

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

## AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

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

**In Attendance:** Sarah D Skurr - Clerk to the Council  
Members of the public: 10

### **25.01 The Clerk welcomed all to the Village Hall**

The Meeting was preceded at 6.30 pm by a question and answer session with Janet Cobb, of the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. Cllr P Yuille introduced her to the Council and members of the public and spoke about the work being done and the opportunities for grants. During the Q&A Cllr G Brown raised a concern about the reintroduction of pine martens from a farming perspective. Whilst acknowledging the advantages of controlling the grey squirrel population he suggested further debate in terms of predation on other species.

### **25.02 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES – Cllr S McDermott (Chairman), Shropshire Cllr R Tindall**

In the absence of the Chair the Clerk read out the Apologies and called upon the Council to elect a temporary Chair for this meeting. Cllr P Yuille proposed Cllr A Pitchers as Chair and Cllr L Moxon-Jones seconded. All in favour.

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

**25.04 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS -** None

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

### **25.06 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11th November 2024. Cllr G Wilkes proposed, Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

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

### **25.08 BIODIVERSITY POLICY UPDATE**

Cllr P Yuille and Cllr L Moxon-Jones agreed to look into possible grant funding for a Shropshire Landscape Trust project and voted to fund a suitable RSVP project along the stretch of the A458 which falls within the boundaries of Morville Parishes. Cllrs L Moxon-Jones and P Yuille will be reporting back at the March PC Meeting with proposals.

### **25.09 ROAD SAFETY REPORT**

Cllr Yuille updated the meeting on the promising progress being made in the campaign to install Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and white gates in Morville Village. It was agreed that a further meeting with the MP and the PCC was required to discuss funding and the proposal to action the installation of the SIDs and white gates. Cllr A Pitchers Proposed that the council go ahead with the work and if necessary fund the project from Council reserves.

Cllr K BriggsThomas seconded. All in favour.

**25.10 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT-** Attached at the end of the minutes.

Councillor R Tindall has notified us that he will not be seeking re-election to Shropshire Council in May.

**25.11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT –** No report at this time

**25.12 CLERK'S REPORT** – The Clerk asked the Councillors if they were all in receipt of the new style A3 Financial Report and advised the Council that this will be the format for all future meetings.

**25.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

In advance of the meeting Cllr A Pitchers sent a document to the Councillors - "Planning Applications-Process of Objection" to assist the Council in their comments. Cllr P Davis-White advised the Council on the importance of consistency in their comments. Cllr K BriggsThomas suggested three options for comments: No Objection, Support, Objection, and a written policy for future guidance. Cllr A Pitchers proposed writing a Policy, Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour. The Clerk will alert Councillors to any Planning Applications where the cut-off date for comment falls before the next PC Meeting.

The Council reviewed the applications and decisions.

- Poplar Cottage Farm Ref. No: 24/04612/FUL No Objection
- Upper Meadowly Farm Ref. No: 24/04754/FUL No Objection
- Home Farm Monkthopton Ref. No: 24/01852/FUL N/A Application Granted

**25.14 FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

The councillors were asked to approve payments as listed: Jason Gough Computing £42.52, Chris Rowe Environmental Maintenance £40.00, Clerk Salary £596.25, Clerk Expenses-Travel £35.55. Cllr A Pitchers proposed, Cllr P Yuille seconded. All in favour.

**25.15 TO APPROVE THE 2025/26 BUDGET AND SET THE PARISH PRECEPT**

Cllr A Pitchers presented the financial report and proposed a deficit budget with the deficit made up from the reserves. The Precept was agreed at £12,428.00 in order to show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge on the 2025/26 Council Tax Demand Notices. Cllr J Davey proposed, Cllr L Moxon-Jones seconded. All in favour.

**25.16 TO DISCUSS THE FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Cllr K BriggsThomas presented a proposal to change the format of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May with the aim of increasing the opportunity for parishioners to access information about the Parish Council and the work they do in a welcoming and friendly environment. This will provide a chance to bring the local community together to make suggestions and exchange views on any issues that seem good to them. It was unanimously agreed that she should lead a working group to organise the event along these lines. Cllr J Davey and Cllr R-L Brown volunteered to join the group along with the Clerk. Cllr K BriggsThomas proposed, Cllr J Davey seconded. All in favour.

**25.17 INFORMATION ITEMS - None**

**25.18 PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr C Bullock reported blocked drains and was advised to report on "Fix my Street"

**25.19 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

To produce a Reserve Policy for approval  
To produce a Planning Policy for approval  
To discuss May elections

**25.20 NEXT MEETING** – Monday March 10th 2025

Meeting ended - 20.00

Signed  
Chairman

Date: 10/03/25

## REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR ROBERT TINDALL

My report is as follows:

1. Morville Pavement from the Acton Arms to the School still looks as though it has not been cleaned off despite my having reported it on FixMyStreet.
2. There has, however, been some activity in installing the 30-mph limit along the section of Houghton Lane leading from the A458. I gather from Coll MacDonald that there is some uncertainty over certain aspects of the installation which I took up with Gemma Lawley who in turn has asked Nick Newton to follow up.
3. I don't know if anyone from the Council has looked at the drainage by the housing development- certainly I reported the matter to John Bellis, but as far as I know the matter has not progressed. If anyone has any up to date information I would be pleased to receive it and I will then try to speed the matter up. I have sent you both a copy of my latest email to John Bellis to which I have as yet received no reply.
4. I think the other matters to do with speeding are being dealt with by the subcommittee- but if I can help in anyway, please ask them to let me know.
5. I have not seen that there has been any need for me to offer any comments (which have to be made on planning grounds) on any of the recent planning applications.

As ever, if there are any queries I will be happy to deal with them.

Best wishes,

*Robert Tindall*

Shropshire Councillor for the Brown Clee Electoral Division