

**MINUTES OF  
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
held at Picklescott Village  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022**

**Present**

C'Ilr Philips; C'Ilr P Starnes; C'Ilr Morris; C'Ilr Ecob  
Shropshire C'Ilr D Morris  
Two members of the public attended the meeting  
Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received from C'Ilr Dale, C'Ilr Hibbott-Morris and C'Ilr Burton.

**1. Chairman's Introduction**

As the Chairman, C'Ilr Dale, was unable to attend the meeting, due to work commitments, C'Ilr Philips (the Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone present. .

**2. Declarations of Interest**

All Councillors were reminded to declare an interest in any items on the agenda. No declarations of interest were declared.

**3. Public Comments**

One member of the public addressed the meeting explaining the formation of "Wilderley Watch Group" which had been set up to attempt to reduce crime in the area, . This has been running for two years as a Whatsap Group. A public meeting had recently been held and was well attended. The member of the public explained that a Steering Group had been formed and they would like to be affiliated to a Parish Council for possible support. The "Watch" group does cover part of our parishes. It was agreed that this would be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the January meeting and John Campion, the Police and Crime Commissioner would be asked to attend.

The other member of the public attending the meeting said that the Shooting Season had now started and he asked if anyone had experienced any problems with members of the shoot. No one had reported any problems.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

It was then proposed by C'Ilr Starnes, seconded by C'Ilr Morris and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 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 Clerk reminded the meeting about the Boundary Review Consultation where it is proposed that our Parish and Burnell Ward will become part of the South Shropshire Constituency.

## **7. Planning**

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

#### 22/03678/FUL – The Bottle and Glass, Picklescott

Conversion of detached office/garage building to guest accommodation, to include erection of extensions and increase in height to form first floor. This application was received on 12<sup>th</sup> August and forwarded to all Councillors. C'lr Starnes forwarded the following comments to the Clerk:-

The proposal seems to be reasonably modest in scale and the Parish Council see no reason to object in principle, but it should be noted that there is a very close neighbouring property (Scoflet). There is a bathroom window shown in the north first floor part of the proposed accommodation directly overlooking Scoflet. This window should be omitted and replaced by a roof light or window on the east side - where the neighbouring house is much higher and further away and would not be overlooked. The plan marks the east and the north boundary as having a mature Leylandii hedge on the side of both adjoining neighbours. In fact the Leylandii is only present on the eastern boundary. The nearest northern neighbour would be seriously overlooked - this can be sorted out prior to building works starting.

The Clerk circulated the comments to all Councillors and it was unanimously agreed that the comments be posted on the planning portal.

The Clerk told the November meeting that this application was granted on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

#### 22/03958/FUL – Ding Dong Cottage, Lower Wood

Erection of replacement garden room extension. This application had been received and forwarded to Councillors on 6<sup>th</sup> September. This application was discussed at the September meeting when it was proposed by C'lr Morris, seconded by C'lr Burton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not comment on this application. The Clerk told the November meeting that this application had been granted on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **(b) Clerk to report on application received between meetings**

No further application had been received

### **(c) Applications discussed at the meeting**

No further application had been received

## **8. Highways**

C'lr Ecob told the meeting that he continues to report highway issues on "FixMyStreet".

Shropshire C'lr Dan Morris had sent an e mail, which was circulated to all Councillors, to confirm that Shropshire Council had agreed to erect the "Not suitable for HGV's" sign as requested and had also confirmed that the work to repair the damaged bridge was now included in the works programme.

### **(b) Any further highway issues to be reported**

The road by New House Farm was now flooding again. C'lr Phillips told the meeting that he was sure C'lr Dale was aware of this as it is an ongoing problem and work is continually being carried out as part of the Parish Council's Environmental Maintenance work.

The Clerk asked Councillors to check grit bins in their areas and contact her if any needed re-filling.

### **(c) Environmental Maintenance work**

As he was unable to attend the meeting C'lr Dale had given the Clerk the following report:-

The main problem area had been at Pays Lane by Wilrack Farm. However, as part of the Environmental Maintenance work he continues to clear gullies and drains. He has completed this work on his side of Picklescott and also done some work at Thesholds, although work was being hampered with landowners not responding.

Work to lay hardcore in lay-bys and passing places is also being carried out. C'lr Dale has a grit bin at his property if there is anywhere in the Parish that requires a bin siting he is happy to deliver it.

## **9. Finance**

### **(a) Agree Accounts due for payment**

- .HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £110 Cheque No. 00499
- Clerk Salary October/November plus postage and stationery Totalling £459.57 Cheque No. 00500.
- Heywood Accountants Payroll costs. Total invoice £144. The invoice is divided between this and the Clerk's other Parish Council. Therefore £72 cheque No. 00501

It was proposed by C'lr Starnes, seconded by C'lr Ecob 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 £4,327.91. This includes the following sums:- .

CIL	£ 379.09
EMG Match Funding	£1,500.00
EMG from S. Council	£1,500.00
Actual PC Balance	£ 948.82

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 Starnes, seconded by C'lr Ecob 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.

## **10. Shropshire Council Report**

C'lr Dan Morris reported the following:

- Details of the Boundary Changes whereby Shropshire Council would still have 74 elected Councillors. However, by May 2025 there will be a change to boundary areas and Burnell Ward will become part of the South Shropshire Parliamentary Division
- Shropshire Council has been awarded £2.5m to support rough sleepers in Shropshire Towns.

- Shropshire Council has been awarded £1m to provide new electric charging points in seventeen locations throughout Shropshire.
- Shropshire Council are now looking at the 2023/24 budgets and inflation will have an impact and will probably result in 4.99% increase on Council Tax.
- 85% of Shropshire Council budget is spent on Adult Social Care and Childrens' Services.

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The Clerk circulated the dates on the remaining 2023 meetings as follows:-  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Annual Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm