

**MINUTES OF
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held at Picklescott Village
Wednesday 15th September 2021
at 7.30pm**

Present

C'Ilr Dale; C'Ilr Burton; C'Ilr P Starnes; C'Ilr Morris; C'Ilr Hibbott-Morris

One member of the public attended the meeting

Shropshire C'Ilr D Morris

Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

Apologies

C'Ilr Phillips and C'Ilr Morris sent their apologies which were accepted.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting and reminded Councillors to declare interests if there was anything on the Agenda which they considered they have an interest.

1. Public Comments

One member of the public attended the meeting.

One member of the public told the meeting there should be more affordable housing to buy or rent in the Parishes.

The member of the public also expressed concern about the state of the highways in the Parishes. .

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st July

It was proposed by C'Ilr Starnes, seconded by C'Ilr Dale and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising (not included on the Agenda)

C'Ilr Ecob told the meeting that 17 households had applied for vouchers for faster Broadband connection to Openreach. He understood that the Member of Parliament was also asked to attempt to expedite the applications. An Open Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 3pm on 26th September. To date Openreach had not responded to the invitation to attend the meeting.

4. Correspondence

The Clerk circulated all correspondence as it was received.

A letter had been received from a member of the public on 14th August supporting an application for an affordable house. This had been circulated to all Councillors on 14th August.

The next meeting of the South Shropshire SALC Area Committee will be held on Monday 6th December.

5. Planning

(a) Clerk to report decisions on applications previously discussed:

21/03670/TPO – Old Rectory, Smethcott

To deadwood lower crown and crown lift up to 3m of larch trees on driveway. This application had been circulated to Councillors on 2nd August. The Clerk told the meeting that this application is shown on the planning portal as “pending consideration”.

21/03780/OHL – Pool Farm, Smethcott

Upgrade to existing high voltage 11kv line to phase 3. This application had been circulated to Councillors on 4th August. The Clerk told the meeting that this application was granted on 14th September.

21/03321/LBC – Stone House, Picklescott

Installation of 2 No. additional casements to bathroom window. This Application had been circulated to Councillors on 12th August. The Clerk told the meeting that this application is shown as “pending consideration”.

(b) Applications discussed at the meeting

21/03704/FUL – The Retreat, Lower Wood

Erection of single garage with annexe ancillary to main dwelling (re-submission). This application had been circulated to Councillors on 19th August. It was proposed by C’lIr Starnes, seconded by C’lIr Burton that this was still an over development of this site. A vote was taken with one Councillor abstaining and four Councillors agreeing with the proposal. The following comments were posted on the planning portal:-

“The Parish Council made a site visit when the earlier application (21/01621/FUL) was submitted and objected to the application which was refused. The Parish Council have now discussed the resubmission and still object for the same reasons. The footprint is the same size as in the application, which was refused, and the Parish Council feel that this is an over development of the site”.

(c) Clerk to report any new applications received after 7th September

21/03399/FUL – Land south of Batchcott Hall

Proposed Exception Site dwelling and detached garage. This application was discussed. It was proposed by C’lIr Starnes, seconded by C’lIr Ecob and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application.

6. Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

- Clerk Salary Aug/Sept plus postage, Totalling £444.64. Cheque No. 00424.
- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £110 Cheque No. 000425

It was proposed by C’lIr Dale, seconded by C’lIr Burton and unanimously agreed that the above accounts be paid.

(b) Balance held at Bank

The Clerk circulated a bank reconciliation. After payment of the above accounts the balance at is £5,176.03. This includes the following sums:- . .

Matched Funding EMG	£1,500.00
EMG Received	£1,500.00
CIL	£ 379.09
Election Expenses	£ 300.00
Actual PC Balance	£1,496.94

The Clerk told the meeting that she had submitted a claim for the refund of VAT paid 2020/21 in the sum of £308.64 and this had not yet been paid. It will be added to the PC Funds when received. It was proposed by C'llr Ecob, seconded by C'llr Burton and unanimously agreed that the bank statement and the bank reconciliation provided a true financial record. The Chairman then signed the bank statement and the bank reconciliation.

7. Highways

C'llr Dale reminded all Councillors to let him know if any highway maintenance work needs carrying out. .

C'llr Morris told the meeting that the contractors were working from North Shropshire through to South Shropshire and had carried out 10,000 repairs since May this year.

8. Shropshire Council Report

C'llr D Morris gave the following report:-

- The Local Plan until 2036 had been agreed and signed off at the recent full council meeting. This shows a 6-year development land bank and a further 250,000 houses for Shropshire. The Plan is now being considered by the Planning Inspectorate for approval.
- The Northwest Relief Road has proved to be the most commented on application. The latest costing has been cut by 10% with the costs now showing at £80m. It is envisaged that the plans will be approved and signed off by the Secretary of State. Any appeal will result in work commencing.
- Plans are now being put in place to make Shropshire Council more accessible. A pilot scheme will be put in place for the public to use the mobile library service to make comments.
- In an attempt to reduce air pollution a lane of the highway will be closed by the Station and an air pollution monitor will be placed under the bridge.

9. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 24th November 2021

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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