

CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL

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CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL LOBBY

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

3 members of the public
Shropshire Cllr. Tim Barker
Clerk: Rebecca Turner

097/1314 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Clarkson.

098/1314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

099/1314 PUBLIC TIME

The agent, Miss Jenna Holder and her mother were in attendance in relation to a request to confirm Miss Holder's "strong local connection" to the parish with reference to Shropshire Council's "Build Your Own Affordable Home" scheme. Miss Holder and her mother explained that she had moved to the parish with her family 16 years ago, at which time she was aged circa 10 years old. She had lived in the parish until a year ago and was now looking to move back to raise her own child, with support from her family. Miss Holder had attended both Pontesbury Primary School and Mary Webb secondary school and she considered that these are local schools, in the absence of there being any schools in the parish itself. Cllr. Gallagher felt that any home permitted under the affordable home exceptions scheme must meet high design standards.

100/1314 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2014 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

101/1314 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr. Whitley advised that there had not yet been a PCC meeting so she had as yet been able to raise concerns about parking around the church when events are on. Cllr. Whitley advised that the church does not currently have a warden so it was not clear as to who could manage any parking arrangements that may be agreed. Cllr. Whitley will raise the concerns regarding parking at the next PCC.

102/1314 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Clerk had received an update from Jonathan Ingoldby of Shropshire Council on the following highways matters:

Issue 1: Wilderley Lane, for 400 metres upwards from the junction of the Stapleton to Church Pulverbatch Road water running down the road.

SC Highways response: In the new financial year, it is intended to arrange further mud removal, ditch clearing, and paving machine overlays on Wilderley Lane (Shadymoor Lane) where there is little camber and regular pothole formation. SC Highways advise that they are aware of the partial blockage/silting of a drain inlet leading away from the junction west of Moat Farm. They may replace the short length of pipe connecting with a manhole in the field. The early summer surface dressing lengths will be the immediate focus, but within the constraints of available resources Wilderley Lane should see improvement work. It inevitably competes with other roads for funding and priority.

Issue 2: Mud on the road from Church Pulverbatch to Stapleton.

SC Highways response: Arranging for the compacted storm debris at the junction east of Moat Farm (the bottom of Wilderley Lane) to be scraped off and removed.

Issue 3: Churton Dingle footbridge – need for a hand rail

SC response: Shona Butter had advised that this had been reported to the highways technicians but no further information had been received. The Clerk to pursue this via Cllr. Tim Barker and Tim Sneddon.

103/1314 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Tim Barker reported that the required 5 year land supply for housing is a major issue at present and has resulted in opportunistic applications for development on sites which would otherwise not be considered; such developments are falling under the NPPF criteria because Shropshire Council does not presently have a 5 year land supply although this is being planned for in SAMDEV and once SAMDEV has been submitted for Examination it will hold more weight. Shropshire Council is frustrated with this as it has done much work in engaging communities to develop the SAMDEV. It is lobbying Nick Boles MP and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning regarding this situation.

Cllr. Barker advised that highways matters are often being delay with by sending out a team to do all the jobs in an area simultaneously. He offered to assist in pursuing the outstanding highways matters.

Some transport cuts will take place in the rural area but as the rural bus in the parish is well used it is unlikely to be affected.

104/1314 POLICE REPORTS

During January and February 2014, there was one theft (other) which took place in February.

105/1314 REPORTS OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Two members had attended the planning training, slides for which have been circulated. The LJC met at Pitchford. Whilst LJs are continuing, they no longer have funding to give out to local groups.

106/1314 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(A) PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- (i) 13/04878/FUL - 2 Harolds Bank, Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8BY - Erection of two storey extension to side and rear; erection of conservatory – **permission granted. It was NOTED that the scheme had been modified to take account of comments raised during the consultation period.**

(B) PLANNING ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- (i) Request to confirm local connection of Miss Jenna Holder (ref land at Broom Hill). It was considered that Miss Holder met 2 of the criteria for having a “strong local connection” as follows:
- 1) She lived in the parish as a child for over 5 years and she attended local schools.
 - 2) Her parents are resident in the parish.
- (ii) Land opposite 2 Broom Hill Barn – the agent was seeking the Council’s views on this site. The Council felt it could only respond fully when a planning application was put to it but did comment that the parish is open countryside and as such could not support an application for market housing. However, an affordable housing proposal may be considered.

107/1314 SAMDEV PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

This consultation is only on the soundness of the plan. The Parish Council confirmed that they consider the plan is sound in so far as it relates to the parish.

108/1314 WRENTNALL NOTICEBOARD DAMAGE

The Clerk advised that two quotes are needed to submit with the insurance claim to repair the noticeboard and these quotes are being sought.

109/1314 CEMETERY UPDATE

The highway drainage system was found to be blocked at two locations and has since been unblocked. Shropshire Council will continue to monitor the condition of the cemetery for future issues. The Area Highway Technician will continue to monitor the drains in the area to ensure they continue to function properly.

110/1314 FINANCE

- (a) **Clerk’s contract** – it was **AGREED** to sign a revised contract for the Clerk was signed to include payment of a Work From Home Allowance, with effect from 1st April 2014.
- (b) **Standing order for Clerk’s salary** – it was **AGREED** to amend the Clerk’s bank details on the standing order due to a change to her bank details.

- (c) **IT equipment** – it was **AGREED** to approve purchase of IT equipment up to a value of £800, the cost to be split equally by the Councils sharing the equipment.
- (d) **Bank balances & reconciliation** – the bank reconciliation was **NOTED**, the bank balances being £893.19 (current a/c), £2641.34 (savings a/c) and the reconciled balance being £3346.03, taking account of payments due totaling £188.50.
- (e) The following payments were approved:
 - a) R Turner – expenses 1st January to 28th February 2014 (payment ref 182) £9.50
 - b) SALC – planning training £20.00
- (f) The following payments already made were noted:
 - (i) R. Turner – salary January 2014 (standing order) £146.08
 - (ii) R. Turner – salary February 2014(standing order) £146.08

111/1314 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was **NOTED**:

- (a) CPRE event 3rd April
- (b) Planning event 24th April & feedback from planning training
- (c) Local Support & Prevention Fund
- (d) Connecting Shropshire Broadband update & RCBF funding application
- (e) SALC Information Bulletins
- (f) Rural Hub newsletters
- (g) Farming Recovery Fund
- (h) NHS Future Fit

112/1314 OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Margaret Perkins charity – Cllr. Higgins asked the parish council if it wished to change to an electronic investment fund and it was agreed that it did not.
- (ii) Village Hall Committee – on behalf of the Village Hall, Cllr. Gallagher asked if anyone would be willing to be a trustee. Cllr. Higgins agreed to take on the role.
- (iii) Bus service – it was reported that vehicles carrying out building works at Castle Cottage have been parked in a manner which is preventing the bus from turning. The Clerk will liaise with the property owner to seek a resolution to this.
- (iv) Possible drugs paraphernalia – it was reported that what was possibly drugs paraphernalia (cans with holes burnt in them) had been seen in the field alongside the lane from Churton to Wilderley (Picklescott Road), heading towards Churton Dingle. This will be reported to the police.
- (v) Date for Annual Parish meeting – due to the European elections being scheduled for 22nd May, it was **AGREED** that this needed to be moved from 22nd May 2014 to 19th May 2014

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATED