although she was an elder and trustee of the URC, she would be making representations in respects of planning applications **21/00467/FUL** and **21/00566/FUL** in her capacity as a Parish Councillor only in order to reflect the views of parishioners who had been in contact with her.

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

13.21 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATED 25th JANUARY 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.**

14.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The applicants for the two planning applications in relation to the Site of the Hollies spoke first, and explained their commitment to the village, and their desire to create a 'home for life' on the site. Their architect emphasised the positives of the house design including its zero carbon footprint.

Two members of the public made representations in respect of the poor state of Argoed Coppice which was strewn with rubbish and detritus washed into hedgerows by flood water. Concerns were expressed about a caravan located on the site and the lack of sanitation arrangements for it.

Cllr Barclay suggested bringing forward the planning applications in relation to The Hollies at this point, and this was **AGREED** (unanimously) by councillors.

15.21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 21/00467/FUL AND 21/00566/FUL 21/00467/FUL

Cllr Barclay opened with a short summary of the history of applications relating to the site. Cllr Lorraine Jones welcomed the applicants to the Parish, and went on to summarise the many concerns she had received from local residents in relation to the applications. These could be summarised in broad terms as:-

- The size of the dwelling was disproportionate to the plot
- The height of the flat roof was overly dominant
- The scale and size of the proposed dwelling in relation to the original footprint
- The proposed cladding
- The proposal to seek change of use of agricultural land

Cllr Peto echoed these concerns and queried whether access to the field at the rear of the site would be compromised.

Cllr Green supported the zero carbon ambitions of the proposed design, but emphasised that the plans lay outside of the development boundary so only allowed for a 'replacement building of local character', this principle having been confirmed by previous refusals.

Cllr Green proposed and it was RESOLVED (8 in favour, 3 abstentions) to OBJECT to the application.

Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to draft the detailed formal response incorporating points made by councillors and local residents.

21/00566/FUL

Councillors expressed concern about the lack of clarity in respect of this application – as the static caravan was already sited, it was felt it should be a request for retrospective planning consent. The plans did not show the main house in relation to the proposed sewage treatment plant. Although the static caravan was sited on the agricultural 'strip' of land, no change of use appeared to have been lodged in respect of this land.

Following debate a proposal was made to **OBJECT** to the application. **It was formally RESOLVED to so OBJECT (5 in favour, 2 not in favour and 4 abstentions).**

16.21 REPORTS

a) Cllr Vince Hunt was in attendance at the meeting – he outlined progress on the vaccination programme in the County, which had made a slightly slow start, but was now progressing at pace. Cllr Hunt confirmed that Shropshire Council full cabinet would consider a proposal to raise Council Tax by 3.99% the following week. He also outlined plans to locate the HQ for the Council to a much smaller building in Pride Hill and for the Shire Hall site to be sold for redevelopment.

Cllr Peto queried why Nesscliffe by-pass was being prioritised for works over and above local roads which were in much poorer condition. It was clarified that Nesscliffe by-pass would be funded by the Highways Agency and not Shropshire Council. Cllr Hunt was able to confirm that he and his colleagues had made their views clear to relevant senior managers that the road infrastructure must be given more priority.

b) No report had been received from the community policing team

c) The Clerk's report had been previously circulated and was taken as read. The Clerk updated on a couple of issues namely:-

- Response to proposal in relation to sharing cost of moss removal with Parish Hall Trust now received.
- The family wishing to replace the Horse Chestnut Tree as a memorial to their parents had shortlisted the suitable trees identified by the Tree Officer down to three, ie Oak, Tulip tree and Sweet Gum. Cllr Greening asked whether an indigenous species of tree should be the preferred choice. Clerk proposed seeking further advice on the shortlist from the Tree Officer, and moving forwards to seeking prices. This was **AGREED**.
- Councillors briefly discussed the reasons for excluding scooters from using the BMX track. Any comments on the proposed wording of new notice for the children's play area to be directed to the Clerk as soon as possible.

17.21 PARISH MATTERS

a. **Renewal of Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2021/2022**

Councillors considered the report prepared by the Clerk and **RESOLVED (unanimously) to accept the new prices for the specified work and to renew the grounds maintenance contract with TEM Pritchard for 2021/2022.**

b. **Argoed Coppice**

Councillors heard from Cllr Quayle about her visit to Argoed Coppice with a local resident who had complained about the detritus and unsanitary conditions on the site. She described the site as "an absolute eyesore". **It was RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Clerk should formally write to Regulatory Services at Shropshire Council registering a formal complaint about the state of the site and its potential implications for public health.** Cllr Quayle offered to take some photos of the site to accompany the complaint.

c. **Reports of any additional identified Parish Matters**

None reported.

d. **Reports of any additional Highways Matter**

Cllr Lorraine Jones reported that the flood sign by Wood Lane, Edgerley was broken. Cllr Greening offered to take a look at it to see if it could easily be repaired.

18.21 KINNERLEY FLOOD PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

a) **Feedback from Meeting organised by Owen Paterson, MP with Environment Agency held on 26th January**

The minutes from this meeting had been circulated for detailed information. A list of current Parish flooding issues had been sent to the Environment Agency subsequent to the meeting (as agreed) but Owen Paterson had cautioned not to expect a response for 4 – 6 weeks.

A follow up meeting had been offered by Adam Lines which is likely to be pursued.

The planned site meeting for 13th May would have to be rearranged if it did not fall within Covid guidelines.

b) **Feedback from Kinnerley Flood Prevention Group held on 11th February**

This had been extremely well attended with 46 participants. Welsh councillors in particular had conveyed their thanks at being invited and kept in the loop. Cllr Lorraine Jones expressed her thanks to Cllr Green for all his hard work on preparing a presentation for the meeting which had been really well received.

- c) **Proposal to change name of Group to ‘Kinnerley Flood Protection Working Group’**
This proposal was **formally AGREED (unanimously) by councillors.**

19.21 PLANNING

- a) **To receive details of planning applications/appeal decisions from Shropshire Council**
20/05074/FUL – The Elms, Maesbrook, SY10 8QF – Erection of first floor extension and balcony
Permission Granted
20/05173/FUL – Hazel Croft, Vicarage Lane, Kinnerley, SY10 8DE – Erection of single storey extension
Permission Granted
- b) **Planning applications for decision**
21/00420/FUL – Fieldside Barn, Edgerley, Shropshire
Erection of double garage
Following discussion, Councillors **RESOLVED (unanimously) to SUPPORT this application with no additional comments**
- c) **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was sent out**
21/00321/FUL – Land opposite Hayloft, Edgerley
Erection of stable block and access
Following discussion, **councillors RESOLVED (unanimously) to be NEUTRAL on the application making only representations**

20.21 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a. Receipts

None

b. Payments for Approval

- i. Clerk’s Salary for February 2021 - £712.76
- ii. Clerk’s Expenses for February 2021 - £50.89
- iii. Shropshire Council – Tree Safety Report for Peel’s Plantation - £240

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

d. Anomalous Payments

Explanatory note from Clerk duly **NOTED.**

21.21 CORRESPONDENCE

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

22.21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next full Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7pm by ZOOM. NB This meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting followed immediately by a Full Parish Council Meeting.

A draft list of dates for 2021/22 was circulated by the Clerk – any comments to be directed to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Councillors **NOTED** NALC advice that current regulations permitting remote meetings expired at the end of April, and unless the Government extended them, meetings in person would have to recommence in May.

Meeting ended at 8.35 pm

Signed by Chair

Date

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