

**MINUTES OF
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held at Picklescott Village
Wednesday 27th July 2022**

Present

C'lr Dale; C'lr J Burton; C'lr Phillips; C'lr P Starnes; C'lr Morris; C'lr Hibbott-Morris

Shropshire C'lr D Morris

Three members of the public attended the meeting

Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

Apologies

C'lr C Ecob who is away on holiday.

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Public Comments

One member of the public expressed concern as he had heard that the Shrewsbury – Pulverbatch service bus may be discontinued. C'lr Dan Morris told the meeting that it was his understanding that the service would remain.

The member of the public told the meeting that he had removed a fallen tree which was blocking the highway.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2022

C'lr Phillips had notice an error in the Minutes. (Item 3 Election of Parish Council Representatives to the Henry Fletcher Charity). The representatives elected should read C'lr Morris and C'lr Phillips and not C'lr Morris and C'lr Starnes. The Clerk corrected the Minutes and the Chairman signed the correction.

It was then proposed by C'lr Burton, seconded by C'lr Starnes and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising (not included on the Agenda)

There were no matters arising not covered on the Agenda.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk forwards all correspondence as it is received.

The Shropshire Council draft Empty Homes Strategy for consultation had been received and forwarded to all Councillors on 22nd July. The Consultation period ends on 22nd September. It was proposed by C'lr Phillips, seconded by C'lr Dale and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not respond.

7. Planning

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

22.00711/FUL Hill Farm, Church Stretton

Erection of replacement dwelling to include annex within rebuilt/converted barn. This application was received between meetings. Members of the Parish Council attended a site visit. The Parish Council objected to the application. The Clerk told the May meeting that the application is shown on the web site as "Pending Consideration". The application had been granted on 11th July 2021 and a copy of the decision had been forwarded to Councillors on 11th July.

22/01139/FUL – Holly Bush House, Church Stretton

Erection of domestic machinery store, widening of existing access from highway (part retrospective) This application was received between meetings. Members of the Parish Council attended a site visit. The Parish Council objected to the application. The Clerk told the July meeting that the application is shown on the web site as "Pending Consideration".

(b) Applications discussed at the meeting

21/03298/CPL – New House Farm, Dorrington

The Clerk had received a notice of an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed excavation to create a dirty water lagoon with perimeter fence on 5th July. This had been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk told the meeting that the decision that the application is Lawful was determined on 16th July.

A confidential notification had been received on 14th July concerning a planning enforcement case. This was forwarded to Councillors on 14th July reminding them that this was confidential information and should not be made public.

8. Highways

Before leaving for holiday C'llr Ecob had forwarded the comments below

"After our last meeting, Graham Downes, Shropshire Council swiftly dealt with many of the pothole issues raised. Personally I felt they could have done more as some of the smaller problems were left, and general 'road surface' remains poor in places, despite me mentioning these to Graham. Just this week I have seen many white lines going down on the Dorrington/Picklescott road, which suggest the repairers will be revisiting the area soon (and addressing the smaller holes) that were overlooked previously. Overall, the original repairs appear to be holding out, but it has only been a month. If there are any areas to be raised by the committee or members of the public could I suggest 'fixmystreet' app which has been working well, and you do get a response on progress".

C'llr Dan Morris told the meeting that he would take up the comments of the meeting that the Picklescott-Dorrington road should be included in a resurfacing programme. With Shropshire Council.

9. Finance

(a) Agree Accounts due for payment

- Clerk Salary June/July plus postage and Web Hosting fee, Totalling £504.18 Cheque No. 00492.
- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £110 Cheque No. 00493

- Shropshire Council Election Fees 2021 Uncontested Elections £300
Cheque No 00494

It was proposed by C'lr Dale, seconded by C'lr Starnes and unanimously agreed that the above accounts be paid.

(b) Balance held at Bank

The Clerk circulated a bank reconciliation. The £1,500 Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2022/23 had now been paid by Shropshire Council.

After payment of the above accounts the balance at bank is £5,925.01. This includes the following sums:- .

CIL	£ 379.09
EMG Match Funding	£1,500.00
EMG from S. Council	£1,500.00
Actual PC Balance	£ 2,545.92

The Clerk told the meeting that she had submitted a claim for the refund of VAT paid 2021/22 in the sum of £618.41 and this had not yet been paid. It will be added to the PC Funds when received.

It was proposed by C'lr Dale, seconded by C'lr 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.

(c) Repairs to Woolstaston Village Notice Board

C'lr Burton told the meeting that the notice board needs a lot of repair and repainting.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that of the actual Parish Council balance of £2,545.92 shown above and the VAT refund of £618.41 when received gives an actual Parish Council balance of £3,164.33. However, from this sum the Parish Council have the following commitments before the year end:-

Clerk Salary	£2,200
Postage say	£ 60
Contribution towards Jubilee Plates	£ 140
Payroll Cost for year	£ 50
Hire of Hall costs	£ 120

Therefore the actual amount available totals £594.33 which would be from the balance of the £755 contingency fund built into the precept.

It was proposed by C'lr Starnes, seconded by C'lr Phillips and unanimously agreed that C'lr Burton could arrange for the repairs to be carried out at a cost not exceeding £200. C'lr Starnes agreed to provide C'lr Burton with details of a suitably qualified contractor.

10. Police and Crime Commissioners – Town and Parish Council Survey

The Survey had been circulated to all Councillors. The Closing date for a response is 8th August.

The Clerk went through the questions on the survey and the Parish Council agreed the answers. The survey was completed at the meeting and the clerk agreed to post to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

11. Shropshire Council Report

Cllr Dan Morris reported the following:

- Generally a quiet couple of months in SC!
- There is the SC economic growth strategy consultation taking place, it can be found at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-draft-economic-growth-strategy-2022-2027-consultation-june-2022/#:~:text=The%20Economic%20Growth%20Strategy%20for,on%20partners%20and%20the%20economy> It fleshes out 3 strategic themes - supporting local business, strategic locations, employment and skills
- The first results from the census have come out. Shropshire's population has increased from 306.1k to 323.6k, an increase of 5.7%. the proportion of SC population 65+ has increased from 18.4% to 25.3%. this serves to highlight increase in pressure on the adult social care bill for the county.
- The result of the Highley by election on 16th June returned a new councillor for the Liberal Democrat Group Mark Williams. The previous Cllr Dave Tremellen has sadly recently died.
- Sadly last week Cllr Les Winwood, the Shrops Cllr for Bridgnorth and West Tasley, died last week. This will lead to another by-election
- On Ukraine, the council is in the process of signing off Free bus transport throughout the County for our Ukrainian guests.
- The latest numbers I have are that there are 763 Ukrainian guests in Shropshire, sponsored by 290 Sponsors. In Burnell there are 29 Ukrainian guests and 7 sponsors.
- I am still pushing for resource to survey sites for speed and road safety measures such as white gates. I have spoken to the portfolio holder for Highways Dean Carroll who is trying to free up resource to this project moving, but currently staffing levels are holding this back. Please rest assured I am chasing this on an almost daily basis.
- Shropshire Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations and childcare providers to run an exciting Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this summer. The scheme offers free places to children and young people aged 4 to 16, who are eligible for free school meals or have been referred by a professional. Children are invited to take part in a range of fun activities happening at over 58 venues across the county from Monday 25 July to Friday 2 September 2022. There is something on offer for everyone, including sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and other exciting opportunities. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session, as well as information on nutrition to benefit the whole family. Please go to <https://hafactivities.shropshire.gov.uk/> for more information
- Bin collection days are likely to change from the Autumn, more details will follow in due course
- The new purple recycling bins should be with us before the start of September

12. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 28th September 2022

The dates for other 2022 Meetings was circulated as follows;-
Wednesday 23rd November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm