

# SHREWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## *Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held in Shrewley Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.45pm*

### **Present at the Meeting:**

Cllr P Tilley  
Cllr R G Wesbury  
Cllr W Morley-Brown  
Cllr N Soutter  
Cllr W D Lawrie  
Cllr H Darwen  
Cllr M Wood  
D Cllr S Gallagher  
D Cllr P Whiting

*Chairman*  
*Vice Chairman*

Clerk Eleanor Choudry

Members of the Public: 7

**90/17. APOLOGIES** – Cllr R Curtis, C Cllr L Caborn.

**91/17. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None.

**92/17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 approved and signed as a true record

### **93/17. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**77/17.** Martin Stacey advised that the requested litter bin next to Hatton Station phone box would not be provided as there is not a current litter problem in the area.

**78.17.** The Durham Ox remains open over the Christmas period and refurbishment commences in the New Year.

**81.3.** The tree outside 85 Shrewley Common is to be removed. D Cllr Gallagher to contact WDC Enforcement as the tree has a TPO.

**84.17.** Shrewley.org website is to be updated with more information for new residents including links to LA school admissions. Cllr Tilley and Cllr Wesbury will produce an A5 leaflet to distribute to new residents directing them to the website for information.

**94/17. RESIGNATION** – Cllr Curtis had sent his resignation to Cllr Tilley explaining that he is taking over the business where he currently works. Cllr Curtis is to continue with the parish tree survey updating the Clerk with details to forward to Cllrs. Clerk to advertise the vacancy and inform WDC.

### **95/17.PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – Proposed development of The Mill, Little Shrewley**

Residents Christine and Greg have been the current owners for 3 years and are antique toy dealers. New plans were shown to Cllrs and members of the public showing the reduced garage and double storey building which will not now be seen from the road. Inside the changes are significant as currently there is no heating/plumbing etc. Approximately 12-15 employees currently visit the mill every day so there will be a reduction in traffic.

Resident Beverley Baker complained about the traffic passing through Shrewley Common which rushes to get past and into the next gap between the parked cars. Vehicles have been seen mounting the pavement and a resident will no longer walk to the village shop for fear of being hit by a vehicle. It was agreed that this is a significant and long-standing problem that has proved difficult to resolve. D Cllr Whiting suggested sourcing independent advice to present to WCC, an approximate cost of £1-2k. Cllr Caborn is investigating the cost of gates at the village entrance with 30mph sign attached, Martin Gough could also be approached for a quote for the gates. Cllr Caborn and Cllr Soutter will get quotes for average speed cameras. A residents petition could then be organised to help gain momentum for action.

**Signed**.....(Chair)

**Date**.....

## 96/17. PLANNING –

W/17/1333 Highland House, Five Ways Road, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 7HT GRANTED 11/9/17
W/17/1330 Childrens Nursery Oakslade Farm, Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LH GRANTED 14/9/17
W/17/1624 30 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG GRANTED 27/10/17
W/17/1625 30 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG GRANTED 27/10/17
W/17/1683 Cybele, 3 Antrobus Close, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7BW GRANTED 27/10/17
W/17/1755 3 The Elms, Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8XN NO OBJECTION 8/10/17
<b>APPEALS</b>
Glenthorne, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick CV35 7HZ APPEALS ALLOWED 6/10/17

**97/17. WCC REPORT** – The Home to School Policy consultation ended on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. SPC has sent a response outlining flaws in the proposals.

**98/17. WDC REPORT** – The Local Plan was formally adopted on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The HQ relocation planning applications are on-going for Riverside House (to be redeveloped as housing) and Covent Garden (new Council HQ offices, apartments, and larger multi-storey car park). The District's swimming pools at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre and St Nicholas Park were opened by Olympic stars Rebecca Adlington and Steve Parry and membership has increased. Gypsy and traveller site locations are still being considered.

Cllr Gallagher advised that complaints had been received regarding the top soiling of the rented field in Stoney Lane. WDC Enforcement are aware that a section of hedge needs to be replaced.

## 99/17. OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

**99.1 Annual Assembly Action Items – Shrewley Common Road Safety** – Cllr Caborn is meeting with Jo Edwards regarding costs of the the gates with 30mph signs at the end of the village. Cllr Soutter is to research costs etc of installing average speed cameras.

**99.2 Annual Assembly Action Item – WDC Tree Officer** – Richard Curtis is to draft an email to Mark Ryder about the need for a Tree Officer especially in regard to road safety, TPO's etc.

**99.3 Annual Assembly Action Item – Parish Tree Survey** – Richard Curtis is to continue his parish tree survey and send findings to the Clerk who will inform all Cllrs.

**99.4 Annual Assembly Action Item – Hatton Station Speed Survey** – Cllr Caborn to chase the pre-survey meeting to agree the best place to carry out the survey.

### **99.5 Phone boxes in Little Shrewley and Hatton Station – insurance and maintenance.**

Clerk obtained a quote from Zurich Insurance of £30 to add the Little Shrewley and Hatton Station phone boxes to the contract up until the renewal date. Clerk to arrange this and find out if the All Risk cover includes vandalism and details of the excess. Basic maintenance is discussed under 105.1.

## 100/17. ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

**100.1 Neighbourhood Watch** – An elderly resident was approached by an individual claiming to be from a Housing Association and requesting to enter the property to check the boiler. Incidents should be reported to the police and also Mark Beaglehole (Neighbourhood Watch Organiser) should be informed so that he can make other residents aware. Burglaries of shed/outbuildings in the parish are on the increase.

**100.2 FOHS** – Parking bays in the old car park need remarking. Pot holes need filling. Chiltern Railways has contacted Network Rail.

**100.3 Statutory publication of documents on website** – Currently up to date.

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**100.4 Ferncumbe School bus submission – SPC response to Home to School Transport Policy**

**Consultation.** *The proposal to create a safe walking route from Hatton Park to Ferncumbe School is seriously flawed. The survey results provided by Atkins (Table 2) clearly show the high volume of traffic passing along this road; the maximum impact being felt at the junction of the A4177 and B4439. This is where the TWO crossings are to be placed. This will add to the significant delay “rush hour traffic” travelling eastwards along the B4439 already experiences. There is also a safety issue in that this junction has seen frequent RTAs, the most recent being last week (26th Nov).*

*The removal of the two buses from Hatton Park to Ferncumbe school will also add more traffic to this route. Parents are not going to walk their children along this busy road, particularly in the winter months. They will use their cars. The expenditure involved in turning this route into a safe walking route cannot be justified. It would be far better for WCC to ask parents to contribute to the cost of the bus(es). There would be less car journeys as a consequence; less pollution; and far less congestion around Ferncumbe School itself.*

WCC plan to stop school buses from Hatton Park to Ferncumbe School. Resident Eliza Gaffney attended a consultation meeting and was informed that residents should be individually requesting transport funding and once enough parents have applied for funding the option of a bus may be considered by WCC. Cllr Caborn is awaiting response to his letter and statistics, the officer dealing with the letter was currently on sick leave.

**100.5. Shrewley website update** – 500 unique visitors per month. Suggestions for improvement to the website are welcomed.

**101/17. HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR –**

Cllr Wesbury reported problems via the new online reporting system, the complaints are being processed. Network Rail are to be contacted regarding the footpath by the railway alongside Hatton North footbridge, where many trees have been cut down and damage has been caused to the wire fence and stile. A temporary notice has been displayed on the access road beside the village shop where cars have been parked, highlighting that this road is only for emergency and maintenance vehicles. A patching order has been raised for the Station Road/B4439 junction as the surface is deteriorating. The Community Payback Scheme is to be asked whether it will be able to reinstate the footpath along Case Lane to Five Ways island. Cllr Tilley and WCC Cllr Caborn are asking WCC Forestry to prune back the conifers at the end of Ash Close. An ‘accident’ at the Five Ways island was witnessed involving a driver deliberately stopping at the island causing the driver behind to run into the back of their car. This is a car insurance scam.

**102/17. CORRESPONDENCE** – A resident complained about motorway noise. Repairs to the M40 motorway surface are carried out using low noise surfacing. Eventually all lanes will have the quiet surface thus reducing noise levels. The Clerk to advise WALC that an offer of a parish laptop funded by a transparency grant is not required.

