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CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

16TH MAY 2013 – 20:00

CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL LOBBY

PRESENT:

Cllr W Higgins, Cllr T Perkins, Cllr J Gallagher, Cllr P Whitley, Cllr D Taylor, Cllr J Conde, P Sweeney (clerk), County Cllr T Barker

APOLOGIES:

Cllr R Clarkson
David Fairclough – Community Action Officer SCC

007/1314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Cllr Conde declared an interest in planning item number 2

008/1314 PUBLIC TIME:

No public were present.

009/1314 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2013 were circulated and agreed by all Councillors. Proposed by Cllr P Whitley seconded by Cllr T Perkins. Cllr W H Higgins signed them as a correct record.

010/1314 MATTERS ARISING:

NONE.

011/1314 HIGHWAYS:

1. Call from a local resident regarding dampness within cemetery could be a drainage problem. The issue has been reported but drier weather has meant it has cleared. It was agreed to keep an eye on the problem and report again if it persists.
2. Councillors were advised that the speed limit in Longden has been changed to 30mph as of 26 April 2013
3. Councillors were advised that resurfacing works commence on the Annscroft to the Hook-a-gate road on 28th May, the works are expected to last 2 days and traffic management will consist of stop/go operations.
4. Councillors were advised of the changes to the Shropshire Council Road Safety Policy and were made aware of the policy and guidance.

012/1314 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT;

The Parish Councillors congratulated County Cllr T Barker on his recent re-election. County Cllr Barker reported that Shrewsbury Town Council is now under Labour control. The County Council has agreed to a 15 minute free period at all council controlled car parks across the county.

Cllr Barker has now taken on the role of portfolio holder for Adult Services. He is no longer on the planning committee, but is happy to speak on behalf of the Parish Council on planning issues if required.

The highways team now have a dedicated team in the local area doing road repairs on a more proactive basis.

013/1314 PARISH PLAN:

Sam Dev classification to be discussed at the next meeting (July)

014/1314 PLANNING:

1. New Planning Applications published on 19/04/2013 relating to parish of: Church Pulverbatch

Reference: 13/01428/TPO (validated: 15/04/2013)

Address: Castle Cottage, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DS

Proposal: To fell one Araucaria Aranucana (Monkey Puzzle tree) protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Castle Pulverbatch) Tree Preservation Order 1980

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Worsdell

The Council support the application due to the tree's proximity to the applicants home and the non native nature of the species. Councillors are concerned about the potential future impact on the house and the highways due to the trees growing root structure, the applicants are unable to get insurance cover due to this potential risk. The councillors feel that the tree should not have been granted a tree preservation order as it is of no arboricultural merit in its current situation. A letter is to be sent to planning to this effect. Proposed by Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Perkins, all in favour.

2. New Planning Applications published on 02/05/2013 relating to parish of: Church Pulverbatch

Reference: 13/01632/OUT (validated: 01/05/2013)

Address: Land SW Of Pulverbatch Reservoir, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline Application for the erection of one dwelling with detached garage; insertion of septic tank drainage system to include means of access

Applicant: A J Waters (3 Bebbington Cottage, Castle Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DX)

Prior to the meeting the councillors met with the applicants at the site to discuss the application in more detail.

It was agreed that the Council are in favour of the application in principal, with a few conditions:

During the on-site discussions the applicants mentioned they would be happy to site the dwelling closer to the existing building and in line with the existing reservoir, the council feel that this will help the structure blend in with its surroundings.

The roof pitch of the structure should be no higher than the top of the existing barn, and the Council would prefer to see traditional local materials being used and a slate roof.

There were no objections to a 4 bedroom dwelling on the site, but the dwelling should be tied to the farm with an agricultural tie.

A letter is to be sent to planning to this effect. All in favour.

015/1314 FINANCE:

1. Lloyds TSB Account Balances last statements dated

a) Instant Access	2 May 2013	£5,414.85
b) Current Account	2 May 2013	£142.45

The above balances were noted.

2. Cheques this meeting:

a) P Sweeney	Salary to 31 May	£231.36
b) SALC Affiliation Fees	SALC	£145.58

The cheques were agreed and signed

3. Accounts for year ended 31 March 2013 were discussed at the AGM
4. Internal Audit Letter was discussed at the AGM
5. The Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2013 and annual governance statement was approved and signed by the chairman and the clerk/responsible financial officer.
6. LJC Grant for notice boards – The clerk informed the Council that the acceptance has been signed and returned
7. Re-appointment of internal auditor was discussed at the AGM
8. The clerk informed the Council that the precept for the year has been received

016/1314 CORRESPONDENCE:

For Discussion

1. The Clerk informed the Council of the availability of SLCC Membership
2. The Clerk read out a thank you card received from the outgoing Clerk, Carole Morgan

Not For Discussion (for councillors info only)

3. Annual Return 2013 (discussed under Finance above)

017/1314 EMAILS:

For Discussion

1. Burnell and Severn Valley LJC have requested information on the parish council representative, Cllr Higgins confirmed he is happy to continue being the Council's representative
2. The Clerk informed the Council of the SALC training programme Jun – Aug 2013
3. The Clerk informed the Council of the availability of Shropshire Council's Dog Control public consultation
4. Cllr R Clarkson had received an anonymous complaint from a local resident regarding the problem of dog fouling on Knapp. It was agreed to respond to Cllr Clarkson that this has been a problem in the past and the Council have successfully campaigned for a dog waste bin on the Knapp, there has been a campaign to raise awareness including notices and visits to the site by the dog warden. It is suggested that if any residents see this behavior on the site they take a photo of the perpetrators or their vehicle and pass it on to the local police. A notice will be put on the website to raise awareness of the problem.

Not For Discussion (for councillors info only)

5. Mayors Sunday Service – 19 May, St Chad's Church (Open invitation)
6. Acceptance of LJC grant has been sent in (discussed above)

018/1314 OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Clerks vacancy – there were 5 applicants for the vacancy and the councillors underwent a shortlisting exercise and chose 3 for interview. Emails to be sent to the 3 successful candidates to inform them of the interview times.
2. Cllr Whitley raised the issue that there are 2 holes in the ground by the notice board on the Knapp. Severn Trent have covered these with temporary covers which are raised and loose and could be a danger to public visiting the area. A letter is to be sent to Severn Trent to ask them to solve the issue.

3. The Councillors welcomed Cllr D Taylor and congratulated him on his election, and thanked the outgoing Clerk P Sweeney for his service to the Council.

The chairman closed the meeting at 21:55

P SWEENEY, Clerk to Church Pulverbatch Parish Council