

ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTE AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at Picklescott Village Hall.

1) Present :

C'Ilr McVittie (Chairman)
C'Ilr J Dale (Vice Chairman)
C'Ilr A Beagle
C'Ilr J Burton
C'Ilr M Morris
C'Ilr T Phillips
C'Ilr V Davies

Shropshire Councillor D Morris

Members of the public present:

Mr W Kerswell

Clerk Mrs J Griffiths (Clerk)

C'Ilr McVittie arrived late for the meeting. C'Ilr Dale, the Vice Chairman, Chaired the meeting.

2) Apologies

All councillors were present at the meeting.

3) Declaration of Personal and Pecuniary Interest

The Clerk reminded all Councillors to declare any interests in any items being discussed.

4) Chairman's Introduction

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5) Public Comments

Mr Kerswell expressed concern at the lack of affordable housing in the Parish. He suggested the Parish Council should consider publishing a parish Plan.

6) Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 8th August 2017

It was proposed by C'Ilr Beagle, seconded by C'Ilr Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th August provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

7) Matters Arising from the Minutes (Clerk to report for information only)

There were no matters arising which were not covered on the Agenda. .

8) Planning Applications

Applications discussed at earlier meetings:-

Yew Tree Villa, Lower Wood

Ref 16/03580/FUL

Erection of part single part two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing; conversion of barn to holiday let, This application had been received and e-mailed to all Councillors on 5th September, 2016 and was discussed at the September meeting when it was proposed by C'llr Beagle, seconded by C'llr Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the meeting that this application had now been approved.

Hall Farm, Picklescott

Ref 16/05366/FUL

Works to Grade II listed building to create 4 No. residential dwellings. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors following which a site visit was held on 19th December, 2016. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the meeting that this application is still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision"

Kuruna, Picklescott

Ref 17/02465/FUL

Erection of an educational building and six glamping pods for student/visitor accommodation. This application was received and circulated to all councillors. A site visit was arranged. Following the site visit the Parish Council made the following comments. "The Parish Council were very pleased to be invited to visit the site by Mr and Mrs Wheelhouse. Whilst they have no objection in principle to this application the Parish Council do strongly agree with the pre-application advice given by Mr Whitley, the Planning Officer, that the development must be justified in the context of their existing business and future business plans bearing in mind courses hosted and run at Karuna to date and those which they hope to run in the future. The Parish Council also agree that Karuna Insight Design's business plan should demonstrate the health of their business at present and its longer term viability. If permission is granted the Parish Council would ask for the following conditions to be applied:-

That the educational building and glamping pods must only be used by persons attending educational courses run by Mr and Mrs Wheelhouse trading as Karuna Insight Design or hosted by them at Karuna and should not be used for any other purpose.

Noise from persons attending educational courses and staying overnight in the glamping pods is limited between the hours of 11pm and 7am to protect the peace of the countryside and neighbours.

The Clerk told the August meeting that this application is shown on the web site as awaiting a decision

The Clerk told the meeting that this application had been approved on 8th September.

Oak Hill Bungalow, Picklescott

Ref 17/02475/FUL

Erection of detached new build garage and workshop building. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 7th July. The Parish Council did not comment on this application. The Clerk told the

meeting that this application was shown on the web site as “Awaiting a Decision”

Under Item 4 at the August meeting Miss Elvins had told the meeting that she was considering applying for an affordable house on a Single Plot Exception site in the Parish and asked the Parish Council to confirm her local connection to the Housing Enabling Officer. It was proposed by C’lir Dale, seconded by Cllr Beagle and unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write to the Housing Enabling Officer to confirm Miss Elvins local connection. Shropshire Council Rural Housing Enabling Officer has now confirmed that Miss Elvins does meet the eligibility criteria for the “build your own home” affordable self-build scheme in relation to her proposed plot at Heath House.

