

THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 17th July at 7.00pm in the year 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Mr C Roberts Chairman, A Champion, T Taylor, B Hart and W Ward.

In Attendance: County Councillor Dr Pollock two members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer).

- 2.1 Apologies:** Mr D Styles, Mr J Stinton and District Councillor Farmer.
- 2.2 The New Code of Conduct:** The new Worcestershire Code of Conduct was adopted. Each Councillor has been provided with a copy.
- 2.3 Declaration of Interest:** Item 5.9 Cllr Hart (Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee).
- 2.4 Minutes:** The minutes for May 17th 2012 were approved as a true record and signed.
- Public Question Time:** Broadband and IT. See addendum.
- 2.5 Co-option of Councillor:** Mr William Sutherland was co-opted and welcomed to the Council.
- 2.6 Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:** There was no Lengthsman's Report, the time sheets submitted by him were inspected and approved.
County Councillor's report on Highways. See 6.5.
Grit Bins. It was agreed to ask WCC to remove the green grit bin at The Birche. Dr Pollock asked for more information with regard to the PC's request for yellow WCC maintained grit bins to be sent to him.
Parish Paths Warden. The Chairman will discuss with the present PPW to see if he wishes to continue.
Accidents on B4203 at Cheltry Bend. The number of accidents is causing repeated damage to the marker posts, village sign and hedges. Recently one vehicle was declared a write off. The implementation of a non slip surface near The Stirt has been a great success.
- 6.5 County Councillor's Report:** Highways. The white lines are now in place near The Bridge Hotel. Vegetation on the approach from Martley is still the cause of some concern.
School Bus, there has been no progress, Dr Pollock was asked if there was a possibility of installing a footway as on the other side of the river.
Flooding. The recent flooding closed the bridges across the Teme but no lasting disruption.
Broadband. The recent letter from WCC has been circulated.
- 2.8 Planning:** 12/00910/LBC Church House New entrance to barn and staircase, new doorway, replace window and timber door to main house with painted softwood glazed doors and frames. Council recommends approval.
12/00877/LEX Extension of time limit on application 09/00639/LBC. Council recommends approval.
MHDC decisions. 12/00298/FUL Lower House Farm tennis court. Approval.
12/00476/FUL The Green. Change of use B1/B8. Approval
12/00559/HEX Church House extension of time limit 09/00437/HOU.
12/00455/LBC Lower House Farm. Alterations
- 2.9 Broadband and IT:** The letter recently circulated asked for support to be sent to WCC to enable progress with faster broadband.
The Parish Council will formulate an IT policy for the next meeting.
- 2.10 Clerk's report on urgent decisions.** 12/00559/HEX Church House extension of time limit.

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Council recommended approval.

Amendment to 12/00396/HOU 8 The Bungalows. Council recommended approval.

2.11 **Progress Reports:**

Notice boards. Parish Council boards deferred to next meeting. Chairmen's Notice Board. This requires updating with the name of the present Chairman. Clerk to investigate.

School Bus Stop. There has been no change in the position of the bus stop. County Councillor Dr Pollock will make further enquiries and hopes to gain answers to his previous question.

2.12 **Village Hall:**

The Village Hall Management Committee minutes for the last meeting on June 26th were made available.

In future VHMC meetings will take place at 8.30pm after Parish Council meetings. The next meeting is on September 11th 2012 at 8.30 in the Village Hall.

2.13 **Correspondence:**

Festival Housing.

PCC The Shelsleys letter of thanks.

National Travel Pass Renewal Scheme.

Clerk and Councils Direct

2.14 **Finance:** The following payments were approved.

The Lengthsman for May and June duties.

Clerk's salary and expenses.

Internal Auditor's invoice.

New Neighbourhood Watch signs.

Invoice total was £1100.82

Bank balance as at 16th July was noted.

It was decided not to renew the Community First subscription.

2.15 **CALC:** Councillor Training, the Chairman again urged members to consider attending training courses. Details are in the CALC Update circulated regularly. There was a special Training Bulletin circulated separately by email to Councillors.

2.16 **Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.**

WCC will again be asked to check on drainage at the culvert situated opposite Leys.

2.17 **Date of next Parish Council meeting:** September 11th 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.05pm

Jan Speyer July 18th 2012

NOTES ON PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Parish Council was asked to outline its policy on IT and the use of the website. The Chairman explained that notices are put on the boards throughout the parish and that the minutes and agenda are also on the website together with other limited information. The recent vacancy for a Councillor had not been placed in the Teme Triangle because the deadline for submissions had passed.

Broadband. The Chairman explained why the PC had not signed up to a recent initiative and hoped that the national scheme would not be too long in coming.

The Martley Mesh has recently expanded in the valley which means there is the possibility for faster broadband speeds in Shelsley Kings.

To find out more, parishioners should contact John Nicklin at martleypfo@gmail com

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