

SHREWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held at Shrewley Village Hall on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R G Wesbury *Chairman*
Cllr E Forty
Cllr D Lawrie
Cllr M Wood
Cllr R Hinton
Cllr J Cleary
Cllr H Darwen
Cllr S Underwood
WCC Cllr J Matecki (left at 7.40pm)
WDC Cllr G Illingworth (left at 9.30pm)

Clerk Eleanor Choudry
Members of the Public: 1

55/21. APOLOGIES – WDC Cllr Cooke.

56/21. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Forty declared an interest in agenda item 7 due to owning property relating to planning application W/22/0167 19 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AR. SPC planning comment had already been submitted on the 24th February so this item was not discussed at the meeting.

57/21. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Parish Council Meeting – Monday 10th January 2022 approved and signed as a true record.

58/21. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

59/21. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – Resident Sarah Underwood had sent her resume detailing her interest in becoming a parish councillor and this was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Wesbury proposed the co-option of Sarah Underwood to the council, Cllr Darwen seconded, unanimously approved. The Clerk to send all the documentation.

60/21. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – No comments.

61/21. PLANNING –

A Pinley resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding the widening of the entrance to Great Pinley Farm. This was due to the commencement of work for the approved planning application of an all-weather equestrian surface. Cllr Wesbury went to view the widened entrance to the property and has contacted the Planning Department. A response is awaited.

W/21/0527 Four Brothers Farm, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7JB PC HAS OBJECTED 5/9/21

W/21/1314 Wells Farm, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green, Warwick, CV35 8NA PC HAS NO OBJECTION 19/8/21

W/21/1344 Tunnel Barn Farm, Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AN PC OBJECTS 3/11/21

W/21/1890 Forge Farm, Pinley Lane Pinley, CV35 8NH PC OBJECTS 13/12/21

W/21/1908 Forge Farm, Pinley Lane Pinley, CV35 8NH PC HAS NO OBJECTION 13/12/21

W/21/2182 Shipham, Case Lane, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7JD GRANTED 31/1/22

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W/21/1933 Willowbrook, Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8XJ PC OBJECTS 19/1/22
W/21/1842 8 Ash Close, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7BL PC HAS NO OBJECTION 8/2/22.
W/22/0167 19 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AR PC HAS NO OBJECTION 24/2/22.

62/21. WCC REPORT – The cost of on street parking in towns will match that of WDC. Towns in the north of the county will start charging. Council tax will increase for 22/23 by 2% for social care and 1.75% for all other services. Cllr Matecki said the 20-mph speed limit discussed as 20's plenty is for local areas to decide. Resident Neal Soutter had asked that his thanks be passed on to Cllr Matecki for organizing the removal of the vegetation on the Station Road bend.

63/21. WDC REPORT – The budget for 2022/23 has been agreed. WDC have frozen their council tax. WCC & Police Commissioner have increased their levels of tax, so we as residents will see an overall increase. The new waste and recycling collection contract starts in August with the introduction of a green bin charge starting at £20 a year for each green bin. The cost for the following year was incorrectly stated as £44 per annum. Residents can purchase a composter for £5 which is more environmentally friendly at [Composting – Warwickshire County Council](#)

64/21. OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

64.1. Annual Assembly arrangements – The proposed agenda and flyers had been circulated to Cllrs. The agenda was agreed. Cllr Wood will give a short presentation about the climate emergency and what can be done at a local level. SSSI Project regarding Shrewley tunnel cutting will give a talk at the Assembly for 10-15 minutes. They will also be requesting volunteers help. The Clerk to send out invitations to local organisations for reports. The Clerk to deliver the flyers to Cllrs to distribute to residents as per the distribution list. The Clerk to invite a police representative.

64.2. Annual Assembly action item – Traffic calming in Shrewley Common – The speed of traffic along Shrewley Common and creating a speed action group will be mentioned as an item from last years Assembly. Cllr Cleary has contacted the PCSO and has access to the speed laser gun and therefore hopes to set up an action group to monitor the traffic speed along Shrewley Common. Volunteers can contact Cllr Cleary directly for more information. Cllr Cleary to respond regarding the speed gates asking for 'Thankyou for driving carefully' to be added to the gates. Cllr Wesbury confirmed that WCC no longer clean road signs unless specifically requested.

64.3. Flooding – Hatton Station and Little Shrewley – no update as to whether the ditch has been cleared but no further complaints have been received.

64.4. Vehicle activated sign on B4439 at Barn Close Nurseries – The post has been installed for the VAS. To complete the installation could take 6-8 weeks. Resurfacing from Hatton Green to Fiveways Road will take place in the summer.

64.5. Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Forty to discuss options with Cllr Lawrie regarding access to the Village Hall.

64.6. Tree Charter- WDC Cllr Illingworth said that this would be discussed at a meeting this week and more details will follow and be available on the WDC website.

64.7. Climate Emergency – Cllr Wood attended WALC Climate Action for Parish Councils run by Sustainable Energy in Wales. It was an excellent course with lots of ideas for action and resources. Cllr Wood will share ideas at the Annual Assembly. It would be ideal if a group of 4 interested people were interested in organising workshop style sessions to bring local benefits.

64.8. Housing Needs Survey – All surveys had been delivered. The results are due prior to the Annual Assembly. Cllr Lawrie to produce a brief presentation. Claverdon Parish Council had emailed regarding affordable homes and if there was a need found it may be met by Claverdon.

