

CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL
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The Parish Council met in Pulverbatch Village Hall on Thursday 27th September 2012 at 7.30pm. Present were Cllrs W. H. Higgins (chair), R. Clarkson, J. Conde, Mrs. J. Gallagher, T. Perkins, Mrs. P. Whitley, C. Cllr. T. Barker, Rachel Johnson and 21 residents of the Parish. Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. C. Ashley. There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC TIME:

1. Several residents of the parish attended making known their concerns regarding the proposed Certificated Camping Site No: 126/102. The residents are disappointed with the lack of communication from the Camping and Caravanning Club as only one local resident has had official notification of this proposed site. One main concern is the safety aspect; these are very narrow roads leading to the proposed camp site with very few passing places. The other concern is the noise that it may cause, this is a quiet part of the countryside and residents don't want it disturbed. The Parish Council has also received 5 letters against and one supporting the site. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Whitley and seconded by Cllr. Perkins that the clerk writes to the Camping and Caravanning Club to oppose this proposal and pass on the residents' concerns. All in Favour.
2. Mr. B. Higgs told the Parish Council of his concern regarding the speed of traffic going past his property. Having been the first on the scene of the fatality a few years ago, an experience he doesn't want to go through again, he is at present having discussions with Shropshire Council about the safety. The proposed speed limit at Longden Common (currently in consultation period) is unlikely to go as far as his property. The police have said there are not enough resources to support all the speed limits that are being installed. A request for speed measurement has been submitted. C. Cllr. Barker said he would organise a site meeting for himself and Mike Davies to meet with Mr. Higgs to discuss the matter.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.25pm and residents left the meeting.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Held on 25th July 2012, these having been previously distributed were agreed and duly signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Whitley, seconded by Cllr. Perkins. All in favour.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Jubilee Mugs. These have now been distributed to the children of the Parish.
2. Code of Conduct for Parish Councils. Cllr. Perkins reported on the presentation by legal officers for Shropshire Council on 18th September. He emphasised that all councillors must be compliant with new code. It is also good practice to minute the fact that a councillor has left the room during the debate and vote. Cllr. Perkins also said that any decisions made by the Parish Council can be challenged.
It was agreed that on agenda's it should in future read 'Declarations of Interest and Dispensations'. This was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Whitley, seconded by Cllr. Perkins. All in favour. The clerk pointed out that the Adoption of Code of Conduct for members was published in the Shropshire Star on 12th July 2012.
3. Bus Service 544/546 New timetable effective on 7th September 2012.
4. Inappropriate parking in Castle Pulverbatch. Police have been driving through at various times and only seen one incident of inappropriate parking and this was immediately sorted. The police don't think we have a real problem here.

5. Wrentnall notice board. Mr. Holcroft has ordered the new notice board for Wrentnall and will inform the Parish Council when it is completed. A simple sitting ceremony and photograph can be arranged.
6. Notice boards in Castle Pulverbatch and Church Pulverbatch are in need of attention. It was agreed that Cllr. Perkins makes enquiries and obtain quotes for new ones.

HIGHWAYS:

1. Large pothole on the corner by the lane to Wrentnall from the main road. Clerk has emailed Highways and Severn Trent highlighting this problem again. Gary Parton has told us that Severn Trent say it is not a leak and he is going to get Andy Keyland to have another look and assess the situation again. It has been noticed that during the recent heavy rain that this problem is worse. The clerk is to email Highways to point this out and also to compliment them on what a good job they have done with the drainage repairs from Wrentnall corner to New House Lane. That remained dry in the last rain storm!
2. 30 MPH Longden Common. A site meeting was arranged for 8th August at 11am at The Red Lion car park. Cllr's Higgins and Mrs. Whitley attended and gave a report. This was dealt with during public time.
3. Stapleton to Wilderley road. C. Cllr. Tim Barker is looking into this problem.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:

C. Cllr. Barker reported that Shropshire Council are looking at making economies within school meals. Those with no cooking facilities will struggle to provide school meals particularly isolated schools.

He regrets there is as yet no decision has been made about the Post Office sorting office.

Place Plan: C. Cllr. Barker told the Parish Council that the Parish Plan can provide a list of what is wanted in the area and we may get some funding. They would like any input by Christmas. There is to be an LJC meeting on 18th October at Picklescott Village Hall about this subject. Keith Baron will be attending.

PARISH PLAN:

Cllr. T. Perkins reported that they were still examining the figures. Cllr. Perkins has emailed copies of the Questionnaire Initial Analysis to all councillors.

PLANNING:

1. Planning sub-committee. This matter was discussed and Cllrs. Higgins, Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Whitley agreed to stand on this committee. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Perkins, all in favour.
2. New Planning Applications published on 09/08/2012 relating to parish of: Church Pulverbatch
Reference: 12/03185/FUL (validated: 07/08/2012)
Address: 12 Bebbington Cottages, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DX
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, part single storey rear extension and installation of two rooflights
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. P. Taylor
3. Planning Decisions published on 28/08/2012 relating to parish of: Church Pulverbatch
Reference: 12/02911/TPO (validated: 11/07/2012)
Address: Home Farm, Castle Pulverbatch, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DS
Proposal: To fell 1no Lawson Tree protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Castle Pulverbatch) Tree Preservation Order 1980
Decision: Grant Permission
4. FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Planning ref: 12/03736/AGR
Development Proposed: Livestock housing with covered feed area, to allow indoor lambing.
Location: Near Bank Farm, Habberley, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
OS Reference: 340328 – 300823

Application: Mr. Tony Jones

The above application has been submitted to this authority.

Please note: this is not a formal consultation and is being sent to you FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

5. Reference: 12/03726/FUL (validated: 24/09/2012)
Address: Brookside , Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, SY5 8DT
Proposal: Erection of replacement timber garage and potting shed
Applicant: Mrs. E. Boys (Brookside, Castle Pulverbatch, Shropshire, SY58DT)
6. Reference: 12/03185/FUL (validated: 07/08/2012)
Address: 12 Bebbington Cottages, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DX
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, part single storey rear extension and installation of two rooflights
Decision: Grant Permission

FINANCE:

1. Bank charges and Interest accs. The clerk has managed to get the overdrawn charges cancelled. But after making enquiries there are no accounts that will produce more interest. Bank accounts have to have over £10,000 to gain more interest.
2. Appointment of External Auditor. Councillors agreed to Mazars being the external auditor.
3. Annual audit. Though the paperwork has not yet been returned a phone call made by the clerk revealed that our accounts were all in order. Paperwork to be returned shortly.
4. Lloyds TSB Accounts Balance. Latest statements dated 31st August 2012
5. Cheques this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Michael Holcroft. See Matters Arising item 5.
2. Shropshire Council, Important information regarding local councillor vacancies and the Police & Crime Commissioners Elections.
3. Carole Morgan's retirement letter.
4. Roger Cox. Proposed Certificated Camp Site.
5. Mr. & Mrs. Cook. Proposed Certificated Camp Site.
6. Mrs. Heather Oakley. Proposed Certificated Camp Site.

EMAILS:

1. Planning applications.
2. Rural Services Network.
3. Info bulletins.
4. 26.7.12. Speed management. Consultation 1st October – 9th November.
5. 27.7.12. PC Dave Harte. See Matters Arising, item 4.
6. 30.7.12. Gary Rogers. Re: Pothole. See Highways, item 1.
7. 2.8.12. Planning alert. Huntingdon. No Objection.
8. 4.8.12. & 7.8.12. PC Dave Harte. See Matters Arising, item 4.
9. 12.8.12. Linda Russell. Village Hall bookings. The village hall committee will leave it to us to let them know when we want the main hall.
10. 16.8.12. PC Dave Harte. See Matters Arising, item 4.
11. 17.8.12. Mike Davies. Longden Common Village speed limit – Consultation Plan. See Public Time, item 2 and Highways, item 2.
12. 19.8.12. Brian Higgs. Speed limit. See Public Time, item 2 and Matters Arising item 2.
13. 3.9.12. Shrewsbury & Atcham Area committee 18th September 2012. Agenda. Cllr. Perkins attended this meeting.
14. 6.9.12. Nikki Court. Planning application for Near Bank Farm, Habberley. Pontesbury. See Planning item 3.
15. 6.9.12. Shropshire Council – speed management policy review. Consultation period from 15th October for 8 weeks.
16. 16.9.12. Roger Cox. Camping application. See Public Time, item 1.

17. 20.9.12. Tim Perkins. Report on Code of Conduct. See Matters Arising, item 2.
18. 24.9.12. Planning alert. Brookside. See Planning, item 5.
19. 26.9.12. Michael Holcroft. Planned Camp Site. See Public Time, item 1.
20. 26.9.12. Tim Perkins. Letter from Pauline Dawson. See Public Time, item 1.
21. 26.9.12. Planning decision. 12 Bebbington Cottages. See Planning, item 6.
22. 26.9.12. Roger Cox. Proposed Certificated camp site No 126.102. See Public Time, item 1.
23. 27.9.12. StackaStage. For village halls, would Pulverbach Committee like to view this?

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Clerk's retirement. Cllr. Higgins read out the letter from Mrs. Carole Morgan (enclosed), Mrs. Morgan said she had given the decision to retire a great deal of thought. She said she had enjoyed almost seven years working for the Parish Council and appreciated all the help and support from the Councillors during this time. She will be sorry to leave and will miss their friendship and wished her successor all the very best. Mrs. Morgan agreed to continue until the November meeting.
Cllr. Higgins said he respected Mrs. Morgan's decision and thanked her for all her hard work over the years and they would be very sorry to lose her. It was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries as to the legal format of advertising for a new clerk, also to provide the Councillors with a job description so they can tell applicants what the job entails. The vacancy would be advertised on the Village Website, Parish Magazine and posters on the notice boards.

The chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm