

SHREWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held in Shrewley Village Hall on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.45pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R G Wesbury	<i>Chairman</i>
Cllr N Soutter	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
Cllr H Darwen	
Cllr E Forty	
Cllr D Lawrie	
Cllr M Wood	
Cllr R Hales	(left meeting at 9.30pm)
D Cllr G Illingworth	(left meeting at 9.30pm)

Clerk Eleanor Choudry
Members of the Public: 4

75/19. APOLOGIES – Cllr J Day, WDC Cllr Cooke.

76/19. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

77/19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Parish Council Meeting – Monday 6th January 2020 approved and signed as a true record.

78/19. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

79/19. RESIGNATION – Cllr E Coton's resignation was accepted and the Clerk is to contact WDC regarding advertising the vacancy.

80/19. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – Resident David Howell explained the seriousness of the pot holes along Station Road by the bend. Drivers were passing onto the other side of the road to avoid the deep holes. Also the overflowing gully is creating ice on the road on the cold mornings. Cllr Soutter explained that the water gully is awaiting being jetted prior to the pot holes being filled. Both items have been reported.

The bend on Station Road has open fencing so that traffic can see what is approaching. Hedgerow growth is preventing traffic from seeing around the corner. Cllr Soutter will contact David Blower to request the removal of that part of the hedge.

David Howell also raised his serious concerns regarding the development W/20/0129 The Rescue Ranch and documentation that he was sent by WDC that proposed increased parking, with the increase in traffic coming out at the railway bridge. David Howell also said that the dogs owned by The Ranch run along behind the hedge along the towpath barking at walkers. Both his property and neighbouring properties can hear the barking and he is concerned that an increase in animals may cause an increase in noise.

Resident Will Morley-Brown explained that he had received a notification that the school bus service from Hatton Station to Alcester Grammar School is being cut. Children will now need to walk along the road without footpath to Shrewley Common or along the towpath. This is obviously unsafe for children. The Clerk is to complain to WCC School Transport.

81/19. PLANNING –

W/19/1068 Post Office, 97 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AN WITHDRAWN 22/1/20
W/19/1571 73 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AN GRANTED 13/1/20
W/19/1897 Shakespeare Cottage, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HZ WITHDRAWN 28/1/20
W/19/1977 Ranibagh, Mill Lane, Little Shrewley, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HN NO OBJECTION FROM WCC HIGHWAYS 10/2/20. PC Objection

Signed.....(Chair)

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W/19/2031 102 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AW GRANTED 24/1/20
W/19/2082 12 Antrobus Close, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7BW Certificate of lawfulness 27/1/20
W/19/2134 Pinley Farm, Pinley Road, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 8XQ WITHDRAWN 12/2/20
W/20/0026 58 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8XJ – LDC Application
W/20/0083 62 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8XJ – LDC Application
W/20/0139 102 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AW – LDC Application
W/20/0129 The Rescue Ranch, Station Road, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 7LG

82/19. WCC REPORT – No report.

83/19. WDC REPORT – A suspected arson attack at the Sea Scouts hut caused extensive damage and spread to the new recreation centre. The hall roof needs to be repaired but the swimming pool and gym are still open. The council met on 26/2 to agree the budget and will be asking residents for an increase of £1 per week (for a Band D property) at a Referendum to be held on 7 May; this would put £3m per year into a 'ring-fenced' Climate Action Fund. Councillor Richard Hales explained that the extra money raised through the council tax will be spent on climate change with the district hoping to be carbon neutral by 2030. Richard Hales agreed that he will be speaking about the Climate Emergency Fund at the Annual Assembly on the 31/3.

84/19. OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

84.1. Annual Assembly 2020 - Richard Hales agreed that he will be speaking about the Climate Emergency Fund. The Clerk is also to contact Barford Bar-Zero initiative to invite them to discuss the topic of 'Climate Change - ideas on initiatives and outcomes' and Eliza Gaffney SPP for an update on the children's playground. Cllr Darwen and Lindsay Darwen will explain the canal towpath volunteer group. Leaflets inviting residents to attend will be distributed approximately 10 days before. Local organisations to be contacted for their reports.

84.2. Traffic Calming in Shrewley– Cllr Caborn is awaiting a quote from Graham Stanley to install speed gates at either end of the village to try to reduce the speed of traffic.

84.3. VAS Barn Close Bend - The insurance company has agreed to pay in full after the sign was damaged. A replacement has been scheduled for the spring.

84.4. Community Emergency Plan – To be reviewed.

84.5. Hatton Station Phone Box – The Grant Application Form for £200 for the replacement glass has been received.

84.6. Little Shrewley notice board – Cllr Soutter will cost a replacement board.

85/19. ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

85.1. FRIENDS OF HATTON STATION (FOHS) – Resident Paul Tilley is looking into accreditation from ACoRP (Association of Community Rail Partnerships). The old car park will be resurfaced and parking spaces marked by the end of March. The station was visited by senior Network Rail engineers in their special train! The Senior buildings engineer commented how tidy the station looked with its planters and promised to help get the shelters replaced and the footbridge refurbished. Thanks to Paul for all his hard work.

85.2. Shrewley website update / Statutory publication of documents on website –Cllr Wesbury provided the monthly breakdown of website visits linked to the specific pages visited for analysis.

86/19. HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR –

86.1. Footpath fault report - New footpath posts have been erected at Hatton Station. All reported faults remain outstanding. Cllr Darwen to contact Rowington Parish Council regarding the surveying of footpaths that cross the boundary.

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86.2. Highway fault report – Cllr Soutter has reported the pot holes and flooding culvert on Station Road. Cllr Soutter is to contact the resident near the railway bridge regarding the requested removal of three trees in her driveway. Cllr Soutter noted the litter behind the bench on the Little Shrewley. The speed sign near Hughes Hill has fallen down. Cllr Wesbury has not received a reply from Peter Hallam, WCC, regarding the drains that are damaged/covered in Little Shrewley. Cllr Soutter is to contact Peter Hallam for a site visit. Cllr Dawen is to log the closure online for the reported and completed replacement drain cover and filling of hole on Shrewley Common. There has been no reported flooding after the storms at the bottom of Hughes Hill since the grill has been cleared. Cllr Wood is to contact the homeowner at Fieldgate House regarding the overgrown hedge along Fiveways Road.

86.3. Canal & River Trust – litter clearing. Thanks to the team at Canal & River Trust for promptly clearing fallen trees along the canal after the recent storms.

87/19. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

88/19. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – The field reinforcement behind the Hall is complete and will be rolled to level the ground when the ground has dried sufficiently. Shrewley Parish Parents succeeded in achieving an award from RUCIS, and they are continuing to seek further funds towards their planned play area at the back of the hall. The storm guttering along the north wall is proving inadequate for heavy rainfall, and it will be replaced with a more suitable design when funds permit.

89/19. MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CLLRS – 24/4/20 Public Rights of Way (WALC meeting) to be attended by Cllr Wesbury and Cllr Darwen.

01/04/20 WALC Culture and Heritage Strategy meeting – Cllr Wesbury to attend and Cllr Wood tbc.

07/04/20 WDC Planning Enforcement Team meeting – Cllr Wesbury to attend and Cllr Soutter tbc.

90/19. FINANCE

90.1. Permission to pay proposed by Cllr Soutter, seconded by Cllr Forty and unanimously approved.

Cheque/ BACS	Payee	Amount £
BACS	Clerk February Salary(Net),Postage £0, Printing Ink £0	246.39
BACS	HMRC February Income tax	61.60
BACS	Clerk March Salary, Mileage £0, Postage £0	246.39
BACS	HMRC March Income Tax	61.60
BACS	Clerk Homeworking Allowance £5 per month	60.00
BACS	Flower bed maintenance – J Andrews	60.00
BACS	CPRE Membership Renewal	36.00
BACS	Grant Application Form – Hatton PCC	120.00
BACS	Grant Application Form – Hatton Station Telephone Box	200.00
BACS	WALC Course Cllr Wesbury and Cllr Darwen - Public Rights of Way	30.00
BACS	Total	£1,121.98

91/19. Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2020

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Current Account Balance as at 1 st April 2019		5,815.68
Includes £161.03 for Friends of Hatton Station		
Receipts		
First half precept 26.4.19		3,363.50
Shaw Lane Rent		52.00
Second Half Precept (Sept 19)		3,363.50
Total		12,594.68
May payments	2,421.45	10,173.23
July payments	1,093.03	9,080.20

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Sept payments	619.50	8,460.70
Nov Payments	681.76	7,778.94
Jan Payments	645.98	7,132.96
March Payments	1,121.98	6,010.98
Balance as at 31 st March 2020		6,010.98

Reserve Account as at 31 st March 2020	3,500.00
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92/19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

93/19. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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