

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT TICKLERTON VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm

080/17 - Present & Apologies for absence

Present

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman
Cllr. T Madeley
Cllr. S Jones
Cllr. P Jenkins
Cllr. C Pugh

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Cllr. L Gray, Cllr. B Orme and Unitary Cllr. C Motley

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett

081/17 - Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting.

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

No declarations were made.

082/17 – Public question time

No members of the public attended the meeting.

083/17 - Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2017

The Minutes of the meeting on 17th July 2017 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to them.

Cllr. S Jones **proposed** that the Minutes be approved by the members.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. T Madeley.

Vote: the members present approved the Minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

084/17: Matters arising from the Minutes of the 17th July 2017 not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

057/17/2 - In the July Minutes the Clerk had advised that the Parish Council would be receiving £2,172 for the 2017/2018 Environmental Grant. In fact the sum of £2,262.72 has been credited to our bank account.

085/17 – Reports.

The Clerk reported on a Clerk’s Training Course hosted by Lisa Bedford at Rushbury Village Hall on the 4th September. The following topics were raised and discussed:-

1. Community Led Plans. These are a new species of plan and are in addition to Neighbourhood Plans, Place Plans and Parish Plans. Apparently the planners will be relying on Community Led Plans in forming their planning decisions and the plans will be a “material consideration”.

However, there is no funding available for the production of these plans, unlike the Parish Plan where we got a grant of £750 which scarcely covered the cost.

2. We reviewed SC’s “Local Plan Partial Review” and the “SC Five Year Housing Supply Statement for 2016 – 2036”. For development purposes Eaton and Hope Bowdler has never been a hub or cluster but rather was designated as “open countryside”. “Open Countrywide” however does not feature in these two documents: it appears to have been replaced with something called “Rural Hinterland”, which features in SC’s Core Strategy Policy CS5 which says: “New development will be strictly controlled in accordance with national planning policies protecting the countryside and Green Belt. Subject to further controls over development that apply to the Green Belt, development proposal on appropriate sites which maintain and enhance the countryside vitality and character will be permitted where they improve the sustainability of rural communities by bringing economic and community benefits.”

Lisa Bedford was unable to say what had happened to “Open Countrywide” and whether it has been subsumed into “Rural Hinterland”

3. Highways Grant. There will be tightening up on this Grant as some councils have been abusing it by carrying out works which are ultra vires the scheme. It is under review.

4. CIL. CIL had been a carrot hung before town and parish councils to encourage them to allow development, however it was later revealed they would only get 15% of the tax. Even that is now in doubt. Cllr. Motley will addressing the issue at the next Chair’s Meeting.

5. Highways Repairs. Chris Jackson will not be returning and his role has been taken over by Andrew Keyland. They were always budget holders so could authorise road repairs etc. They are no longer budget holders: all decision are now taken by a Corporate Assessment Panel who will be working to strict criteria. It seems possible that Parish Councils will be required to organise their own Community Teams for highways works and fund it through their precepts.

086/17 - Minor Highways and Environmental matters

The following issues were raised:

086/17/1: There seems to be a possible over-lap between work carried out by Oak Garden Services and the EMO. The Clerk will clarify this with the parties involved.

086/17/2: The re-siting of the bench at the top of Sandford Avenue was again discussed and it was agreed no further action should be taken to move it as no complaints had ever been received.

086/17/3: Cllr. Pugh reported on damage to the highway between Whitefields Farm and Eaton: the side of the road is collapsing and the tarmac has broken up. There are also overhanging trees in Soudley and by Pheasant Cottage at Birtley. The Clerk will report these matters to Highways.

086/17/4 – Stiles at Eaton. Cllr. Madeley raised the issue of stiles along the footpath which crosses St. Edith's Churchyard in Eaton and wends through a field up to the foot of Wenlock Edge. There is a stile in the churchyard wall and a stile where the path adjoins Wenlock Edge. Both stiles cause difficulty for walkers with small children, dogs or those who are infirm. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the SC Countryside Team to ask if the stiles could be replaced by gates.

087/17 - Correspondence and Communications

The councillors considered the following items of correspondence:

1. Letter 19.07.17 from Eaton PCC thanking the PC for its donation towards churchyard maintenance.
2. Notifications from Planning Department:
17/02640/FUL – Mr B Orme, alterations to 1, Wolverton Manor, Wolverton.
Application withdrawn.
16/05270/FUL – Application for the erection of ground floor & first floor extensions and oak framed covered courtyard with internal stepped access to rear raised garden area at The Calves Cottage, Soudley, SY6 7HA
Permission granted 16.08.17
3. Notification via SALC re “Neighbourhood & Other Plans” training course at Shirehall, 5.30pm on Thursday 28th September 2017
4. Notification via SALC re Town & Parish Council Forum Meeting at Shirehall 10am on Friday 29th September 2017
5. Notification via SALC re Shropshire Council's Community Tree Scheme – includes hedging plants as well as trees. Contact 01743 254752 for details.
6. Notification via SALC of Shropshire Council's Five Year Housing Supply Statement 2017. It is available on the SC website to read or print.
7. Copy of the SC Local Plan Partial Review 2016 – 2036. It states Eaton & Hope Bowdler Parish have infrastructure requirements for superfast Broadband, outdoor sports facilities, recreational facilities for children and allotments.
8. Invitation to councillors from Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership to join the Partnership. It meets three times a year and is for a two year term. Closing date for applications is 22nd October 2017. Call 01588 674088 for details.

088/17 - Finance

088/17/1 - Finance Report for August/September 2017

Precept Funds - Balance b/fwd. from July 2017

£4,121.31

LESS: Precept cheques authorised for payment on 18th September 2017

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| 1. Clerk's net salary for August/September 2017 | £253.12 |
| 2. HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's Aug/Sept. 2017 salary | £ 62.00 |
| 3. SALC – fee for training course "Fundamentals for Councillors" for Cllr. P Jenkins– 03.07.17 | £ 25.00 |

4. Expenses incurred by the Clerk in August/September 2017 in connection with Parish Council business:

- Contribution to Broadband/telephone and office overheads – Aug/Sept 2017 @ £10 per month £20.00
- 1 x HP364 XP black ink cartridge; 1 ream A4 copy paper £19.48
- 2 x lever arch files, 35 x envelopes, 1 x roll Self-adhesive labels £ 4.00
- Electricity for meeting in Ticklerton Village Hall £ 3.00

- Travelling expenses claimed at 45p per mile:
04.09.17 – to Rushbury Village Hall for Clerk's Training meeting: 50 miles but cost shared with Diddlebury PC so 25 miles claimed.

18.09.17 Ticklerton V.H for PC meeting
45 miles

Total mileage claimed – 70 miles £31.50
£77.98

Total of Clerk's August/September expenses £418.10

Balance of Precept c/fwd to October

£ 418.10
£3,703.21

Ring Fenced Funds

1. Highways & Environmental Grant

Balance of Highways & Environmental Grant b/fwd £2,165.78

ADD: Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2017/2018

Received 07.08.17 £2,262.96

£4,428.74

LESS:

1. Claim from Mr Graham Reynolds, EMO for hours Worked & mileage claimed between 30.07.17 &

and 03.09.17 £202.50

2. Oak Garden Services – Inv.

No. 17/189 £112.00

£314.50

Balance of Fund c/fwd to October

£ 314.50
£4,114.24

2. **Transparency Code Grant**
Balance of Transparency Code grant b/fwd from July **£932.40**

Less:

- C.M. Smith (Stretton Internet) Inv. 201706/369
For July 2017 website administration £ 45.00
 - C. M. Smith (Stretton Internet) Inv. 2011709-374
For August 2017 website administration £30.00
£75.00 £ 75.00
- Balance of Transparency Code c/fwd** **£857.40**

TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY PARISH COUNCIL
following authorisation of the above cheques **£8,674.85**

Authorisation of Precept, Highways & Environmental Grant and Transparency Code Grant cheques:

Proposed by: Cllr. T Madeley

Seconded by: Cllr. P Jenkins

Vote: Unanimous

Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation

HSBC Bank Statements numbered 70 & 71 were presented to members to verify the Clerk's bank statements/cash book reconciliation as at 04.09.17. Cllr. Jones duly checked the reconciliation and verified it.

090/17 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised with the Chairman.

The Clerk advised that a new raft of Data Protection Regulations are coming into force next March and she will be attending a course at the Shirehall on 8th November on the subject.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting

Monday 20th November 2017, 7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall

MINUTES SIGNED BY: Graham Watts

DATED: 22nd November 2017