

ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTE AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd March 2017 at Picklescott Village Hall.

1) Present :

C'Ilr A 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 T Barker

Mr Chris Taylor, Connecting Shropshire and Mr Chris New, Secure Web Services attended for Item 8.

Members of the public present:

Mr J Brunt; Mr N Fulwood; Mr W Kerswell; Mr C McKenzie; Mr M Silence; Mrs Kate King

Clerk Mrs J Griffiths (Clerk)

2) Apologies

C'Ilr V Davies

3) Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Chris New and Chris Taylor for attending.

4) Public Comments

Mr Kerswell told the meeting that he was concerned that school numbers were falling and local primary schools may face closure in the future unless more local affordable housing was provided in the area.

Mr Fulwood explained how the profile of the area had changed in the time he had lived in the parish. In his opinion there was no scope for further development in this area.

Mr Kerswell questioned in notices of Parish Council meetings were displayed on notice boards. He was assured that notices of meetings and other notices were placed on all village notice boards, on the Parish Council web site and in the Church magazine.

5) Declaration of Personal and Pecuniary Interest

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

discussed. C'llr Phillips declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for Coppice Farm as he was the applicant. C'llr Phillips left the room when this application was discussed.

6) Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 25th January 2016

It was proposed by Cll'r Burton, seconded by C'llr Beagle and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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

The Clerk told the meeting that Allan McVittie had volunteered to be the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for the Picklescott area and Jo Burton had volunteered for the Woolstaston area. The Clerk contacted Michael Jones at West Mercia Police on 26th January and gave him the contact details for Allan McVittie and Jo Burton (see Item 5 January Minutes) No one had contacted either volunteer. Mr Sillence, the previous Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had ceased to receive any notifications. The Clerk agreed to contact Michael Jones again.

The Clerk wrote to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee on 26th January to ask if the Village Hall Committee would consider not increasing the cost of the hall hire from £10 to £20 per meeting. The Clerk received a reply on 9th February to confirm that the charge of £20 must be the same for everyone including the Parish Council.

There were no other matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda.

8) Broadband Coverage

Chris New from Secure Web Services and Chris Taylor from Connecting Shropshire attended the meeting.

Chris Taylor explained that Shropshire Council are responsible for overseeing the provision of acceptable broadband speeds in the Parish. At this time British Telecom have no intention, because of the cost involved, in delivering fibre broadband into the Parish. Chris Taylor assured the meeting that Connecting Shropshire are confident that Secure Web Services are offering speeds in excess of 10mb to the parish and the service provided will continue to be monitored.

Chris New of Secure Web services explained the service they offer and added that for premises where the present system offers speeds of less than 2mb the installation was free to the resident as this would be funded by a subsidy offered to households do not have 2mb coverage.

Secure Web Services are happy to visit households to explain the service they provide and give free quotes on installation.

8) Planning Applications

Applications discussed at earlier meetings:-

Park Head Cottage, Smethcott

Ref 16/02907/FUL

Change of use of field to hardstanding; demolition of existing garage and erection of double stable building; aviary building and breeding pens; storage building for feed and machinery. This application had been received and forwarded to all Councillors on 27th July. No comments had been received. The Clerk told the November meeting that this application was shown on the planning website as "awaiting a decision" The Clerk told the January meeting that this application is still shown on the web site as awaiting a decision. The Clerk told the March meeting that this application was granted on 2nd February.

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 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 November meeting that this application was shown on the web site as "awaiting a decision". The Clerk told the January meeting that this application is still shown on the web site as awaiting a decision The Clerk told the March meeting that this was still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision"

Sallins Farm, Picklescott

Ref 16/05875/FUL

Erection of agricultural building for livestock. This application had been received and forwarded to all Councillors on 13th January and was discussed at the January meeting when it was proposed by C'llr Dale and seconded by C'llr Burton that the Parish Council should object, although the Parish Council recognise that this application forms part of a successful business enterprise they are very concerned that it would be difficult to screen a building of this size in this prominent position. A vote was taken with two Councillors voting in favour of the proposal, one Councillor voting against the proposal and one Councillor abstaining. The proposal was therefore carried. The Clerk told the March meeting that this was still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision"

Acre Batch, Lower Wood

Ref 16/05334/FUL

Erection of a two storey extension with internal alterations and external staircase. Following this application being forwarded to all Councillors by e-mail a visit was arranged and C'llr Dale and C'llr Burton attended the site visit on Monday 9th January. Shropshire Council had agreed to wait for comments until 26th January. At the January meeting it was proposed by C'llr Dale, seconded by C'llr Burton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the March meeting that this application was granted on 20th March.

Old Mill Farm, Walkmills

Ref 16/05719/FUL

Erection of purpose built steel portal framed building for manufacturing/construction workshop, loading area and showroom space. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 6th January. It was discussed at the January meeting when it was proposed by C'llr Dale, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council

had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the March meeting that this was still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision"

Underhill House, Pulverbatch Ref 16/05415/FUL

Erection of a single storey extension. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 2nd December. This is also a Listed Building application. At the applicant's request, C'lr McVittie made a site on 19th December. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the January meeting that this application is still shown on the web site as awaiting a decision. The Clerk told the March meeting that this was still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision"

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. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the January meeting that this application is still shown on the web site as awaiting a decision. The Clerk told the March meeting that this was still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision"

Holly Cottage, Pulverbatch Ref 16/05046

Erection of small sewage treatment plant with outflow to watercourse. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 29th November. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The Clerk told the January meeting that this application is still shown on the web site as awaiting a decision. The Clerk told the March meeting that this application was granted on 26th January.

Womerton Farm Ref 17/00003/FUL

Erection of 3 archery sheds, 1 open fronted shooter shed and siting of a small caravan for storage. This application has been received and forwarded to all Councillors on 17th January. This application was discussed at the January meeting when it was proposed by C'lr McVittie, seconded by C'lr Dale and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. It was further agreed that the Parish Council would comment that this land is predominately used for recreational purposes and not used for agriculture. The Clerk told the March meeting that this application was granted on 27th February.

Applications discussed at the March meeting:-

Castle Hill (farm buildings), Leebotwood Ref 17/00434/P3/MPA

Change of use from agriculture to office use. This application was forwarded to Councillors on 5th February. The Clerk told the March meeting that this application was submitted under "Permitted Development" it is still shown on the web site as "Awaiting a Decision."

Branmill, Smethcott Ref 17/00551/FUL

Erection of single storey side extension. This application had been circulated to all Councillors. The application was discussed at the March meeting. It was proposed by C'lr McVittie, seconded by C'lr Burton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Coppice Farm, Pulverbatch Ref 17/00926/FUL

Erection of extension and sun room infill extension. This application was

circulated to all Councillors on 8th February. C'Ilr Phillips contacted the Clerk to explain that this was his personal application and declared a personal and prejudicial interest. C'Ilr Phillips left the meeting when this application was discussed. It was proposed by C'Ilr McVittie seconded by C'Ilr Burton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

On 8th February the Clerk had circulated details of the Proposed Changes and clarification to the Planning Consultation Process. The Clerk explained that the consultation period had been extended from 21 to 31 days.

9) **Highway Matters**

C'Ilr McVittie had attended a site meeting with Tim Sneddon on Monday 21st November during the heavy rain when many of the problems in the area were evident.

The sites visited were as follows:-:

- Culvert fronting Foxtrot Villas needing larger pipe to stop flooding on the highway. Mr Sneddon had previously advised that they were aware of the problem but as the overflow on the highway is over a relatively short length before it enters the watercourse and was not currently a high priority and should funding become available they will consider the provision of a larger capacity pipe. However, the site visit on 21st November showed that this was a real problem with a large quantity of water flowing onto the highway. Mr Sneddon agreed that this was a serious problem and when funding allowed this would be addressed.
- Tree roots growing in the highway between Dead Mans Hollow and Mynderley are causing humps to appear in the highway. Mr Sneddon told the March meeting that an overlay would be applied. He confirmed in the e-mail that a temporary patch repair has been done. The length from the cattle grid to High Park cross roads is in the future surfacing overlay programme.
- A pothole has appeared in the side of the road outside Mynderley and the edge of the highway appeared to be eroding for a length of approximately 10 metres. Mr Sneddon confirmed that temporary pothole repairs have been done to maintain until the overlay is applied.
- Flooding on the road leading from Picklescott to Dorrington near New Hall Farm. At the March meeting Mr Sneddon agreed that this was a problem which would be investigated as the problem does need to be addressed. Mr Sneddon confirmed in the e-mail that this is difficult to completely resolve. They have dug the ditches out on two occasions. The problem being that there is no positive point of discharge to a watercourse. The chamber at the end of the pipe run goes to a soakaway. The ground conditions are also difficult in this area as there are rocky outcrops, shallow soil and no obvious local point for such a discharge. They will keep monitoring and deal with storm debris as necessary. It was agreed at the July meeting that the Parish Council would request a meeting with the Technician Johnathon Ingolby to discuss solutions to this problem. This site was also included in the site visit on 21st November.

- Flooding was also reported at the entrance to Netley. Mr Sneddon told the March meeting that this is the same problem where ditches are not deep enough and this will also be investigated. It was confirmed in the e-mail that the ditches have been dug out for a second time as the first time they were not dug deep enough. It was agreed at the July meeting that the ditches were still not deep enough and the Parish Council would request a meeting with the Technician Johnathon Ingolby to discuss solutions to this problem. This site was also included in the site visit on 21st November.
- At the March meeting Mr Sneddon also made a note of the poor state of the little used road leading from Smethcott to Netley (passed the Bynards). He confirmed in the e-mail that this requires an overlay and it is hoped this will be included in a future programme. This site was also included in the site visit on 21st November. It was reported to the January meeting that this road was now closed and repairs appear to be taking place.
- At the July meeting the Clerk was also asked to report white lines at the crossroads on the road from Picklescott to Dorrington at the Smethcott turning need repainting. This site was also included in the site visit on 21st November and Mr Sneddon had agreed to get this work done. It was agreed at the January meeting that this work had not been carried out.
- At the July meeting the Clerk was also asked to report that the white lines at the High Park crossroads need repainting. This site was also included in the site visit on 21st November and Mr Sneddon had agreed to get this work done. It was agreed at the January meeting that this work had not been carried out.
- At the July meeting the Clerk was also asked to report that the salt bin on the road from Woolstaston to High Park was smashed and needs replacing. At the site meeting on 21st November Mr Sneddon had agreed this would be replaced and a salt bin would also be placed by Church House on the approach road from Dorrington to Picklescott. .Despite C'Ilr Burton taking a photograph of the damaged salt bin which the Clerk had forwarded to Mr Sneddon this had still not be replaced.
- The road leading from Dorrington to Picklescott above Netley is badly eroded due to oversized combines using this route. This was reported to Tim Sneddon following the September meeting.
- C'Ilr Phillips reported the road surface at the crossroads below Picklescott as you turn for Smethcott needs attention. This was reported to Tim Sneddon following the September meeting.

Mr Kerswell, the member of the public attending the November meeting, reported that the repairs at Deadman's Hollow were starting to collapse again. C'Ilr Burton had provided photographs which had been forwarded to Mr Sneddon but the work had not been done. C'Ilr Burton told the January meeting that this was now in a very dangerous state. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr Sneddon the following day.

The Clerk also reported the broken grit box and sent photos which had been supplied by C'Ilr Burton

Further matters reported at the March meeting:-

- The barrier is still in a very dangerous condition in Deadman's Hollow and this is urgently in need of repair.
- The white lines have still not been repainted at the crossroads for Smethcott on the road leading from Picklescott to Dorrington.
- The white lines at High Park crossroads have still not be repainted.
- The drainage problems fronting Fox Trot Villas we understand may be part of a future programme. However, the Parish Council feel that this work should be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- As you leave Picklescott travelling to Thresholds, just after the turn for the Portway on the right hand side of the road it is very muddy and needs some stone applied. A car recently left the road in this mud, but thankful the driver was not injured.
- There are potholes in the road as you travel from Picklescott towards Sallins, just after the turn for the Larches.
- Although outside our parish boundary the Parish Council would ask if a mirror could be placed at the T junction on the road leading from Picklescott to Stitt, the T junction is on a blind bend and it is very difficult to see if traffic is approaching as vehicles turn out at the junction.

The Clerk will prepare and forward a listing on a spreadsheet showing all outstanding highways issues in our parish and request if Mr Sneddon could give an update before the May meeting.

10) Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

The following accounts were due for payment:-

Clerks Salary February/March plus postage and telephone totalling £495.41. It was proposed by C'llr Dale, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00301 was prepared in the sum of £495.41.

HMRC – tax due on clerk's salary for February/March £108.40. It was proposed by C'llr Dale, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00302 was prepared in the sum of £108.40.

Updating website December/January £15 per month as agreed. It was proposed by C'llr Dale, seconded by C'llr McVittie and unanimously agreed that this be paid. Cheque no 00303 was prepared in the sum of £30.

(b) Total cash held at Bank

The balance held at bank after payment of the accounts approved tonight is £1,289.39. This represents £56.86 CIL money held in the account, the £200 contingency built into the 2016/17 precept and £1,100.25 carried forward at 1st

April 2016 less a £67.72 overspend against the 2016/17 precept.

(c) Transparency Code Funding

The Clerk told the meeting that the application for funding to cover the 2017/18 web site costs had been successful. A cheque amounting to £230.04 had been received and would be banked after 1st April 2017. This represented £15 per month for updating and maintaining the site and £50.04 for the domain name and web space fees.

(d) Neighbourhood Funding.

The Clerk told the meeting that the Parish Council would receive a further £322.21 CIL money which would be paid with the 2017/18 precept.

To spend this money the Parish Council is expected to work closely with the local community to agree how best to use this fund. The National CIL regulations state that the use of funds must be used to support development by funding (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development place on the area.

The Parish Council were required to sign the Shropshire Council agreement stating that they had read and understood the terms and conditions of the CIL payments. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and would be returned to Shropshire Council.

11) Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following correspondence received and forwarded to all Councillors by e-mail:-

Rural Services Network Weekly Newsletters

NALC Newsletters

Local Government News Newsletters

26.1.17 Shropshire Hills Uplands Forum 27 Feb at Craven Arms

27.1.17 Link to shropshire.gov.uk/news/2017/01/elderly-and-vulnerable-urged-to-fight-the-freeze-and-stay-well-this-winter

27.1.17 South Shropshire Area Committee - Agenda for meeting at Craven Arms 2nd February

30.1.17.NHS - Putting Patients First newsletter

30.1.17. Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin – Llandudno holiday for older people

30.1.17 SALC - News story - Shropshire successful in national alcohol action programme

30.1.17 Shropshire Council – Street Trading Policy 2017-2022 Consultation.

30.1.17 NHS Future Fit Digest

31.1.17 SALC's South Shropshire Area Committee – 2nd February

31.1.17 The Latest From The Voluntary & Community Sector Assembly

1.2.19 SALC – Locality Guide – Keep It Local

2.2.17 SCC – Draft Shropshire Bus Strategy – comments required by 13.2.17

2.2.17 – SALC Bulletin – February

5,2,17 – Shropshire Area Committee – Copy of Presentation 2/2/217

6.2.17 – SALC – A vision for the future of public libraries

6.2.17 SCC – Early Help Newsletter – February
 7.2.17 – Update NHS Future Fit
 7.2.17 SALC Seminar financial year end update 17.2.17
 7.2.17 SCC mapping systems for grounds maintenance
 8.2.17 NHS Improving care for people living with dementia
 10.2.17 Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital – Putting Patients First Newsletter
 10.2.17 Preparations for Armed Forces day in Shropshire 24.6.17
 10.2.17 SCC Health Remains a Key Topic in Shropshire
 13.2.17 Shropshire Rural Community Council – volunteer drop in sessions
 14.2.17 Public Health England Campaign for Notice Boards targeting NW England but also covering Whitchurch area
 16.2.17 Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enabling Officer – working with carers in the community
 20.2.17 NHS Tree Planting Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals volunteers needed
 20.2.17 Voluntary and Community Sector Newsletter
 7.3.17 The latest from the Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly
 8.3.17 Commencement of Phase 3 Meole Brace Island Roadworks
 9.3.17 Early Help Newsletter March

13) Local Joint Committee

C’lIr Dale had attended the Local Joint Committee meeting on 1st March. He told the meeting that the following topics etc were discussed:-

- Parish Councils were urged to apply for Environmental Maintenance Grants as highway expenditure was facing cuts.
- The Local Plan was undergoing a review and hubs and clusters may be redefined. The hubs are alike to be Condover, Dorrington and Church Stretton. People were urged to register sites for development when such sites could be identified.
- Tom Brettell had given a presentation on the Neighbourhood Car Model, which attempted to keep at home and not in hospital.
- Nicole McPherson gave a talk on the New Health and Wellbeing Centre in Church Stretton.
- Stephen Grant, the new Police Officer, from Church Stretton, had attended the meeting.
- David Walton is the new Police Officer, for our Parish, and has replaced David Harte who has retired.

C’lIr Dale told the meeting that the next Local Joint Committee Meeting would be the Annual general Meeting and would be held on 21st March at a venue yet to be arranged.

14) May Local Elections

The Clerk had posted the election pack to all Councillors. .

The Election Notices had been placed on notice boards on Monday 13th March as required. The notices had also been placed on the Parish Council website.

Cllrs” agreed to complete their forms and either hand to the Clerk at the meeting or deliver to the Clerk over the weekend and the Clerk would take into the Shirehall on Monday 27th March. They have to be handed in to the elections team who will carefully check for any errors. The Clerk reminded all Councillors that nominations had to be handed in before 4pm on 4th April.

15) Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th May (Annual General Meeting)

Dates for the remaining meetings during 2017 are as follows:-

26th July

27th September

22nd November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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