

SHREWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held in Shrewley Village Hall on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.45pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr D Lawrie Chairman
Cllr H Darwen
Cllr M Wood
Cllr E Forty
D Cllr S Gallagher

Clerk Eleanor Choudry

Members of the Public: 6

183/18. APOLOGIES – Cllr R G Wesbury, Cllr N Soutter, C Cllr L Caborn

184/18. CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLOR RESIGNATIONS / NOMINATION(S) FOR CHAIRMAN – Chairman Cllr Tilley and Cllr Morley-Browns resignations were accepted. Cllr Wesbury was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Darwen and unanimously elected to the post of Chairman. The Clerk is to advertise the vacancy.

185/18. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

186/18. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2nd July 2018 approved and signed as a true record

187/18. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

188/18. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – New resident Janet Jenkinson complained about the overgrown footpath beside No. 18 Shrewley Common and traffic speeds along the Common. Cllr Forty had reported the footpath issue on the Warwickshire's Rights of Way System. Cllr Forty to contact Cllr Caborn regarding all the issues logged on the online Rights of Way System that have not been resolved. See item 191.3.

Viv Morgan owner of Northleigh House School thanked Cllr Gallagher for her constant support and voluntary help to the charity. There have been 68 children that have benefitted from the school and given children the chance to turn their life around and gain 5 good GCSE's. Viv Morgan said she was concerned that signs advertising a fete at the school had been removed from the crossroads. A resident at the meeting said she removed them as they were littering the area with tape that had been attached to the signs. Cllr Lawrie suggested that there had been a misunderstanding and requested that the discussion be continued after the meeting.

189/18. PLANNING –

W/18/0879 86 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AW Withdrawn 18/7/18
W/18/1034 Ewe Green, Hockley Road, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 7HQ Refused- Certificate of lawfulness 3/8/18
W/18/1169 Holly Bush Cottage, Mill Lane, Little Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HN GRANTED 17/8/18
W/18/1223 Land adjacent to Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Little Shrewley, Shrewley, CV35 7HN GRANTED 15/8/18
W/18/0990 Ewe Green, Hockley Road, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 7HQ The PC has NO OBJECTION 10/8/18
W/18/1287 45 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AN The PC has NO OBJECTION 10/8/18
W/18/1106 Pinley Hill House, Pinley Road, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 8XQ

190/18. WDC REPORT - Cllr. Gallagher has resigned from the Conservative Group because she considers that she is being unfairly treated by the Group over a town development issue concerning which she has a very strong

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moral conviction. Next May Cllr Gallagher may stand as an independent candidate. Cllrs agreed the following which was sent to the Leamington Courier and Jerermy Wright MP:-

'Shrewley Parish Councillors agree with those who have condemned WDC Conservative Group's recent treatment of Cllr Susan Gallagher (Leamington Courier Your Letters, August 31st). At our meeting on September 3rd we recorded a unanimous vote of thanks to Cllr Gallagher for her conscientious efforts over many years on behalf of our parish and Warwick District, hoping that she will continue in her present role for many more years to come.'

Heritage Open Days on 6th-9th and 13th-16th September. Many local buildings, gardens and places of historic interest, not normally open to the public, will be opening their doors to everyone FREE of charge. Brochures are available from Riverside House and libraries.

Warwick Words History Festival with guest speakers is on 1st-7th October, Tickets are available from Leamington Spa Visitors Centre.

191/18. OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

191.1 Responsibility for Shrewley Stores notice board / Hatton station notice board – It was noted that Cllr Soutter is responsible for Hatton Station notice board. Cllr Forty agreed to take responsibility for the notice board at Shrewley Stores.

191.2 Responsibility for reporting on highway problems – Cllr Darwen agreed to be responsible for highway problems within Shrewley Common. This item is to added to the November Agenda to allocate responsibility for highway problems in the rest of the parish.

191.3 Annual Assembly Action Items – Traffic Calming in Shrewley Common and Hatton Station –

Cllr Lawrie read out the following:-

The following list, which is unlikely to be exhaustive since it relies entirely on my memory, might be useful in answering queries about speeding from local residents.

- 1) "Active" speed bumps which pop up when a vehicle approaches above a set speed.
- 2) Speed limit "repeater" signs at intervals along the Common.
- 3) Speed roundels on the road at the entrances to the Common. **Cllr. Compton succeeded in getting these installed.**
- 4) Simulated "gates" at the entrances to the village, incorporating the speed limit signs.
- 5) Pedestrian crossing for the public footpath that crosses Shrewley Common and passes down the side of the Village Hall.
- 6) Speed-sensitive lights for the pedestrian crossing above (5)
- 7) Closure of Hughes Hill at the Hockley Road end.
- 8) A "chicane" somewhere along Shrewley Common.
- 9) A "vehicle actuated sign". **Approved by Road Safety, but purchased by the Parish Council**
- 10) Replace the last "50" sign at the southern approach to the motorway bridge just before Shrewley Common with a "30" sign.
- 11) **Speed camera notice**
- 12) Community Speedwatch. **Manned by village volunteers for a considerable period.**

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In addition, several speed surveys have been carried out on the Common, none of which justified any positive action by the Road Safety Group, although residents' concern over the volume and speed of the traffic has increased year by year.

