

**MINUTES OF
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held at Picklescott Village
Wednesday 27th September 2023**

Present

C'Ilr Dale (Chairman); C'Ilr Philips; C'Ilr Burton; C'Ilr Starns; C'Ilr Ecob
Shropshire C'Ilr D Morris
Two members of the public attended the meeting
Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

Apologies

C'Ilr Hibbot-Morris; C'Ilr Morris

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them to express an interest in anything on the Agenda when they consider they have an interest.

2. Declarations of Interest

As he carries out work for the applicant, the Chairman declared an interest in the planning application reference 23/04083/FUL relating to The Hill, High Park and left the room when this application was discussed.

The Chairman also carries out work for the applicant and declared an interest in the application reference 23/04097/FUL, relating to Walkmills Farm, Smethcott. This was not discussed at the meeting.

3. Public Comments

One member of the public quoted correspondence relating to the Portway. The member of the public told the meeting that the whole length of the original Portway should be opened up again to allow vehicular access. At this time, it is part vehicular access as far as Christmas Tree Farm and from thereon it is either a bridleway or a public footpath. The wish of the member of the public was not a view shared by the Parish Council or the other member of the public attending the meeting. The Member of the public was advised to write to Shropshire Council on this matter.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th July 2023

Shropshire C'Ilr D. Morris told the meeting that in Item 10 (Shropshire Council Report) the final bullet point should read "The result of the Boundary Review will be known in October..." and not September as minuted.

This correction was made and it was then proposed by C'Ilr Burton, seconded by C'Ilr Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July provided a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman then signed the Minutes and initialled the amendment.

5. Matters Arising (not included on the Agenda)

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk circulates all correspondence as it is received. The Clerk also reported the following correspondence:-

- Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine – Sept – handed to the Chairman
- E mail from the Pageantmaster concerning D Day 80 - 6th June 2024. This was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 4th September Council. C'Ilr Dale told the meeting that he already started to construct a bonfire in the same position as the beacon for the Jubilee.
- Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme opened 21st September. Details circulated to all Councillors on 21st September. This was also publicised on the Whatap Group and the Village website.

7. Planning

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

23/01896/FUL Redcote, Lower Wood

An application for a single plot exception site affordable dwelling south of Redcote, Lower Wood had been received on 12th May. The Clerk had contacted Shropshire Council to say that the Parish Council had not been approached to confirm the local connection. The Clerk had received a letter of apology from the Housing Enabling Officer to say she had omitted to ask the Parish Council for their confirmation and now asked them to establish the local connection.

This application was discussed at the May meeting. The Clerk told the meeting that to be eligible for this scheme applicants have to demonstrate a "Strong Local Connection" to the parish area within which the plot of land lies. It was agreed that the applicant met the following two criteria:-

- They are lawfully resident in the local area and have lived there for at least the previous five years
- They are currently employed or routinely carry out self-employment work within either the local area or 5km of the site

The Clerk prepared a letter to the Housing Enabling Officer confirming that the applicant meets the above criteria.

The application was discussed at the May meeting and it was proposed by C'Ilr Philips, seconded by C'Ilr Hibbot-Morris and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not comment on this application. .

The Clerk told the July meeting that she had written to the Housing Enabling Officer on 22nd May confirming the local connection and had received an acknowledgement.

The Clerk told the September meeting that this application is shown as "awaiting a decision".

(b) Clerk to report on application received between meetings

No applications were received between meetings

(c) Applications discussed at the meeting

23/04002/FUL Smithy Cottage, Lower Wood

Erection of single storey extension to replace existing conservatory and erection of front a rear gables, surface cladding enhancements and fenestration alterations. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 18th September. It was agreed that the proposed extension did not increase the existing footprint and it was proposed by C'Ilr Starnes, seconded by C'Ilr Dale and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not comment on the application.

23/04083/FUL The Hill, High Park

Erection of 4 bay garage with external staircase to home office/storage. Received and forwarded to all Councillors on 22nd September. As shown in

item 2, the Chairman declared an interest in this planning application and left the room when this application was discussed. It was then unanimously agreed that a site visit would be arranged. The Chairman then rejoined the meeting.

23/04097/FUL Walkmills Farm

Erection of an agricultural building. The application was received just prior to the meeting. The Chairman, as stated in Item 2, declared an interest. He did not leave the room as the application was not discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the link to the application for Councillors to consider and report back to the Clerk.

8. Highways

(a) Clerk to report on highway matters previously reported

Shropshire Council confirmed by e mail some time ago that that Keir would be instructed to erect the Not Suitable for HGV sign to be erected at the Picklescott end of Church Lane. This has still not be carried out at the time of the September meeting. Shropshire C'lr D. Morris had previously chased this work and would continue to do so. The Clerk would also e mail Shropshire Council.

The damaged railings on Church Road have still not been repaired, A road closure was planned for 11th - 12th September to enable this work to be carried out. However, Shropshire C'lr D Morris told the meeting that the contractor was required to provide further training to the employees before they could carry out this work.

(b) Any further highway issues to be reported

C'lr Ecob continues to make all reports on "FixMyStreet".

The Clerk had circulated the following road closures:-

- Temporary road closure at Farm Lane, All Stretton on 11th October for Open Reach to replace a pole. This was circulated to all Councillors on 20th September.
- Temporary road closure for Crown Lane, Little Stretton on 6th November for Open Reach to replace a decayed BT pole. This was circulated to all Councillors on 21st September

(c) Environmental Maintenance work

Jeremy Dale continues to carry out the Environmental Maintenance work and told the meeting that he had recently cleaned all gullies and grips and intended to carry out more works in the winter.

9. Finance

9.1 Accounts due for payment

The following accounts are due for payment:-

Clerk salary and expenses Aug/Sept, The claim totalled £493.97. Cheque No. 000516

HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £118.60 Cheque No. 000517

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

9.2 Balance held at Bank

The Clerk circulated a bank reconciliation.

After payment of the above accounts, the balance at bank is £7,334.78. This includes the following sums:- .

CIL	£ 379.09
EMG Match Funding	£1,500.00
SCC EMG	£1,500.00
Neighbourhood Fund	£1,041.43
Actual PC Balance	£2,914.26

It was proposed by C'llr Burton, seconded by C'llr Dale, 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. Boundary Commission Review

Shropshire C'llr D Morris told the meeting that the decision would be published on Monday 2nd October and he would forward a link to the decision.

11. Shropshire Council Report

Cll'r D Morris reported the following:-

- Shropshire Council have received £150,000 to support community projects
- The recent inspection of buildings with reinforced concrete only resulted in one building being deemed as contained failing reinforced concrete and this was a library building in Whitchurch.
- A bi-election has taken place in Worfield, due to the incumbent resigning due to ill health. As a result of the bi-election Mr A Cherrington had been elected.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned to be held on Wednesday 22nd November. The Clerk asked if this could be re-arranged for Wednesday 29th November. This was agreed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm