

CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL

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CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

28TH NOVEMBER 2013 – 19:30

CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL LOBBY

PRESENT

Cllr. W. Higgins (Chairman), Cllr. J. Gallagher, Cllr. T. Perkins

IN ATTENDANCE

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

064/1314 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Clarkson, Cllr. Taylor and Cllr. Whitley.

065/1314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Perkins declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12 (a)(iv)

066/1314 PUBLIC TIME

A member of the public had written to the Council regarding a field on Habberley Road, behind The White Horse Inn. She had written to the Council enquiring about the possibility of building a new dwelling there. She advised that due to age and health she needs to downsize. She also felt that a new dwelling would fit in well with neighbouring properties and she reported that The White Horse and some neighbours are in favour of the proposal but not all had been approached. Cllr. Perkins enquired as to if this would be an affordable or a market dwelling and it was reported that it would be a market home.

067/1314 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman:

- (i) 26th September 2013
- (ii) 17th October 2013
- (iii) 30th October 2013

068/1314 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

069/1314 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None.

070/1314 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Tim Barker reported that the planning service is being restructured; the Portfolio Holder Cllr. Malcolm Price, will be arranging a briefing session for Parish Councils on the changes shortly. Key changes are:

- The number of applications delegated to planning officers will increase from 94 to circa 96%.
- If an application that the Parish Council has commented on goes to committee, the Parish Council will be expected to attend committee and speak.
- All planning committees will be held in Shrewsbury.

Shropshire Council cannot demonstrate an identified 5 year land supply of housing until the SAMDEV is adopted which is likely to be mid to late 2014.

Shropshire Council has £80 million to save over the next 3 years and is doing a business plan and service restructuring.

Two new masts are being installed in the vicinity of the parish and they may serve it.

071/1314 POLICE REPORTS

September 2013 – no crimes reported

October 2013 – 2 road collisions, 1 ASB (personal), 1 ASB (nuisance)

072/1314 REPORTS OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. Perkins had attended the LJC meeting. Regarding broadband, information provided on deployment of high speed broadband is vague. It was reported that BT are using the existing network as far as possible but service will be worse for those a further distance from the infrastructure cabinets. It was noted that Secure Web Services are an alternative mast-based broadband provider.

Cllr. Barker invited Councillors to the StrettonDale LJC meeting on 23rd January, which he chairs. It was noted that this clashes with the Parish Council meeting.

073/1314 YOUTH PROVISION

No volunteers had come forward to set up a youth group.

074/1314 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(A) PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- (i) 13/03665/FUL - Lower New House Farm, Newhouse Farm Lane, Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8DE - 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**

- (ii) 13/03085/FUL - Churton Cottage , Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, SY5 8Bz- Erection of a two side storey extension and detached double garage; demolition of chicken coop, out-buildings and lean-to porch/oil tank store; siting of oil tank – **permission granted**
- (iii) 13/03103/FUL - Castle Cottage, Pulverbatch, SY5 8DS – proposed erection of detached double garage – **pending consideration**
- (iv) 13/03502/FUL - The Old Granary Church Pulverbatch Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 8BZ - Erection of a single storey link to garage in association with part conversion of garage into living accommodation and installation of 1 no. rooflight (Amended Description) – **pending consideration**
- (v) 13/03133/LBC - The Old Rectory, Church Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8BZ - Internal alterations to form doorway and block up existing doorway affecting a Grade II Listed Building – **not proceeded with**
- (vi) SC/00159/13 – Land and around Mauriston, Allies and Holly Grove, Church Pulverbatch – **notification of TPO**

(B) OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Letter regarding potential development behind The White Horse Inn – Habberley Road

The Parish Council considered that a market dwelling would be contrary to the Council’s open countryside policy and that in the absence of a planning application the Parish Council could not consider the proposal.

075/1314 ASSETS REGISTER

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the assets register subject to amending the notes regarding the noticeboards. A revised register to be signed at the next meeting.

076/1314 PLACE PLAN REVIEW 2014

It was **AGREED** to consider this at the next meeting.

077/1314 CLERK’S PROBATIONARY PERIOD

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk has successfully passed her probationary period and her permanent employment with the Council was therefore confirmed. Cllr. Higgins to write confirming this to the Clerk (P: Cllr. Perkins, S: Cllr. Gallagher)

078/1314 FINANCE

(a) Annual return for 2012/13 – this had been received from the external auditor who had made no comments. The conclusion of audit had been advertised. The Council therefore **RESOLVED** to adopt the completed accounts for 2012/13 (P: Cllr. Gallagher, S: Cllr. Higgins).

(b) Draft budget for 2014/15 and mid-year budget report – Council noted the draft budget for 2014/15 and the 2013/14 mid-year budget review. Council were keen to investigate sharing the cost of new computer equipment with three other parishes that the Clerk works for. The 2014/15 budget and precept will be set at the January 2014 meeting.

(c) Standing order letter for Clerk's December 2013 to May 2014 salary – this was approved and signed

(d) Margaret Perkins Charity update – Cllr. Higgins reported that a mandate had been signed to keep the account open

(e) Mid-year bank reconciliation and bank balances – Up to 30th October 2013, the bank balances were £1687.51 (sheet 84, current a/c) and £2640.89 (sheet 70, savings a/c), giving total balances of £4328.40. This reconciled to the cashbook balance of £4218.40, taking account of payments due.

(f) The following payments were approved

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| a) P. Sweeney – reimbursement of website hosting fee (payment ref 176) | £25.00 |
| b) R Turner – expenses 1 st September to 31 st October 2013 (payment ref 177) | £40.50 |
| c) Teresa Wood – Parish Plan expenses (payment ref 178) | £17.50 |

(g) The following payments already made were noted:

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| (i) R. Turner – salary September 2013 (standing order) | £146.08 |
| (ii) R. Turner – salary October 2013 (standing order) | £146.08 |

079/1314 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- (i) Connecting Shropshire broadband updates
- (ii) Comment regarding minutes of 22nd August 2013
- (iii) Letter from Ruth Hudson, Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- (iv) LJC – notification of grant funding available
- (v) NHS Call For Action conference/proposals
- (i) SALC Information Bulletins
- (ii) Rural Hub newsletters
- (iii) SALC AGM Chairman's report
- (iv) Road closure notice – Newton junction to Bridges junction, Wentnor (Section from Kinnerton junction to Stedment junction) 3 December 2013 – 1 day – Overlay Works
- (v) SALC membership agreement 2014/15

080/1314 OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Parish matters to report

It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding the minute 040/1314. The complainant considered that the minutes should have referred to the neighbour present at the site meeting by name rather than anonymously. The Parish Council's view is that the names of members of the public should be kept anonymous in minutes.

Date of next meeting: 23rd January 2014

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATED