

SHREWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held via Zoom on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.45pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R G Wesbury
Cllr N Soutter
Cllr H Darwen
Cllr E Forty
Cllr D Lawrie
Cllr J Day
Cllr M Wood
C Cllr L Caborn
D Cllr G Illingworth
D Cllr R Hales

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Clerk Eleanor Choudry
Members of the Public: 1

77/20. APOLOGIES – WDC Cllr Cooke.

78/20. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

79/20. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th January 2021 approved and signed as a true record.

80/20. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

81/20. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – Suzanne Collinson attended from Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA). They provide free vital support to volunteers, groups, organisations, enterprises and charities and help to strengthen all communities across the region. They are committed to providing support accessing volunteering opportunities, developing a community group, accessing funding or strengthening governance. For more information visit <https://www.wcava.org.uk/> or contact Suzanne directly on 07935003025 or email suzanne@wcava.org.uk. Clerk to add details to the Newsletter and display posters on the parish notice boards.

82/20. PLANNING –

W/20/1622 Tunnel Cottage, 92 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AW GRANTED 29/1/21.
W/20/1860 The Dell, Green Lane, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HJ
W/20/1944 High Acres, Nunhold Road, Pinley, Warwick, CV35 8NB The PC has NO OBJECTION 21/2/21
Appeals
APP/T3725/W/20/3257986 The White House, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HT
APP/T3725/W/20/3261524 Great Pinley Barns, Nunhold Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8NB DISMISSED 4/2/21.

83/20. WCC REPORT – The budget is set at 1.99% with 1% ringfenced for adult social care. 2% will come into effect next year. WCC is in a good financial position and allowances have been made to reset the medium financial term plan. A Warwickshire Property and Development Company has been created to drive growth and regeneration. A Recovery Fund aims to allocate £140 million over the next 5 years by offering financial investments to existing and new businesses to help their long-term recovery, create and safeguard jobs and attract new investment. The investment funds include £15 million for new services plus investment in climate change and funding of children's services. £1m towards mental health including dementia strategy and funding towards children's self-harming as well as an all-age autism strategy. 92% of care home residents have been vaccinated

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and 15,000 to 18,000 weekly tests are being carried out at six Warwickshire sites. Coronavirus cases are going down and all staff are being encouraged to take weekly Covid tests. Cllr Caborn is not standing for re-election at the forthcoming local elections. Cllr Caborn has been a councillor for over forty years. Councillors thanked him for all his hard work with best wishes for his retirement.

84/20. WDC REPORT – 95% of the over 65 year-olds in Coventry and Warwickshire have now had at least one Covid vaccination. This is apparently the highest vaccination rate in the country. Various Covid support schemes continue and the District has an excellent record for distributing the money allocated by the Government to those that need and deserve it. Despite the significant extra costs in the last year and the continuing loss of certain income streams the Council has produced a balanced Budget without cutting services. This means a Council Tax increase of £5 per year for Band D properties. This includes an allocation towards climate change, avoiding the additional levy considered last year. The District portion is, of course, only about 10% of the total Council Tax bill. Both Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council have agreed to investigate a closer relationship and the possible creation of a Super District, as a means of cutting costs and maintaining services in the future.

85/20. OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

85.1. Traffic Calming in Shrewley – There is a delay on materials required for the speed gates caused by Brexit. It is hoped that the gates will be installed by the end of April/May.

85.2. Potential to return of face-to-face meetings from 7th May – Cllr Wesbury thought that the date may be extended. It was proposed that the meeting on 10th May is planned to be held via Zoom.

85.3. Date for Annual Assembly 2021 – Cllr Wesbury proposed that due to Covid restrictions on meetings and with little activity having taken place in local organisations, the Annual Assembly (planned for 30th March) be held after the Annual Meeting on the 10th May. Local organisations will be invited and asked to send a short report. Climate change to be an item on the agenda at the Annual Assembly. Cllr Wood seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously.

85.4. Little Shrewley notice board refurbishment – Work in progress.

85.5. Community Emergency Plan – Awaiting appointment of a new Cllr to take on this responsibility.

85.6. Parish Councillor vacancy – No applications have been received to date. The vacancy will be advertised at the Annual Assembly.

85.7. Vehicle activated sign on B4439 at Barn Close Nurseries – Cllr Caborn is awaiting an update from the Loss Adjustor regarding the technical specification of the VAS.

85.8. Vegetation removal on Station Road bend – The cost of the removal of the vegetation is £2200 including the drain which is under the road without a proper headboard. Currently there are sandbanks in place. A second quote is awaited.

85.9. Station Road pedestrian safety survey – Cllr Caborn advised that the signs on the bend and up to the railway bridge will be resituated so that they are easily visible to oncoming traffic.

85.10. Tree Charter- Shrewley Village Farm have been planting oak trees between the sheep field and horses. The Tree Charter is to be an agenda item at the Annual Assembly.

86/20. ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

86.1. Friends of Hatton Station (FOHS) – Nothing to report. Due to Covid travel restrictions, the car park appears to be very little used.

86.2. Shrewley website update / Statutory publication of documents on website – No update is available due to issues with interpreting the google statistics.

87/20. HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR –

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87.1. New WCC Fault Reporting System – The system is confusing and it is difficult to get detailed reports. Fix My Street is still available, Cllr Wesbury was informed that this site would close down in November. Cllr Caborn confirmed that Fix My Street was too expensive so WCC were setting up their own reporting system. Cllr Caborn will chase an update.

87.2. Footpath fault report – Cllr Wesbury has reported the broken stile on the bend by Barn Close nurseries. The footpath stile has also been reported by the motorway, Shrewley Common. It was noted that the towpath by the canal tunnel is very wet and deteriorating.

87.3. Highway fault report – The timescale for reclaiming footpaths lost in history is 2026 when a definitive map will be finalized. The Ramblers have surveyed every square of the surveyance map in England and identified many lost paths. The website <https://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk/> details sites in Shrewley Parish worthy of a claim.

88/20. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

89/20. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE - A committee meeting was held on 24th February and it was agreed to repair loose plaster and redecorate the entrance hall whilst the hall is quiet. Three parking permits have been issued to residents near the Village Hall whilst the car park is not in use. Childrens tutoring classes will start after 8th March and the hall will be used for elections in May, with social distancing in place. The construction of the children’s playground behind the Village Hall has started.

90/20. MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CLLRS – Peoples Climate Change Inquiry – Cllr Wood attended and stated that it was an excellent event, thorough, rigorous and an inclusive process. One attendee said how important it was that they were included in the discussions and engagement at parish level is critical. Members of the parish need to be drawn in.

91/20. FINANCE

- 91.1. Hatton PCC Grant Application - Permission to pay proposed by Cllr Lawrie, seconded by Cllr Forty and unanimously approved.
- 91.2. Ferncumbe Youth Club Grant Application - Permission to pay proposed by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Day and unanimously approved.
- 91.3. Shrewley Village Hall Committee Grant Application - Permission to pay proposed by Cllr Forty, seconded by Cllr Darwen and unanimously approved
- 91.4. Permission to pay items listed below proposed by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Lawrie and unanimously approved.

Cheque/ BACS	Payee	Amount £
BACS	Clerk February Salary(Net),Postage £0, Printing Ink £0	253.80
BACS	HMRC February Income tax	63.45
BACS	Clerk March Salary, Mileage £0, Postage £0	253.80
BACS	HMRC March Income Tax	63.45
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 – Ferncumbe Youth Club	100.00
BACS	Grant Application Form – Shrewley Village Hall Committee	1000.00
BACS	Zoom monthly subscription for March reimburse Clerk	14.39
BACS	Reimburse D Lawrie for Screwfix voucher for R Robinson for mowing	30.00
BACS	WALC course attended by Clerk - How to Find New Town and Parish Councillors 3/3/21	15.00
	Total	2069.89

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92/20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Meeting followed by Annual Assembly Monday 10th May 2021 via Zoom

93/20. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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