

MINUTES

of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024
7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall

090/24 - Present

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman

Cllr. L Gray

Cllr. S Jones

Cllr. B Orme

Apologies received and accepted from

Cllr. T Madeley, Cllr. P Jenkins

In Attendance

The Clerk, two members of the public and Shropshire Cllr. C. Motley

091/24 - 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.

092/24 – Public question time

No matters were raised.

093/24 – Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2024

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2024 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15th July 2024 be approved by the councillors.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

Vote: Three in favour, one abstention – proposal carried.

094/24 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 15th July 2024

083/24: Cllr. Madeley had stated at the July meeting that he felt Shropshire Councillor Motley's comments about progressing the proposed amalgamation with Rushbury Parish Council by April 2025 were premature as he was not aware that this parish council had agreed to such an amalgamation. Cllr. Motley responded by explaining that the parish and town boundaries review had been delayed due to changes in the Parliamentary Boundaries Review and that the matter could not progress until after the Council elections in May 2025. She recommended that the Chairman get in touch with the new Chairman at Rushbury Parish Council and the new Clerk, who are Andrew Richards and Neil Green respectively, and this the

Chairman agreed to do. Cllr. Motley also advised the Chairman that Mr Francis Acton at Acton Scott Parish Meeting is anxious to meet him and discuss further the proposed transfer of the hamlet of Hatton from this parish council to Acton Scott. The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr. Acton but felt that this parish council had made it clear that it did not wish to have Hatton transferred to Acton Scott and nor, as far as we could ascertain, did any of the Hatton residents want such a transfer.

085/24: Cllr. Madeley had asked at the July meeting, which Cllr. Motley had been unable to attend, that she should give this parish council an update on the all the outstanding planning issues at Oaklands campsite. Cllr. Motley responded that she would deal with Cllr. Madeley's query when he next appeared at a meeting. Other councillors pointed out that the parish council had been awaiting a response from Mr Julian Beeston, Enforcement Officer, since July 2023. Cllr. Motley advised the matter had slipped her mind, but she will make enquiries of Mt Beeston and report back.

086/24: The Clerk advised that the Shropshire Council cabinet had now decided what action to take about the proposed closure of the Craven Arms (and other) recycling centres. Until further notice the recycling centre will remain open seven days a week, but from the 4th November 2024 only Shropshire residents can use the centre and they have to telephone or email ahead to book an appointment. They will have to give their address and vehicle registration number and will be allotted a time slot. Entry to the site will be subject to a vehicle registration recognition system. As yet the contact details for booking an appointment have not been issued.

The Chairman and other councillors were very critical of this as to operate such a scheme would be costly in both technology and manpower and would almost certainly lead to an increase in fly tipping. Cllr. Motley supported the scheme as many non-Shropshire residents had been using the recycling centre.

The Clerk also advised that the green waste disposal scheme will continue but any Shropshire resident wishing to use it had to pay £56 per annum, commencing in October 2024. Call 0345 5207007 to obtain a permit. A sticker will then be issued to attach to the bin. Food waste must not be put in the green recycling waste bins. The Chairman felt that this measure too would lead to an increase in fly tipping.

095/24 – Reports

Cllr. Motley regretted that more councillors and clerks had not attended her recent Chairs' Meeting at Culmington. A range of issues had been discussed including the new government's consultation proposals for planning reforms to be contained in a new National Planning Policy Framework. The government are intending to build 370,000 new houses per annum, 70% of which are proposed to be in rural areas and 6.75% in urban areas. "Rural areas" predominantly means the expansion of existing market towns, as in more rural areas a large amount of new infrastructure (schools, shops, transport etc) would be needed. It is unclear how much additional rural land will be consumed by solar panel and wind farms. In urban areas the green belt will no longer sacrosanct as long as any development includes 50% of affordable homes. A "grey belt" is also proposed, but there is no mention of building on brown field sites. The consultation does not seem to include any directive that all new houses and other buildings must have solar panels fitted as standard, and nor is there any proposal that land which has already been given planning permission and seems to have been "land banked", must be built on before any new permissions are granted.

Cllr. Motley concluded her report by saying that she would not be standing for re-election in the May 2025 elections.

