

CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

24TH JULY 2014 – 19:30

CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL LOBBY

PRESENT

Cllr. W. Higgins (Chairman), Cllr. R. Clarkson, Cllr. J. Conde, Cllr. J. Gallagher, Cllr. T. Perkins, Cllr. D. Taylor, Cllr. P. Whitley

IN ATTENDANCE

1 member of the public
Shropshire Cllr. Tim Barker
Tim Sneddon, Shropshire Council Service Manager of Environmental Maintenance
Clerk: Rebecca Turner

025/1415 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

026/1415 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

027/1415 PUBLIC TIME

Local connection request

Mr Edward Trow explained his request for confirmation of local connection, see Item 035/1415 (B) (i)

Highways Issues

Tim Sneddon gave an update on the following issues:

- 1) **Condition of road outside Rectory Cottage** – some patching has been done but Cllr. Clarkson had reported that water has asked a channel down the road and the tarmac has been washed away causing erosion. Cllr. Clarkson to contact Tim Sneddon to explain the issue.
- 2) **Soft verges** – Mr. Sneddon saw this as being a product of narrow road widths. Council pointed out that the verge is particularly soft opposite the cemetery where vehicles have come off the road. Mr. Sneddon to arrange for the ruts to be filled with stones.
- 3) **Signs on road between Wrentnall and the main road & blocked ditch**– signs being ordered and the ditch is being cleared
- 4) **Vegetation covered marker posts** – being cleared

- 5) **Wrentall Dingle** - concrete crash barriers erected are too close to a field gate and farm vehicles cannot get in and out – Mr Sneddon to visit the site
- 6) **Stapleton end of Wilderley Lane (just outside parish)** – ditches need clearing out
- 7) **Request for horse riding sign** - to be raised as a community concern
- 8) **Speeding in the parish** – to be raised as a community concern

Stiperstones and Corndon Landscape Project

Amanda Perkins and Joe Penfold gave a presentation on the project which runs until March 2018. This is a heritage lottery funded project, part of the Landscape Partnerships Programme and it is about celebrating and conserving landscape heritage. The project has 4 key programme areas:

- 1) **Scraping beneath the surface** – mining heritage
- 2) **Land between lands** – border landscape defined by conflict
 - Includes The Knapp as a hill fort. Keen to involve the community and holding a guided walk on 6th September
 - Want advice from the Parish Council on how to manage the site e.g. ground elder, issues with parking, scrub between the ramparts. Matting was suggested on the parking areas.
 - Looking to assemble a long-term strategic plan
 - Support Friends of the Knapp
 - Holding community/family events.
 - Establishing link between the steering group and Parish Council – David Taylor (Andrew Wood is group Chair)
 - Cothcott Hill – liaising with the landowner to see if can do consolidation work and create a permissive path that joins on to the footpath network.
- 3) **Remarkable Wildlife** – habitation of a harsh, exposed landscape of rocks and thin soil has created a rich mosaic of wildlife
- 4) **Resourceful people** – landscape has provided a home for resourceful people and has strong community spirit

028/1415 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meetings held on 21st May and 16th June 2014 (P: Cllr. Gallagher, S: Cllr. Perkins).

029/1415 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was **AGREED** that the Village Hall file would be lodged with the management committee, care of Linda Russell. Arrangements for storage of the original conveyance to be investigated by the Clerk. A query was raised regarding if the Parish Council, as custodian trustee, should have the village hall on its assets register. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would seek advice from Conover Parish Council as they are also custodian trustees of a Village Hall.

030/1415 NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the new financial regulations, as circulated by the Clerk (P: Cllr. Conde, S: Cllr. Gallagher).

031/14 15 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(A) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

- (i) Handrail on Churton footbridge – it was **AGREED** to write to Shropshire Council thanking them for repairing the footbridge

For items ii to v, see 027/1415.

- (ii) Opposite Pulverbatch Village Hall, by Rectory Cottage - pool of water which is eroding away the tarmac and has led to a deep pothole
- (iii) From Church Pulverbatch travelling towards Pulverbatch main village numerous areas of very soft verges
- (iv) On the lane between Wrentnall and the main road - signs to stop large vehicles & ditch needing cleaning
- (v) Top of Wrentall Dingle, concrete crash barriers erected are too close to a field gate and farm vehicles cannot get in and out.

(B) NEW HIGHWAYS MATTERS

See 027/1415

032/14 15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Barker reported that SAMDEV is being submitted in early August and states that the 5 year land supply requirement has been met. The re-design of council services is ongoing.