Sadly, on each occasion when a proposal was refused for whatever reason, Road Safety Group made no alternative suggestions.

The highlighting indicates that the proposal was implemented.

Cllr Lawrie also quoted from WCC Road Safety Scheme which states within the Highway Policy that road safety intelligence is used to address funding issues with 6 or more crashes within a 3 year period.

All Cllrs agreed that the following request be sent to WCC Cllr L Caborn.

'At the P.C. meeting on 3rd September we agreed that the parish would benefit from the following speed limit changes:

- 1) Reduce the limit on the Old Warwick Road B4439 from 50 to 40mph from Lapworth through to Hatton Green.
- 2) Reduce the limit on Five Ways Road from 50 to 40mph from the roundabout by Case Lane to Shrewley Crossroads.

The PC believes this would reduce drivers' confusion caused by changes in limit, encouraging them to maintain steadier more modest speeds.'

191.4 Annual Assembly Action Items – Ferncumbe School Bus submission – The Clerk had been informed verbally the bus to Ferncumbe School will be provided by WCC. The Clerk will confirm with WCC Cllr Caborn.

191.5 Annual Assembly Action Items – Flooding on B4439 outside Shrewley House – No update had been provided. This item is to be added to the November Agenda.

191.6 Footway along Shrewley Common - Shrewley Common footways have been inspected by WCC Peter Hallam and local Parish Councillors and a slurry seal has been added to the program of work. Some hedges may need trimming prior to the work commencing. Cllr Darwen is to draft a flyer to be distributed to residents as necessary notifying them of any hedge trimming required.

192/18. ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

192.1 SPP/Village Hall play area – A meeting has been arranged with the Village Hall Committee and SPPG on 13th September to discuss the children's playground.

192.2 FOHS – Our car park has had a visit from PCSO Paul Coleman following up on information sent to him regarding drug misuse. Several discarded canisters and balloons were discovered indicating use of nitrous oxide (laughing gas or "hippy crack"). Paul Coleman confirmed that while it is illegal to supply this substance in large quantities, it is not illegal to consume it in public places. The litter that the users leave is extensive but they can only be prosecuted if they are actually seen dropping it! Paul will make some evening visits to hopefully discourage this misuse of our car park.

Watering continues in what has been a very long and dry summer. Thanks to local resident Dave Appleby for keeping our water butts topped up, and Mark Beaglehole and Graham Bamford for running the watering rota. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The wild border and the planters have suffered a little and regular attention to the plants and shrubs has been given by Daphne Tilley. Many thanks indeed.

The Customer Information Screens on the platforms have been out of order for well over a month now. Chiltern Railways have confirmed that their contractors have identified the problem and a new server is to be installed.

192.3 Notice Board Hatton Station – Cllr Soutter to replace the Hatton Station notice board.

192.4 Phone Boxes at Hatton Station and Little Shrewley – No reports.

192.5 Shrewley website update / Statutory publication of documents on website – Visitors have increased.

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193/18. HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR – A fallen tree was blocking the footpath at High Chimneys in Rowington parish. Cllr Gallagher I to notify Rowington parish.

194/18. CORRESPONDENCE –

Blocked road drain gully on the east side of the Common – to be added to the November Agenda.

Road speed to Old Warwick Road and Fiveways Road - the two roads are used by cycling clubs – see item 191.3.

Canal towpath and tunnel light – A letter was received regarding the muddy area along the canal towpath and a request for a solar light in Shrewley tunnel. A copy of the letter to be sent to Cllr Gallagher to look into the issues raised.

195/18. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE - The Hall was busy with the preparations for the very successful Shrewley Village Show. The power cable has been reconnected to the Village Hall phone box, and power should be back on after 6th October.

196/18. MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CLLRS – None.

197/18. FINANCE

197.1 Appointment of Internal Auditor – The Clerk contacted 3 local parishes, all of which confirmed that they are continuing to use their current internal auditor who does not have Professional Indemnity Insurance. It was decided that this item be added to the November Agenda.

197.2 Adoption of SPC Grant Awarding Policy - Minor amendments were made to the policy and it was unanimously agreed and adopted. The policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

197.3 Changes to cheque authorization – Cllr Tilley has been removed as a signatory. Cllr Forty and the Clerk have been added as signatories. Cllr Wesbury continues to be a signatory.

197.4 Application to Lloyds Bank for internet banking access. The Clerk is to send the Lloyds Bank website link to all Cllr's to apply for internet access to view the parish accounts. The signatories will have full access to the accounts enabling them to make payments with two signatories agreeing the payment before it is released.

197.5 Permission to pay proposed by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Forty and unanimously approved.

Cheque No	Payee	Amount £
000760	Clerk August Salary(Net),Postage £1.01, Printing Ink £0	240.24 1.01
000760	HMRC August Income tax	60.06
000760	Clerk September Salary, Mileage £0, Postage £0	240.24
000760	HMRC September Income Tax	60.06
	Total	601.61

198/18. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

199/18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to be held on Monday 5th November 2018.

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