096/24 – Planning matters.

24/02864/FUL – application for the erection of a single storey extension to the front (south west elevation) to Chelmick House, Soudley, SY6 7HB.

Councillors considered the plans submitted for this application. It was noted that there were no public or statutory objections to it on the planning portal. After due consideration Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the parish council should support this application and raise no objections to it.

Proposal **seconded** by the Chairman

Vote: Unanimous in support of the proposal.

097/24 - Correspondence/Communications

Councillors considered the following items of correspondence:-

Highways notifications

1. Easthope to B4371 Wenlock Edge road closed 22nd and 23rd October from 9.30am to 4.00pm for repairs.
2. B4371 at Wall Under Heywood closed at night from 20.00 to 06.00 from 11th to 23rd November 2024 for repairs
3. Medicott road near Church Stretton closed from 25th July to 25th September 2024 for urgent repairs.
4. Un-named road between B4368 and Westhope closed on 6th October 2024 for Open Reach works.

General correspondence

5. Information from SC about the Place Plans Review
6. Briefing paper from SALC on various topics including Nature Recovery Strategy, free portrait of HM the King, Community Safety briefing, request for more councillors to join the Royal British Legion, Hospital Transformation programme and NHS seeking volunteers to ensure local people are included in service changes.
7. Letter from Lezley Picton, Leader of SC seeking parish council assistance with delivery of services.
- 8 & 9. Further correspondence and EHB PC's response to the above request.
10. Briefing paper about GP's collective action to take place across Shropshire & Telford & Wrekin
11. Request from Shropshire Hills National Landscape (formerly AONB) seeking Parish Council Supporters and offering grants for nature recovery projects.
12. Invitation to book a place - £15 per person – on the CPRE's training seminar on 24th September 2024 on how to make effective presentations on planning matters.

13. Briefing paper for parish councillors from Ben Walker on broadband infrastructure prepared in conjunction with Building Digital UK
14. Notification of SALC Shropshire Area Committee Meeting at Craven Arms Community Centre, 7pm on Thursday 18th September. Stuart Anderson, south Shropshire's new MP, will be attending.
15. Email from Mike White re the Restoring Shropshire Verges Project.

098/24 – Highways and Environmental matters

Cllr. Orme contacted Mr Ray Hall, who confirmed he will continue to do works around the parish and will submit an invoice in due course.

099/24 - Finance Report for August and September 2024

<u>Balance carried forward from July 2024</u>			£6,848.34
1. Payments to be made on 16th September 2024 from Precept Fund			
• HSBC bank charges July - August		£ 14.00	
• Clerk's net salary for August & September 2024		£380.78	
• HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's Aug/September 2024 salary		£ 95.20	
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in August/Sept 2024</u> <u>paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>			
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for August/Sept. 2024 @ £20 p.m.	£40.00		
• 1 book 8 x 2 nd class stamps	£ 6.80		
• Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile 16.09.24 – to Ticklerton for PC meeting 34 miles	£15.30		
Total of July 2024 admin. expenses	<u>£62.10</u>	£ 62.10	
		<u>£552.08</u>	<u>£ 552.08</u>
Balance of Precept fund c/fwd to October 2024			<u>£6,296.26</u>

The Chairman **proposed** that cheques to the value of £552.08 be approved for payment.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: Unanimous vote on support of the proposal.

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

<u>Environmental/Maintenance Fund</u> bal. b/fwd from July 2024	£1,261.78
<u>Neighbourhood Fund</u> – balance b/fwd from July 2024	£ 451.59

Total funds held by Parish Council following authorisation & presentation of the above cheques.

Precept Fund	£6,296.26
Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	£1,261.78
Neighbourhood Fund grant	<u>£ 451.59</u>
	<u>£8,008.63</u>

2. Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

Cllr. Jones carried out the verification of the Clerk's reconciliation between Cash Book and HSBC Bank Statements 154 and 155 and approved it.

100/24 – Any Other Business (for dissemination of information only)

No matters were raised. There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting.
Monday 21st October 2024, 7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall.**

SIGNED *Peter Jenkins*

DATED 21st October 2024