64.9. Bus shelter maintenance – To be removed from the agenda until a later date.

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64.10. 20's Plenty – A 20mph speed limit was discussed. Cllr Darwen proposed that we contact Shipston PC and the Portfolio Holder Izzy Seccombe, to say that we had discussed the item at tonight's meeting and will discuss the item at our Annual Assembly on 29th March and respond. Cllr Forty seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously. Cllr Darwen to email. Cllr Cleary had met with Graham Stanley and using Compass was able to view 2018 sat nav speed data capturing an average speed of 24mph along Shrewley Common. Most complaints are about Shrewley Common. Case Lane does not meet the criteria for a 30mph limit. Graham Stanley explained a speed survey would cost £585 for an up-to-date assessment. The Clerk to email all Cllrs the previous data and the item will be discussed at the Annual Assembly.

65/21. ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

65.1. Friends of Hatton Station (FOHS) – Nothing to report. The Parish Council holds a small amount of ring-fenced funds that will be transferred when they have set up their own bank account.

65.2. Shrewley website update / Statutory publication of documents on website – For the last two months 2 there has been 34 Users who made 387 visits to the website including 101 to the Parish Council page. Of the 234 users, 168 were from the UK, 26 from the US and 15 from China.

66/21. HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR –

66.1. New WCC Fault Reporting System –All reports should be made through WCC website and not Fix My Street. The implementation of the new system will take time to complete. Cllr Cleary has contacted Peter Hallam for a report on issues within the parish and hopes to have a report for the May meeting. Cllr Cleary has created a report for all the incidents on the Barn Close Nurseries bend. Please report any sightings of incidents to Cllr Cleary.

66.2. Footpath fault report – No outstanding reports. The deadline for footpath registration is being repealed.

66.3. Highway fault report – Verge management comments have been submitted.

66.4. Towpath maintenance east and Shrewley Tunnel – Cllr Darwen reported that the Canal & River Trust had swept the area but due to more rain it looks no different. Cllr Darwen has asked Andre Batchelor for an onsite meeting and is awaiting a response. Cllr Darwen reported that resident Lindsay Darwen, for the Shrewley Towpath Volunteers, has contacted Andre with a view to replacing all their signs on the towpath, which had deteriorated and got blown off in the storms.

67/21. CORRESPONDENCE – It was noted - Great British Spring Clean email received regarding taking part locally.

The LGA New Code of Conduct will be on the agenda for adoption at the May meeting.

68/21. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – WDC have given the hall air filters to use as part of the post pandemic initiative. A cherry tree will be planted in the field as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project. The Hall, within a few years, will be reaching the end of its useful life so a subcommittee has been appointed to investigate the situation and propose a solution.

69/21. MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CLLRS – Cllr Hinton - Councillor Planning e-learning. Cllr Hinton said that the speaker was very good and it was an interesting course.

Cllr Darwen – 2 x 20's Plenty meetings attended.

Cllr Wood and Cllr Cleary attended WALC Parish Online Digital Mapping course – It is a sophisticated mapping tool allowing access to data sets eg flood risk, map information, OS data and access to scales/properties with 250 layers of information. Fixed assets, TPO's, highway faults etc can be added to the map and maps can be exported to use elsewhere. Hyperlink to planning applications would be very useful. Cllr Wood has negotiated a free trial and Cllr Wood and Cllr Cleary would have access to enter data with all Cllrs having access to view. The cost is £64 + VAT per annum. All Cllrs agreed that the subscription is to be added to the May agenda for approval.

70/21. FINANCE

70.1. Fixed Asset Review updates – 3 more litter pickers are required for use by Cllr Forty, Cllr Dyson and Cllr Hinton. All Cllrs agreed. The Clerk to purchase.

70.2. Grant Awarding Policy Review, no updates – All Cllrs agreed

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70.3. Permission to pay items listed below. Information had been received from WALC regarding legislation disallowing payments to the church. Following further discussion it was decided that the payment to the Church be reconsidered at the next parish meeting in May. Therefore permission to pay only items listed below was proposed by Cllr Cleary, seconded by Cllr Forty and unanimously approved.

Cheque/ BACS	Payee	Amount £
BACS	Clerk February Salary(Net),Postage £0, Printing Ink £0 A4 white card, drawing pins	254.60 3.00
BACS	HMRC February Income tax	63.65
BACS	Clerk March Salary, Mileage £0, Postage £0	254.60
BACS	HMRC March Income Tax	63.65
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 – Ferncumbe Youth Club	100.00
BACS	Reimburse D Lawrie for Screwfix voucher for R Robinson for mowing	30.00
BACS	WALC Understanding the Planning System course attended by Cllr Hinton	15.00
BACS	WALC Local Council Climate Action Day attended by Cllr Wood	18.00
BACS	Cllr Forty reimbursement magnets for Shrewley Stores notice board	9.95
	Total	968.45

To be considered at the May meeting:

BACS	Grant Application Form – Hatton PCC	120.00
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71/21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th May 2022.

72/21. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2022

		£
Cash Book Balance b/f		8,687.10
Receipts		
First half precept 30.4.21	3,951.50	
Shaw Lane Rent 14.6.21	52.00	
HMRC VAT Reclaim	23.70	
Second Half Precept 29.9.21	3,951.50	7,978.70
Total Income		16,665.80
May payments	1,463.30	
July payments	971.56	
Sept payments	706.29	
Nov Payments	707.50	
Jan Payments	654.50	
March Payments	968.45	
Total Payments		5,471.60

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CASH BOOK BALANCE		11,194.20
Balance as at 28 th February 2022 Includes £123.83 for Friends of Hatton Station		5,694.20
Reserve Account as at 28 th February 2022		5,500.00
BANK BALANCE		11,194.20

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