**103/17. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE including progress by SPP on play area** – Strictly Ballroom and La La Land films have been shown, as well as a live Sundial Theatre old time music hall. The next events are 1<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Crackers, an evening of music and comedy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> December a Xmas Craft Fayre. A lock has been fitted to the lighting desk and a red light in the entrance hall now shows when the heating is on. A grant for replacing hall chairs has been successful. Elaine Hall will be taking bookings for the Village Hall from 1st Jan 2018 on 01926 843624. The electric supply to the telephone box should be restored in the next few weeks.

Eliza Gaffney explained that the planning application for the childrens playground will be submitted this week. Eliza is to contact Jenny Murray for an application for funding from WRW. She is also going to attend a meeting with Leek Wootton Parish Council and contact Norton Lindsey and Barford Parish Council for advice. Children’s table and chairs have been donated and will be stored in the Village Hall.

Signed.....(Chair)

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## 104/17. MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CLLRS – Cllr Lawrie

### Summary of first meeting of the new Community Forum, 28.9.2017

Mike Snow opened the meeting and proposed Les Caborn as chairman, which was accepted, and Les proposed Sue Gallagher as vice chair, which was also approved. Jenny Murray will be continuing as secretary as before.

Because this Forum has been successful in the past, the assembly agreed that it should be conducted more or less as it has in the past. A steering committee was agreed, with a vacancy for one other to be recruited from the area.

A summary of the business is as follows:

- The current Consultations were discussed, with particular reference to school transfers and social care transport.
- The “County Council Review of Community Governance and Warwick District Council Review of Community Forums” was discussed – i.e. as above, we agreed that our Forum would be conducted more or less as usual, except that it would be limited to two meetings a year, in September and March. And some funding has been found for deserving projects as in the past.
- For the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, PC Rob Davies summarised the priorities currently in use, and encouraged the Forum to remain active in choosing them.
- Jenny Murray presented a review of WDC’s review of “Third Sector Investment” in communities and transport.
- The current “Working Together to Tackle Rural Social Isolation” project was discussed, with illuminating presentations by Jo Staniforth of WDC and Wendy Barlow of Barford PC. With a very limited budget of £350k available, the project is quite far reaching, and steps are being taken to minimise duplication of effort across the region. The Barford “drop-in” sessions in the Scout hut on Tuesdays have become very popular, and are attended by people from all levels in society.
- Applications for funding were approved for Wren Hall for new lighting and redecoration, and for St. Chad’s Centre Trust Company for stackable tables and chairs.

The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## 105/17. FINANCE

**105.1** The Clerk to amend proposed budget to include an increase to £120 to Hatton Parochial Church. An increase to £250 for maintenance of assets now includes our phone boxes. Also added ICO registration of £35. Cllr Lawrie to confirm whether the rent for the Village Hall will increase. It was agreed that reserves of £3500 were sufficient to cover any election. **All Cllrs are to study the proposed 2017/18 budget for agreement in January 2018.**

**105.2** Thanks were given to the SPPG for their commitment to holding family events and the decision to continue the grant of £250 was proposed by Cllr Tilley, seconded by Cllr Soutter and unanimously agreed.

**105.3** Permission to pay proposed by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Tilley and unanimously approved.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount £
000730	Clerk October Salary(Net),Postage £0, Printing Ink £0, Stationery £0	235.41
000731	HMRC October Income tax	58.83
000730	Clerk November Salary, Mileage £0, Postage £0	235.41
000731	HMRC November Income Tax	58.83
000732	Grant to Shrewley Village Hall Committee	1000.00
000733	British Legion donation for wreath	30.00
000734	Reimbursement Cllr Wesbury re starter and bulb for Little Shrewley telephone box	8.98
000735	Reimbursement Cllr Soutter re replacement lamps for Hatton Station telephone box	8.76
000736	Information Commissioners Office	35.00
	Total	1,671.22

**106/17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 7.45pm.

**107/17. CLOSURE OF MEETING** – The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Signed.....(Chair)

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