

ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTE AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Of Meeting held at Picklescott Village Hall on
Wednesday 26th September 2018
at 7.30pm**

1. Present

C'llr McVittie (Chairman); C'llr Burton; C'llr Morris; C'llr Phillips; C'llr J Dale

C'llr D Morris attended for part of the meeting having been at a previous Parish Council meeting.

One member of the public attended the meeting.

2. Apologies

C'llr A Beagle; C'llr V Davies. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send flowers to C'llr Davies who was unwell.

3. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

5. Public Comments

The member of the public present had written a letter concerning highway and other issues in the Parish. This had been received on 22nd September and had been forwarded to all Councillors, Shropshire Council and County Councillor Dan Morris.

The member of the public asked the Parish Council if there had been any progress on the request for the Shuttle Bus to include Picklescott in the route. The Chairman told the meeting that he had received feedback which suggested that serious consideration was being given to include a detour from High Park to the Bottle and Glass in Picklescott. The Chairman reminded the meeting that this was not a public transport bus but a bus provided for access to the Shropshire Hills.

6. Minutes of Meeting held on 25th July 2018

It was proposed by C'llr Burton, seconded by C'llr Morris and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes – Clerk to report for information only

Everything was covered on the agenda.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk forwards all correspondence by e-mail as received. The Clerk reported the following correspondence to the meeting:-

Clerk and Council Direct Magazine – September – handed to C’lir Dale.

Police Newsletter October 2018, this had been circulated to all Councillors on 24th September.

9. Planning

(a) Applications previously discussed

Land at 100 Acres, Smethcott Ref 18/00277/FUL

Erection of an affordable dwelling with detached double car port with storage above, creation of access drive and installation of sewage package treatment plant. The applications had visited the Parish Council meeting to explain the local connection and the Parish Council had confirmed the local connection. The application was received and forwarded to all councillors on 14th February. This was discussed at the March meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application. However, before making comments they wish to attend a site visit. Following the site visit the Parish Council made the following comment:-

“The Parish Council attended a site visit and fully support this application. However, the Parish Council understand that the Planners are insisting on an entrance closer to the cross roads which will entail the removal of a stretch on long established hedging. The parish Council are of the opinion that this is adding unnecessary cost to the construction of an affordable home. Whilst the Parish council fully understand the requirement to site the affordable dwelling closer to the other houses in the settlement but are finding it difficult to understand the rationale for creating a new entrance when there is already an entrance to the plot further down the lane which better vision both ways. The cross roads have been the subject of a number of accidents over the years. Therefore the Parish Council feel it would be safer for road users and the family to have a less steeply inclined access further down the lane. The Parish Council strongly support this application but would ask the Planning Officer to reconsider the requirement to create a new entrance closer to the dangerous junction. The new entrance will be more steeply inclined and make entry and exit more difficult and risky in snow and icy conditions. If necessary members of the Parish Council would be happy to meet the Planning Officer on site to discuss their concerns”.

The Clerk told the September meeting that this application was granted on 2nd August.

The Oaks, All Stretton Ref 18/002124/FUL

Erection of a “Tree House” Holiday Lodge with associated parking. This application was validated and forwarded to all Councillors on 16th May and was discussed at the meeting held on 23rd May. A site visit was held Monday 4th June. The Parish Council had no objection to the application and made the following comments

“Members of the Parish Council carried out a site visit and saw no reason to object to this application. The Treehouse will enhance an existing let property

which is in great demand by tourists to this area. The visitors' book was filled with positive comments. The Parish Council support this application”

The Clerk told the September meeting that this application had been refused on 1st August.

The reasons for refusal were as follows:-

Overall the need and benefit of the proposed development has not been demonstrated as required by CS5, and to an extent which would be necessary to outweigh the likely substantial harm to the woodland and wider natural environment, including the Shropshire Hills AONB. The development is not considered sustainable tourist accommodation and is contrary to the guidelines and policies of the NPPF, CS5, CS6, CS16, CS17, MD2, MD11, and MD12.

It has not been demonstrated that the development will not cause an offence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010), contrary to the NPPF, CS17 and MD12.

Underhill hall, Pulverbatch Ref 18/03116/FUL

Construction of a ménage to include change of use and erection of post and rail boundary fencing. This application was discussed at the July meeting. It was proposed by C'llr McVittie, seconded by C'llr Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the September meeting that this application was shown as “Awaiting a Decision”.

(b) Application received prior to meeting

The Oaks, All Stretton Ref 18/04233/FUL

Siting of a single shepherds hut for use as an additional guest room. This application for received and forwarded to all Councillors on 17th September. It was proposed by C'llr McVittie, seconded by C'llr Burton and unanimously agreed that this is a small structure providing additional guest accommodation and the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Home Field, Bathcote Ref 18/03849/FUL

This application had been received and circulated to all Councillors on 28th August. C'llr McVittie and C'llr Burton had carried out a site visit. C'llr Dale declared an interest in this application as he carries out some work for the applicant. It was proposed by C'llr McVittie, seconded by C'llr Burton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

(c) Clerk to report any further Planning Applications received after 13th July

No further application have been received.

10. Highway Matters

Since the May meeting the Chairman had contacted Tim Sneddon, Shropshire Council to report that an HGV had driven down Church Lane causing damage to the corner and part of the hedge. The Chairman told Mr

Sneddon that there was a sign unsuitable for HGV's at the Smethcott end of the lane and the chairman requested a sign at the Picklescott end of the road.

Mr Sneddon has agreed by e-mail to erect a sign at Picklescott end of Church Lane. However to date this has not been erected.

Further highway matters reported at the July meeting had been added to the spreadsheet and forwarded to the Chief Executive, Ian Walshaw, Steve Brown and Tim Sneddon. No feedback has been received.

Since the July meeting the Chairman had met Shropshire Council representatives to discuss the flooding near New House on the Picklescott to Dorrington Road

C'Ilr Burton had reported the over grown hedges from Hilltop Cottage going towards Woolstaston. The Clerk had forwarded this report to Shropshire Council on 2nd September.

The Clerk had received notice that Farm Lane, All Stretton would be closed for one day on 11th March for Severn Trent Water to carry out remedial works. However, this is not in our Parish.

Further highway matters reported at the September meeting:-

The footpath from Branmill to Smethcott is very overgrown. It is unclear if this is a bridleway or a public footpath. The Clerk agreed to obtain a public footpaths map of the parishes and forward this to the Footpath Warden, C'Ilr Burton.

C'Ilr Burton told the meeting that she did report problems on public footpaths but never received any response from Shropshire Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk would update the spreadsheet showing all highway matters reported and forward this to C'Ilr Dan Morris.

11. Finance

11.1 Payment of Accounts due

Clerk's salary August/September plus out of pocket expenses totalling £441.70. It was proposed by C'Ilr McVittie, seconded by C'Ilr Burton and unanimously agreed that this account be paid. Cheque No. 349 was prepared in the sum of £441.70

HMRC tax due on Clerk's salary £108.40. It was proposed by C'Ilr McVittie, seconded by C'Ilr Burton and unanimously agreed that this account be paid. Cheque No.350 was prepared in the sum of £108.40.

Hire Village Hall for September Meeting £20. It was proposed by C'Ilr McVittie, seconded by C'Ilr Burton and unanimously agreed that this account be paid. Cheque No. 351 was prepared in the sum of £20.

The Clerk told the meeting that her broadband had been down for over a month and she had not done the web site updates. She would not charge for this and these would now be done as soon as possible.

11.2 Clerk to report Bank Balance

The Clerk told the meeting that after payment of the accounts agreed tonight the balance at bank is £3,960.83. However, this includes £379.07 CIL money and £247.32 balance in the transparency fund, leaving a Parish Council balance of £3,334.44.

11.3 External Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return had been sent to the External Auditor on 29th May. The Clerk had since completed the exemption form for smaller authorities otherwise a fee would be payable.

12. Local Joint Committee

The Clerk told the meeting that C'Ilr Dale had informed her that he had nothing to report and the date for the next LJC Meeting had not been announced.

13. Shropshire Council Report

C'Ilr Morris reported the following:-

Chinese Lanterns were now banned on all Shropshire Council owned land.

An amendment had been made to the parking strategy to allow free parking from 6pm and not 8pm as previously suggested.

Mike Barrow is the new Commercial Director has been appointed at Shropshire Council and he will have responsibility for highways.

A notice will shortly be circulated asking for volunteer poppy sellers.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 28th November. However, as the meeting always coincides with Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council meeting it is difficult for C'Ilr Morris to attend both meetings in their entirety. It was agreed that the meeting would be held one week earlier and take place on Wednesday 21st November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.