

**MINUTES OF
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held at Picklescott Village
Wednesday 21st July 2021
at 7.30pm**

Present

C'llr Dale; C'llr Phillips; C'llr P Starnes; C'llr Morris; C'llr Hibbott-Morris

Two members of the public attended the meeting

Shropshire C'llr D Morris
Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

Apologies

C'llr Burton and C'llr Ecob 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

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

One member of the public told the meeting there should be more affordable Section 106 applications to ensure affordable housing was available for local needs.

Both members of the public attending the meeting expressed concern about high repairs or lack of repairs in the Parish. Often potholes were repaired but other in the same vicinity were ignored.

One member of the public expressed concern that Slurry was continually being spread on fields in Smethcott resulting in an extreme smell in the area. It is understood that, under new legislation, slurry will have to be injected into the ground with effect from 2022.

One member of the public asked is warning signs could be erected on the road leading from Picklescott to Dorrington to warn road users about the dangerous bends in the road. He told the meeting that the bends were a particular hazard for cyclists using this road.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th May

It was proposed by C'llr Morris, seconded by C'llr Starnes and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May March provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising (not included on the Agenda)

The Clerk told the meeting that she had put a notice in the Church Magazine and C'llr Ecob had included a notice on the Parish Whatsap Group to say that any household who had not received a Smartwater Kit could contact the Clerk who would be happy to provide a kit. To date no one has contacted the Clerk.

4. Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

- Refund the Clerk for the web hosting and domain name paid due by 30th June and had been paid by the Clerk. Totalling £54.58. Cheque No. 000421
- Clerk Salary June/July plus postage, Totalling £486.34. Cheque No. 00422.
- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £110 Cheque No. 000423

It was proposed by C'lr Phillips, seconded by C'lr Morris 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 £5,730.67. This includes the following sums:- .

Matched Funding EMG	£1,500.00
EMG Received	£1,500.00
CIL	£ 379.09
Balance Transparency Fund	£ 6.31
Election Expenses	£ 300.00
Actual PC Balance	£2,045.27

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.

5. Planning

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

The Retreat, Lower Wood

Ref 21/01621/FUL

Erection of a detached garage with residential annexe/holiday let following demolition of existing garage. This application had been received and circulated to Councillors on 2nd June. A site visit had been arranged following which the Parish Council objected to the application. The Clerk told the meeting that this application has been refused.

New House Farm, Dorrington

Ref 21/03298/CPL

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed excavation to create a dirty water lagoon with perimeter fence. This application had been forwarded to the Parish Council for information only and had been circulated to Councillors on 7th July. The Clerk told the meeting that this had been determined as Lawful.

(c) Clerk to report any new applications received after 14th July

No further applications had been received,

13. Highways

The Clerk told the meeting that the £1,500 Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2021/22 had been approved and paid into the Parish Council Bank Account. C'lr Dale reminded all Councillors to let him know if any work needs carrying out. .

C'lr Morris told the meeting that a new system "Fix My Street" would soon replace the existing "MyShropshire" system of reporting highway problems.

The New Chief Executive is aware of the problems Parish Councils experience with the “MyShropshire” system and it is hoped that the new system will be more user friendly and we will see an improvement in the system which will lead to better feedback and repairs being carried out. .

14. Correspondence

The Clerk circulated all correspondence by email on the day it was received.

The Clerk circulated the forms for Councillors to apply for a register of electors for the Parish they are elected to serve. .

15. Agree Policies circulated at May meeting

The following policies had been circulated to all Councillors at the May meeting:-

- Financial Risk Assessment
- Privacy Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Personal Data Management and Audit Policy
- Grievance Procedure

It was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by C'Ilr Dale and unanimously agreed that the policies did not require any amendments.

16. Shropshire Council Report

C'Ilr 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 will now be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for approval.
- New wheely type recycling bins will be provided from January 2022 and households need to apply to Shropshire Council.
- The MP had been asked to chase Open Reach in an attempt to take the Broadband project forward.
- There is a new walking and cycling infrastructure planned for the market towns to develop cycleways to enable more commuters to cycle into the market towns. This will include a 10km radius of the market towns and will be out for consultation in August.
- Shropshire Council plan to build a new solar farm in Oswestry. This will be a £1m investment as part of the green agenda to reach the carbon neutral target set for 2030.
- Shropshire Council had performed well and had come in £700,000 under budget for the financial year to the end of March 2021.

16. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 15th September 2021

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm