

CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL

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CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

25TH JULY 2013 – 19:30

CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL LOBBY

PRESENT

Cllr. W. Higgins (Chairman), Cllr. R. Clarkson, Cllr. J. Conde, Cllr T. Perkins, Cllr. D. Taylor, Cllr P Whitley, Shropshire Councillor T. Barker, LJC Community Action Officer, David Fairclough

CLERK

R. Sara

019/1314 APOLOGIES

None.

020/1314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

021/1314 PUBLIC TIME

David Fairclough introduced himself as the LJC Community Action Officer. The LJC has a budget of £19,000 for 18 parishes to help with local projects or events which benefit the community. It is particularly interested in ensuring projects are sustainable and can meet their ongoing revenue costs. The LJC can not necessarily give 100% of funding and typically seek 50% match funding.

Cllr. Perkins had spoken to Mike Morris who is intending to make an application for a new build agricultural worker's dwelling of less than 100 sq. metres at Lower Farm, New House Lane. The Clerk was asked to arrange for Mr. Morris to address the Parish Council at a site meeting, once a planning application had been submitted.

022/1314 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2013 (P: Cllr. Whitley, S: Cllr Conde). The Chairman signed them as a correct record.

023/1314 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that she had received notification that the drain covers at The Knapp were to be repaired in June.

024/1314 HIGHWAYS

No issues reported.

025/1314 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Barker is now the cabinet holder for adult services, transformation and safeguarding.

Shropshire Council is looking to make significant staff savings which equates to approximately a 50% reduction in staff; voluntary redundancies are currently being offered to all except school staff.

The overall shape of the Council and its way of working is changing, with a move towards working more closely with other Councils and commissioning services jointly with them.

026/1314 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. Higgins had been unable to attend the last LIC.

027/1314 PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council reviewed progress towards the action points in the Parish Plan:

- 1) Maintenance of church/churchyard – PCC responsible.
- 2) ICT/broadband improvements – poor/no service to be reported to the Connecting Shropshire project leader.
- 3) Improve facilities for young people – no immediate actions but it was suggested that perhaps someone in the community could take this forward.
- 4) Noticeboards – see 032/1314.
- 5) Longden school retention – no action needed.
- 6) Highways issues – speed and maintenance of local roads are ongoing.
- 7) Drinking water, drainage and flooding – ongoing.
- 8) Bus service provision – ongoing.
- 9) Affordable housing – to be addressed as and when opportunities arise.
- 10) Amenity green spaces – to be addressed if funding becomes available.

It was agreed to put the Parish Plan on the agenda every 3rd meeting so that these actions could be reviewed.

Cllr. Perkins is to send the Clerk details of income and expenditure in relation to the Parish Plan so that it can be reconciled and a budget report prepared.

028/1314 SAMDEV REVISED PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

It was agreed not to seek to change the status of the parish from open countryside and not to make any further representations in relation to the consultation.

029/1314 FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURLTON DINGLE

The concrete footbridge is in poor, dangerous condition. It is in need of repair - there is no hand rail and towards Wilderley Edge, there is an earth bank and a brook. The Council **RESOLVED** to ask Shropshire Council to address the dangerous condition of the bridge (P: Cllr. Whitley, S: Cllr. Conde)

030/1314 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) 13/02013/AGR - Near Bank Farm, Habberley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 0SH – Proposed steel portal framed building, with a fibre cement clad roof (**for information only**)
- (ii) 13/02069/AGR - OS Field 0493, Longden Common, Shrewsbury, Shropshire - Extension to existing barn (**for information only**)
- (iii) 13/01428/TPO - Castle Cottage, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DS - To fell one Araucaria Araucana (Monkey Puzzle tree) protected by TPO – **permission refused**
- (iv) 13/02379/FUL - Wynswood Lodge, Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8BZ - Formation of an outdoor horse exercise area with surrounding post and rail fence – **no comments made**

031/1314 SHROPSHIRE HILLS AONB MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

It was **AGREED** to make no comments.

032/1314 NOTICEBOARDS

Cllr. Perkins had obtained a quote for having the noticeboards replaced in hardwood. In principle, the quote was approved, subject to checking availability of the craftsman.

033/1314 FINANCE

- (a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the new Clerk, Rebecca Sara's contract and to pay her by monthly standing order (P: Cllr. Whitley, S: Cllr. Clarkson). The Clerk advised the Council that revised salary scales have recently been issued by NALC, backdated to 1st April 2013. The contract and standing order mandate was duly signed by the Chairman and a second signatory.
- (b) The Council noted the explanation of variances which the Clerk had provided to the external auditor.
- (c) Bank account balances as at statement dates below:
 - (i) Instant Access 2nd July 2013 £4965.26
 - (ii) Current Account 31st May 2013 £ 640.51
- (d) Bank account management – it was **RESOLVED** to transfer the outstanding budget for 2013/14 to the current account.
- (e) Accounts for payment:
 - a) R Sara (payment ref 170) Salary to 31st July £292.16
 - b) HMRC (payment ref 171) PAYE Qtr 1 £ 57.80
- (f) Income received
 - (i) LJC Grant for notice boards £425.00
 - (ii) Interest £ 0.41

034/1314 CORRESPONDENCE

Footpath letter – Shropshire Council had consulted the Parish Council on a proposed amendment to Bridleway 29/Footpath UN1. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council had no comments to add to those it made in response to a previous consultation in 2009.

035/1314 EMAILS

The following emails were noted:

- (i) Free trees scheme
- (ii) West and Shires permit scheme consultation
- (iii) Connecting Shropshire broadband update – the Council would like to put together a petition campaigning for better broadband in the parish- Clerk to co-ordinate.
- (iv) AONB review of achievements 2012/13
- (v) Good Councillors Guide 4th edition
- (vi) SALC Information Bulletins – 14th June and 26th June

036/1314 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Higgins reported that in 2012/13, the Margaret Perkins Charity had an end of year balance of £1166.65, with income totaling £46.05 and no expenditure.

The Clerk was asked to write to Phil Sweeney thanking him for his service to the Council.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm

Date of next meeting: 26th September 2013