

**MINUTES OF
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held at Picklescott Village
Wednesday 19th January 2022
at 7.30pm**

Present

C'llr Dale; C'llr Burton; C'llr Phillips; C'llr Morris, C'llr P Starnes; C'llr Morris;
Shropshire C'llr D Morris

Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

One member of the public attended the meeting

Apologies

C'llr Hibbott-Morris.

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

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Comments

The member of the public told the meeting that a tree had blown down near his property and the tree was on Shropshire Council owned land. He provided photographs of the fallen tree. He told the meeting that he had attempted to report this to Shropshire Council with no success. Shropshire Councillor Dan Morris agreed to take the report to Shropshire Council.

The member of the public also expressed concerns about the lack of signage on the bad bend in the road leading from Picklescott to Dorrington.

The member of the public also commented on the amount of money invested in Commercial properties by County Councils throughout the Country. Shropshire Councillor D Morris told the meeting that people may take a different view about the investment in Shrewsbury when plans are completed to develop the County town.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2021

It was proposed by C'llr Burton, seconded by C'llr Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising (not included on the Agenda)

There were no matters arising.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk circulated all correspondence as it was received. The following correspondence was reported at the meeting:-

- The Clerk circulated the forms for Councillors to apply for the register of electors for the parish they serve.

7. Planning

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

21/03399/FUL – Land south of Batchcott Hall

Proposed Exception Site dwelling and detached garage. This application was discussed at the September meeting. It was proposed by C’Ilr Starnes, seconded by C’Ilr Ecob and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application. The Clerk told the meeting that this application is shown as “Awaiting Decision”.

21/04892/FUL – Holly Cottage, Lower Wood

Change of use of agricultural land to provide a shepherd's hut for holiday let use, excavation of a pond and siting of solar panels on existing building. This application was forwarded to Councillors on 10th November. C’Ilr Dale had expressed an interest in this application. This application was discussed at the November meeting. The Clerk told the meeting that this application is shown as “Pending Consideration”.

21/05235/FUL – Pogan Hall, Picklescott

Erection of extension to existing stables building; erection of 2-bay open fronted garage building. This application was forwarded to Councillors on 10th November and discussed at the November meeting. The Clerk told the meeting that this application was granted on 22nd December 2021. A copy of the decision had been forwarded to all Councillors on 22nd December.

21/05214/AGR – Parkgate Farmhouse, Parkgate, Pulverbatch

Erection of an agricultural building for storage of farm equipment. This agricultural application was sent for information only and circulated to Councillors on 4th November. The Clerk told the meeting that the decision that “Prior Approval is not Required” had been received on 1st December and had been forwarded to all Councillors.

(b) Clerk to report any new applications received after 7th January

22/00034/FUL – Red House Farm, Smethcott

Conversion of traditional farm building into a single dwelling. The application had been received on 17th January and circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk had printed the plans and the application was discussed. It was proposed by C’Ilr Phillips, seconded by C’Ilr Dale and unanimously agreed that the Clerk would post “No objection” as a comment on the planning portal.

8. Highways

C’Ilr Dale told the meeting that he continued to carry out the Environmental Maintenance Work around the Parishes.

It was agreed that some potholes in the Parish had been filled but others had been left unattended. C’Ilr Ecob told the meeting that he understood that some work had been carried out and the contractors were returning to carry out more work.

Concern was expressed that the temporary signs advising members of the public that work was being carried out were not being removed and were littering the highway verges. Shropshire Councillor D Morris agreed to make this report to Shropshire Council.

Concern was expressed that the Snow Ploughing Contractor may not have been contacted regarding the 2021/22 contract. Problems had arisen when there was a heavy snow fall in a previous year and the contractor did not have the permission to clear the snow. Shropshire Councillor D Morris told the meeting he was speaking to Shropshire Council as a similar complaint had been made by the contractor in another Parish.

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedges on the right-hand side of Church Lane.

9. Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

- Clerk Salary Dec/Jan plus postage, Totalling £454.67. Cheque No. 00420.
- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £110 Cheque No. 000481

It was proposed by C'lr Burton, seconded by C'lr Dale 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 bank is £3,984.08. 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	£ 304.99

The Clerk told the meeting that she had to submit the VAT claim for 2021/22 and this amounted to £618.41 which would be added to the Parish Council Funds.

(c) Agree 2022/23 Precept

It was proposed by C'lr Dale, seconded by C'lr Burton and unanimously agreed that the precept would remain at £6,650 made up as follows:-

	£
Clerks Salary	3300
PAYE Admin	50
Stationery/Postage/Telephone	175
Insurance	350
Audit Fee	50
Hire of Hall for Meetings	120
Contingency	755
SALC	200
Training	150
Matched Funding EMG	1500

10. Shropshire Council Report

C'lr D Morris gave the following report:-

- Full Council met last Thursday as the December meeting had been cancelled due to the Pandemic.

- Shropshire Council will provide Wheeley Bins for recycling from April 2022 for those who apply for a Wheeley Bin to replace the plastic boxes.
- Shropshire Council have agreed to change their Energy supplier to a greener supplier.
- Shropshire Council have published the first Carbon Report which shows a 3% drop in the carbon footprint for 2021/22
- £1.5M is being invested to provide temporary accommodation for the homeless. This will result in £1m saving on the costs of bed and breakfast accommodation.
- A Community Outreach Team has been established and Cardington will be in the Central Area. An officer has been appointed to fill a public health roll and is keen to get vaccination buses into outlying rural areas.
- Shropshire Council have money available from the Government for hospitality/public houses who have been affected by the pandemic. It is not only based on business rates there are also other discretionary grants available.
- SALC is organising a Zoom a session "Fundamentals for Parish Councillors" The Clerk agreed to forward details to all Councillors.
- The Boundary Review is likely to see Burnell and Severn Valley move to South Shropshire
- Shropshire Council have a pilot scheme with cameras which will also capture acoustic noise and help to prove if there is noise pollution.

9. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 19th March 2022 (Annual Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting).

Shropshire Councillor D Morris told the meeting he would be away on 22nd March but would provide a report for the Annual Meeting prior to the meeting.

The dates for other 2022 Meetings was circulated as follows;-

Wednesday 25th May Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 28th September

Wednesday 23rd November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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