Under Item 4 at an earlier meeting Mr and Mrs Harber had asked the Parish Council to confirm their local connection as they intended to apply for planning permission under the build your own home” affordable self-build scheme. The Parish Council wrote to the Housing Enabling Officer on 24th June. Mr and Mrs Harber contacted the Parish Council on 20th September to say that they have now submitted the planning application. This has not yet been validated. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged when the application was validated.

New applications discussed at the October meeting:-

Land at Walkmills Farm, Leebotwood Ref 17/03992/HRM
Removal of 125m of hedgerow, The consultation on the application for the removal of 125m of hedgerow had been received and circulated to all Councillors. The Parish Council had commented that some large trees should remain. This application has been refused and the decision notice was e-mailed to all Councillors on 15th August.

The Oaks, All Stretton Ref 17/03684/FUL
Erection of timber framed roundhouse raised between the oak trees on a deck for use as a tree house for holiday let use to include change of use of land, formation of 2 No. parking spaces.

The Clerk told the meeting that this application had been validated on 25th August. However the Parish Council had not been informed or consulted. However the Clerk has received notification on 2nd October to say that following the Officer’s recommendation for refusal the application had been withdrawn.

The Clerk told the meeting that Shropshire Council no longer send hard copies of planning applications without a charge of £15 per application. Consultees are expected to download applications or view on the web site. Alternatively, the Clerk can request copies from the Agent.

10) Highway Matters

Highway Matters reported at the August meeting:-

- C'llr Burton reported that vandals had sprayed grey paint over the Picklescott village sign on the road leading from Batchcott and all the signs at High Park. This work has now been completed.
- C'llr Burton reported that the roadway outside Mynderley, which had tree roots growing in the road had been temporarily filled but was now in a poor state again. Tim Sneddon had indicated that this was in the programme for future overlay. C'llr Davie told the October meeting that some further patching work had been done.
- C'llr Dan Morris had received a report that the Portway was being used by large vehicles removing the trees which were being felled. The residents at Christmas Farm were very concerned about the damaged being done to the Portway. In the past Mr Sneddon had indicated that Shropshire Council would be prepared to maintain this ancient highway in its present state but not carry out any improvements. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr Sneddon with these concerns. A site visit had been arranged and C'llr McVittie thanked C'llr Morris for the attending the meeting and visiting residents affected. This was further discussed under Shropshire Council Report (Item 13)

Other highway matters reported at the October meeting:-

- The Clerk was asked to remind Shropshire Council that the white lines on the crossroads at High Park and the crossroads leading to Smethcott on the road leading from Picklescott to Dorrington were faded. They had been previously reported but not yet re-painted although the Technician, Jonathon Ingolby, when he visited the Parish with C'llr Morris, had agreed that the lines needed repainted.
- C'llr Burton reported that the hedges on the roadway from Hill Cottage to Woolstaston were becoming overgrown again. The Clerk agreed to report this to Shropshire Council.
- C'llr M Morris reported that grass is growing up the centre of the road in Stank Lane. The Clerk agreed to report this to Shropshire Council.
- The hedges in Church Lane are becoming very overgrown. It was agreed that this would be reviewed at the next meeting and is hedges had not been cut a report would be made to Shropshire Council.

11) Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

The following accounts were due for payment:-

HMRC – tax due on clerk's salary for Aug/Sept £108.40. It was proposed by C'llr Beagle, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00318 was prepared in the sum of £108.40.

Village Hall fee for hire of Village Hall for the October meeting totalling £20. . It was proposed by C'llr Beagle, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00319 was prepared in the sum of £20.

Web site updates Aug/Sept totalling £30. It was proposed by C'llr Beagle seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00320 was prepared in the sum of £30.

Clerk's Salary Aug/Sept plus out of pocket expenses totalling £438.49. It was proposed by C'llr Beagle, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00321 was prepared in the sum of £438.49

The Clerk told the meeting that a cheque had been received and banked from the Transparency Fund in the sum of £255.36 for the web site. The Clerk told the meeting that this was the last year funding would be available.

(b) Total cash held at Bank

The balance held at bank after payment of the accounts approved tonight is £3,938.97. This includes £379.07 CIL money held in the account and £484.38 balance held in the Transparency Fund for funding the web site. The clerk showed the Vice Chairman the bank statement showing these balances and this was signed by the Vice Chairman.

(c) Consider grant to Crane Quality Counselling

Crane Quality Counselling is a new charity recently set up and will extend the service to help the homeless in the county and to prisoners in local prisons. They had written on 11th July asking for support. The Clerk had forwarded the letter to all Councillors. C'llr Burton had asked for this to be included on the Agenda for the August meeting. This was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would ask for confirmation that this was a registered charity and bring back to the October meeting.

The Clerk told the October meeting that she had contacted Crane Quality Counselling. They are awaiting Register Charity Status. They have applied but are informed that there is a back-log for registration. Crane Quality Counselling were formed after the collapse of Relate and do the same work but have extended to include prisoners.

11) Local Joint Committee

The next Local Joint Committee meeting will be held on 19th October at Acton Scott, commencing at 7.30pm. The Speaker will be Peter Nutting, Leader of Shropshire County Council.

12) Police Matters

Police Newsletters are forwarded to all Councillors by e-mail.

13) Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Mr Kerswell dated 13th September – received on received and forwarded to all Councillors on 15th September. The Clerk had acknowledged this letter on 15th September and forwarded a copy to

Tim Sneddon, Shropshire Council and C’Ilr Dan Morris. Mr Sneddon had sent a reply to Mr Kerswell on 18th September.

- Clerk and Councils Direct magazine – September 2017 – handed to C’Ilr Dale
- E mail – Residents Views being sought on the future delivery of the library service in Church Stretton. Received and forwarded to all Councillors 24th August.
- E mail from NALC – One month left to share your Councils views on broadband universal service obligation – forwarded to all Councillors 1st September.
- Shropshire Council – Community Tree Scheme – forwarded to all Councillors 1st September

All other correspondence had been forwarded to all Councillors as it was received. There were no comments on any of the correspondence received.

14) Shropshire Council Matters

C’Ilr Dan Morris reported the following:-

- Shropshire Council Updated place plan process coming with an aim to provide a more efficient process for reviewing and updating. There should be a letter from Joyce Barrow coming out to the Parish Council by the end of September. Town and Parish Councils are invited to reply with their key projects by November 2017. Shropshire Council aim to relaunch the place plans by January 2018.
- C’Ilr McVittie and C’Ilr D Morris met the people doing the forestry works on the Portway to discuss the condition of the road. They then visited the residents at Christmas Tree Farm and have been speaking to Shropshire Council about the condition of the Portway. It is our understanding that forestry works will stop there in the coming weeks before weather conditions deteriorate.
- C’Ilr D Morris and C’Ilr McVittie then spoke to the resident about the damage caused to the hedge on the bend in the road leading into Picklescott. This had also been reported by Mr Kerswell (see Item 13) and his letter forwarded to Tim Sneddon.
- On 28th September C’Ilr Morris spent time with Jonathan Ingoldby from Shropshire Council looking at flooding issues at Allways Cottage in Picklescott and then a follow up visit to the Portway and the Church Road to Smethcott.
- C’Ilr Morris asked all members of the Parish Council to look out for the consultation on Future Fit and actively support the clinician led decision to retain Emergency A&E services at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.
- A public consultation on the North West Relief Road will start on 7th October for 3 weeks, and some public events will be held in Shrewsbury from 17th -25th October
- Veolia have announced a fund of £15k for community projects, applications of up to £500 are to be in by the end of October.
- Ringway are being replaced by Kier as the Highways contractor for Shropshire Council on 1st April 2018, although there was a suggestion at the meeting that this may be sooner.

16) Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22nd November.

It was agreed that Lisa Bedford, The Community Enabling Officer at Shropshire Council would be asked to attend the next meeting to talk about Parish Plans. It was agreed that it would also be helpful if C'Ilr Dan Morris could be present as he was a resident in Pulverbatch who volunteered to be on the Parish Plan Steering Group and has some knowledge of preparing Parish Plans.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....(Chairman) Date.....