

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

## AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllr K BriggsThomas, Cllr G Brown, Cllr R-L Brown Cllr C Bullock, Cllr J Davey, Cllr P Davis-White, Cllr L Moxon-Jones, Cllr S McDermott (Chairman), Cllr A Pitchers, Cllr G Wilkes, Cllr P Yuille,

**In Attendance:** Sarah D Skurr - Clerk to the Council  
Members of the public: 2

**24.101 WELCOME** - The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

**24.102 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES** – Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr R Tindall

**24.103 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS** - None

**24.104 PUBLIC SESSION** – No matters were raised

**24.105 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS** -

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 9th September 2024.  
Cllr G Brown proposed, Cllr C Bullock seconded. All in favour.

**24.106 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** - None

**24.107 BIODIVERSITY POLICY UPDATE**

Cllr L Moxon-Jones proposed inviting Janet Cobb from Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust to a Council meeting, date to be decided. Cllr C Bullock seconded. All in favour.

**24.108 ROAD SAFETY REPORT**

Cllr P Yuille reported - “On 8<sup>th</sup> November, Chairman Steve McDermott and Councillor Pam Yuille attended a site visit followed by a meeting kindly organised by Dominic Stanford. During the course of this, we discussed the serious traffic speeding issues in Morville village and possible measures to be taken with our MP, Police Commissioner, Nick Newton, Dominic, Coll Macdonald and a deputation of other village residents. A full report of this, including actions agreed, is being drawn up and will be shared with councillors and Sarah.”

**24.109 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

My report, briefly, for this evening’s meeting, mainly concerns the problems that Col McDonald raised at the last PC meeting and my subsequent visit with him to inspect them on the ground:

1. I have informed both the relevant planning officer, Sara Jones, and the highway engineer, Nick Newton, that the condition attached to the planning consent (17/00827/REM) for the development of 14 dwellings at Haughton Lane requiring a limit of 30 mph to be imposed has not yet been implemented. Sara Jones has replied that she will look into the matter.
2. I have reported the problems of the drainage along Haughton Lane to John Bellis but as yet I have had no response.
3. I have also asked Nick Newton if the current 30 mph stretch could also be extended to incorporate the 40 mph stretch and whether “white gates” would be allowed. Again, I await a response.

On a separate matter I, like others, await details of why the Planning Inspectors have halted any further work on the Shropshire’s Local Plan. This leaves a number of schemes “up in the air”.

**24.110 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – Attached at the end of the minutes.

#### **24.111 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the VAT return of £2868.71 has been received into the main Lloyd's bank account.

All three bank accounts have been reconciled.

The Clerk produced the financial papers along with the proposed budget figures.

Cllr A Pitchers noted that he would like to see more information in order to make an informed decision for expenditure in the next financial year.

The Clerk advised that Cost Centres and Codes in Scribe financial software have been altered slightly on the advice of the Auditor.

#### **24.112 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

The Council reviewed the applications and decisions.

Cllr P Yuille proposed that the Council support the following application. Cllr S McDermott seconded. All in favour.

[Conversion of existing brick and tile barns to form 3no. dwellings](#)

**High Trees Farm Tasley Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 4RE**

**Ref. No: 24/03517/FUL | Validated: Tue 15 Oct 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration**

All other applications as noted on the Agenda were given due consideration and it was decided by the Council that no further comments were necessary.

#### **24.113 FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

The councillors were asked to approve payments as listed: Jason Gough Computing £32.32, Chris Rowe Environmental Maintenance £40.00, BeSure Electrical Services £150.00, DM Payroll Services £212.00, Med UK £134.28, Morville Village Hall £160.00, Shropshire Landmark Trust £250.00, Clerk Salary £1,057.50, Clerk Expenses-Travel & Stationery £35.42, HMRC £82.83. The Clerk asked the Council to approve payment to HMRC monthly in order to avoid late payment charges. Cllr S McDermott proposed, Cllr L Moxon-Jones seconded. All in favour.

#### **24.114 INFORMATION ITEMS**

REF: WiFi at Morville Village Hall - Cllr K BriggsThomas advised the Council that there had been no meeting as yet for further discussion on provision of WiFi at MVH.

Cllr S McDermott reminded the Council of the invitation to the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party. If anyone is interested in attending they should contact the Clerk to arrange.

#### **24.115 PARISH MATTERS – None**

#### **24.116 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Budget and Precept**

#### **24.118 2025 MEETINGS**

The Council are satisfied with the proposed dates for 2025

**NEXT MEETING – Monday January 13th 2025**

Meeting ended - 20.15

Signed

Date: 13/11/24

Chairman

## **Chairman's Report for November 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

At the end of October, we received notification from the Planning Inspectors who have been examining the Draft Local Plan, that all remaining scheduled Public Hearings Sessions have been cancelled.

The Inspectors have 'significant concerns about the soundness of the Plan in respect of a number of areas'. They will be setting out these concerns in a separate letter as soon as possible.

Cllr. Pitchers and I met with the Director of Planning and the Public Relations Agent for Bloor Homes, the principal developer of 'Tasley Garden Village'. We had a long and detailed discussion, during which we made clear our many concerns regarding their plans, and the strength of local opposition to the proposals. We emphasised our doubts about the provision of transport infrastructure, and the inevitable increased pressure on the already stretched local healthcare facilities. All of our points were considered and noted. However, although the uncertainty created by the DLP Inspectors will clearly have some influence on the sequence of events, Bloor Homes intends to submit the first of their Outline Planning Applications before Easter 2025.

Elections for local authorities in Shropshire will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, two weeks after Easter. The effect that the results of these elections will have on the adoption of a Local Plan is unpredictable.

The proposed changes to Planning Policy by the new Government will also affect any revisions to the DLP. It is expected that there will be a significant increase in Shropshire's housing target.