The LJC is rolling out a Resilient Communities Initiative which is about encouraging communities to help themselves e.g. giving community a say over bus services.

A new round of LEADER funding is available, via the ERDF, for projects such as farm diversification, rural funding.

033/1415 POLICE REPORTS

During May and June 2014, there was 1 assault and 1 incidence of criminal damage in the parish.

034/1415 REPORTS OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

None.

035/1415 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(A) PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- (i) 14/01581/TCA - Churton Lodge, Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8BZ - Various works to Trees (See Inspection Report) within Church Pulverbatch Conservation Area - **No Objection**
- (ii) 13/03665/FUL - Lower New House Farm, Newhouse Farm Lane, Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8D - Erection of agricultural workers dwelling and ancillary building; formation of vehicular access; installation of package treatment plant; temporary stationing of static caravan during works and demolition of existing cubicle shed – **permission granted**
- (iii) 14/01743/TPO - The Olde Orchard, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DS - 1no Silver Birch - Removal of side branch 1.5 metres from ground level and removal of two small

- branches below main canopy to balance shape of tree protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Castle Pulverbatch) Tree Preservation Order 1980 – **permission granted**
- (iv) 14/01636/FUL - Wilderley Hall Farm , Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, SY5 8DF - Erection of a stock building –**permission granted**

(B) PLANNING MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- (i) Local connection of Edward Trow with reference to Shropshire Council’s “Build Your Own Affordable Home” scheme – this was confirmed as Mr Trow is a parishioner meeting the following criteria with regard to the affordable housing exception scheme:
- Parents resident in local area at time of his birth
 - In permanent residence in local area for at least 5 years as a child attending local school
 - Currently lawfully resident in area and has lived there for previous 5 years
 - Currently employed or routinely carries out self-employed work in the local area or within 5 km of it
 - Parents currently live in local area
- (ii) 14/02747/FUL - Proposed Affordable Dwelling At Broom Hill, Wrentnall, Shrewsbury, Shropshire - Proposed development of a Single Plot Exception (SPE) affordable dwelling for Miss Jenna Holder – **it was agreed to raise the following concerns:**
- The size of the dwelling appears to be larger than 100sq.m
 - The location of the dwelling on the site is not as per planning officer advice for it to be more towards the south of the plot.

Cllr. Clarkson entered the meeting

036/1415 PARISH PLAN PROGRESS REVIEW

It was **AGREED** to:

- Delete the target of providing noticeboards (now complete)
- Refer to maintenance of roads as being ongoing rather than medium to long term
- Add a reference to funding obtained through the Stiperstones and Corndon Landscape Project for environmental projects

037/1415 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) First quarter reconciliation & budget report – this was approved, showing a reconciled balance of £5502.13 as at end of Qtr 1.
- (b) Risk assessment of Clerk’s office environment and purchase of associated equipment – **NOTED** and **AGREED** to pay Clun Town Council a rental fee for use of recommended items and MS Outlook and a networked hard drive
- (c) Accounts for payment:
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| (i) R Turner – expenses (188) | £27.00 |
| (ii) R Turner WFHA May & June 2014 (189) | £17.50 |
| (iii) Clun Parish Council – office & computer equipment (190) | £68.41 |
| (iv) J Whiteley - Noticeboard repairs(191) | £250.00 |
| (v) Friends of the Knapp (192) | £100.00 |
- (d) Payments already made

(i) R. Turner – salary May 2014 (standing order)	£146.08
(ii) R. Turner – salary June 2014 (standing order)	£149.59
(e) Income	
(i) Insurance claim noticeboard	£200.00

038/1415 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was **NOTED**:

- (i) Shropshire Women and Children’s Centre – opening at Princess Royal, Telford in September 2014
- (ii) SALC Information Bulletins
- (iii) Damage to wall at Castle Cottage
- (iv) Response from Nick Boles Planning Minister to Shropshire Council re NPPF
- (v) Community Trees – Woodlands Trust
- (vi) Rural Community Energy Schemes & Shropshire RCC Fuel Buying Scheme
- (vii) Friends of Castle Pulverbatch Report
- (viii) Fire Service Integrated Risk Management Plan consultation
- (ix) LEADER 2015-20 consultation & survey for completion
- (x) Polling Districts Review
- (xi) Invite to House of Commons
- (xii) Shropshire Council Empty Homes Strategy 2014-17 – consultation
- (xiii) Shropshire & Staffordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – consultation

039/1415 OTHER BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to request that the post box outside the village hall be re-painted.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATED