

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2022 AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Councillors: Cllr G Brown, Cllr R-L Brown, Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr J Davey, Cllr D Gibson, Cllr L Moxon-Jones, Cllr S McDermott (Chairman), Cllr A Pitchers, Cllr G Wilkes, Cllr P Yuille,
Unitary Councillor: Shropshire Cllr R Tindall

In Attendance: Officer: C Maclean (Locum Clerk)
Members of the Public: 2

22.01 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

22.02 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None.

22.03 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

22.04 PUBLIC SESSION

No points raised.

22.05 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2022

Proposed by Cllr P Yuille, seconded by Cllr J Cantrill and it was resolved the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022 be adopted and that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

22.06 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr A Pitchers enquired about the proposed introduction of Councillor email addresses. The Locum Clerk advised that these would be progressed on completion of the setup of the new Council laptop.

22.07 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

- (i) Cllr S McDermott introduced Mrs C Bullock who was in attendance and had expressed interest in joining the Council. Mrs Bullock advised Councillors of her interest and experience and what she could offer as a resident of the Upton Cressett ward.

Proposed by Cllr S McDermott, seconded by Cllr L Moxon-Jones and it was resolved that Mrs Bullock be invited to join the Council as member for Upton Cressett.

- (ii) Cllr C Bullock read, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her place at Council.
- (iii) Cllr S McDermott noted that there was still one vacancy remaining on Council covering the Morville ward and encouraged Councillors to make it known that there was an opportunity to make a difference for somebody interested.

22.08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- (i) The Chairman advised Councillors that he had passed the remaining supply of Smartwater kits to the school for their use. Councillors noted that the expiry date for their use was within the next couple of months.
- (ii) The Chairman advised Councillors that he had attended an online meeting with SALC and fellow town and parish council chairs. There was little to advise Councillors in terms of output.
- (iii) The Chairman advised that he had attended training sessions on Chairmanship Skills organised by SALC. He also noted the upcoming Fundamentals for Councillors training, scheduled for 16th June and encouraged those Councillors who had not yet attended to register their interest with the Locum Clerk if the date was suitable.

22.09 CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) The Locum Clerk advised Councillors of upcoming training sessions being organised by SALC and would register bookings for those Councillors interested.
- (ii) The Locum Clerk advised Councillors of progress being undertaken to complete the year end activities in anticipation of the completion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review. Councillors noted that an extraordinary meeting of the Council would be required in June to enable the submission to be completed in time for the deadline of 30th June 2022.

22.10 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- (i) Shropshire Cllr R Tindall updated Councillors on recent activities impacting the parish.
- (ii) As a result of recent events within Shropshire Council, Cllr R Tindall was no longer vice-chairman of the Southern Planning Committee. He continues to be a member.
- (iii) Councillors noted the upcoming meetings to be held in Shrewsbury on Shropshire's Draft Local Plan which would be conducted by the Planning Inspector Louise Crosby.
- (iv) Cllr R Tindall advised Councillors that efforts continue to introduce a 40mph speed limit at Weston.
- (v) Cllr P Yuille enquired whether there were options for the Parish Council to elect not to have a parish lengthsman and hand over maintenance responsibilities to Shropshire Council. Cllr R Tindall advised this would depend on the current contractual arrangements. The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that he had received from the previous Clerk a copy of the Minor Highway and Environmental Maintenance Grant Agreement between the Parish Council and Shropshire Council which he would forward on to Councillors.
- (vi) Cllr R Tindall noted the frequency of the Parish Council meetings and suggested that if the option was available he could join remotely.
- (vii) Cllr A Pitchers enquired whether there had been any further developments in relation to the Acton Arms. Cllr R Tindall advised that he was not aware of any and it was noted that the building and site does not look in good condition.

At 8:15pm, Shropshire Cllr R Tindall gave his apologies and left the meeting. Councillors thanked him for his updates.

22.11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) Councillors noted that the applicants for the change of use of the premises at Unit 2, Muckley Cross Industrial Estate, Acton Round had already commenced operations as MOT testing station.
- (ii) Councillors noted and considered application 22/01781/FUL relating to the proposed bridal shop at Upper Meadowley, Upton Cressett. Councillors shared concerns over the viability of such a proposal and impact on surrounding area in terms of access to the site. Councillors expressed no specific comment in response to the application.
- (iii) Councillors considered the proposal received through Shropshire Council of the plan to extinguish footpath 17/2 within the parish. Concerns were shared over the impact of this proposal and whether the owners had introduced sufficient measures to divert walkers from the proximity of their property. Following discussion Councillors came to the conclusion that the Parish Council should object to the application to extinguish the path.

Proposed by Cllr J Davey, seconded by Cllr L Moxon-Jones and it was resolved that the Parish Council register their objection to the extinguishment of footpath 17/2 with Shropshire Council.

22.12 S137 GRANT APPLICATIONS

- (i) Councillors considered the application from Crucial Crew for financial assistance towards the funding of six pupils from Morville CE Primary School. Total amount requested was noted at £60.00.

Proposed by Cllr S McDermott, seconded by Cllr P Yuille and it was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council provide Crucial Crew with £60.00 towards the funding of Morville CE Primary School pupils.

- (ii) Councillors considered the application from Morville CE Primary School for a financial contribution towards the provision of commemorative memorabilia coins to the pupils in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Following discussion, Councillors agreed to vote on the proposal. Cllr A Pitchers declared an interest in this proposal and excluded himself from participating in the resolution.

Proposed by Cllr J Cantrill, seconded by Cllr G Brown and it was resolved by a majority to contribute £99.00 towards the funding of the coins.

- (iii) Cllr C Bullock advised Councillors of the actions being taken to install faster broadband within the Upton Cressett part of the parish. Advice had been obtained from another parish on the steps required and discussions were taking place regarding the establishment of a legal entity to support the application. Costs were being established but current understanding was that registration of the entity, provision of the annual return and accountancy fees may amount to £200. Whilst Councillors noted that funds could be raised through personal contributions, the request was noted for a contribution from the parish council.

Councillors considered the merits of supporting the proposal and potential risks of future financial commitments. Cllr S McDermott proposed a sum of £120.00 could be made towards the funding.

Proposed by Cllr S McDermott, seconded by Cllr J Cantrill and it was resolved by a majority to contribute £120.00 towards the funding of the legal entity.

22.13 NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Councillors noted the current uncertainty in the level of neighbourhood funding available for use and that checks were required of previous initiatives to validate their spending against this fund. Councillors agreed to defer discussions on items for spending until the position was clarified.

22.14 MONKHOPTON DEFIBRILLATOR BOX REFURBISHMENT

Councillors noted the requirement to refurbish the former telephone kiosk that houses the defibrillator. Following discussions on parties interested in undertaking the refurbishment and potential costs, Cllr D Gibson offered to undertake the refurbishment.

Cllr D Gibson's offer was welcomed and agreed by Councillors.

22.15 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillors noted the proposal to adopt the Councillor Code of Conduct based on the Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

Councillors agreed to defer this to a future meeting.

22.16 STANDING ORDERS

Councillors noted that amendments had been made to the model Standing Orders from NALC. The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that he needed to review these and would submit amended Orders at a future meeting.

Councillors agreed to defer this to a future meeting.

22.17 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Councillors noted that amendments were expected to a couple of clauses contained within the Financial Regulations relating to monetary values.

Councillors agreed to defer this to a future meeting once the revisions were advised.

22.18 PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESMENT

Councillors noted that updates required to be added to the Assessment and the Locum Clerk advised Councillors that an amended document would be submitted at a future meeting.

Councillors agreed to defer this to a future meeting.

22.19 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (i) The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that balances on the accounts remained unchanged.
- (ii) Councillors noted that items for payment by the Council would be submitted at the next meeting.

22.20 INFORMATION ITEMS

No items were raised.

22.21 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr P Yuille advised Councillors of the need to trim back a hedge from the pavement on the road outside the Village Hall. A contractor had been identified to undertake the work at an estimated cost of approximately £20.00.

Councillors agreed the work be undertaken.

22.22 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Locum Clerk to be advised of any items to be added.

22.23 NEXT MEETING

- (i) 11th July 2022.
- (ii) Councillors noted the requirement to hold an extraordinary meeting of Council in June 2022 to complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Review.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:50pm.

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Chairman

12th September 2022