

**MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the year 2020**

**Present:** Dr Laura Taylor, Mr William Sutherland, Mr David Bates, Mr John Stinton Mr David Styles, Mrs Karen Metcalfe, Mrs Val Jones, Mrs Jean Hammond and Mrs Louise Hutton.

In Attendance: 8 members of the public and the Clerk.

6.1 **Apologies:** County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock and District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe.

6.2 **Declaration of Interest:** None.

6.3 **Minutes:** The Minutes of were January 14th 2020 were proposed and seconded and accepted as a true record.

**Public Question Time:** Item 6.4 Councillor Stinton who remained in the room but took no part in the discussion.

6.4 **Proposed Footpath Diversion at Shelsley Walsh:**

Mr Durling representing the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) outlined the reasons for the application, mainly for safety issues but also to facilitate the use of the hill without prior application for footpath closure to Worcester County Council. The Chairman opened the meeting to members of the public who voiced their reasons to object to the proposal – that there was no need for a change, that the proposed diversion was shorter, more difficult and removed the opportunity to walk, outside of completion days, on an historic race track.

If the MAC is allowed to close the hill on 30 competition days, there are 335 days currently available for walkers which under the proposal would be denied. The clerk recorded that letters and emails of objection but none of support had been received. The councillors having listened to these objections voted unanimously to oppose the application by the MAC and will send their reasons to Worcester County Council.

6.5 **Forthcoming Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb events:**

Mr Durling included any relevant information at 6.4 The MAC has permission to run 30 events per calendar year.

6.6 **County Councillor's and District Councillor's report:** The reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

6.7 **Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:**

Due to the large amount of fly tipping and rubbish on the Stirt lay bye, it was agreed that a large waste bin will be purchased in order to keep the lay bye free of litter. This was chosen and will be ordered.

Road sweeping in the parish. The Streets and Amenities department from MHDC sent a sweeper to clean those lanes identified by the Parish Council and requested by the clerk. The work was concluded on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

There was no lengthsman's Report, the worksheets were inspected and agreed and the lengthsman will again be asked to provide photographs before and after tasks.

The grating at Brockhill Court which was causing excess water on Kingswood Lane was very speedily dealt with by the Brockhill Estate land agents.

Drainage by the airstrip WCC 835039, this will be attended to in due course. WCC currently engaged in clearing flood damage.

Safer Roads Partnership. Further information will be sought.

Flooding. The clerk had notified MHDC of local flooding damage.

6.8 **Progress Reports:**

Broadband: There was no further official information but it is understood that the superfast

broadband rollout continues.

6.9 **Planning:**

There were no outstanding planning applications or MHDC decisions to report.

6.10 **Clerk's report on urgent decisions:**

None.

6.11 **The Council's Social Policy, IT and contact details:**

This is an ongoing matter.

6.12 **Correspondence and Consultations:**

All items were either emailed to councilors or were available to view at the meeting.

Nora Parsons Day Centre.

Came & Co newsletter.

Pollinator Strategy consultation.

Clerk and Councils Direct.

Top Hints and Tips for Finding New Volunteers.

Let's SCRAP fly tipping.

Village Sustainability Top 10.

6.13 **Finance:** The following requests for payment were agreed.

Salt invoice from WCC £178.54

Lengthsman's payment for January and February £460.80

HMRC PAYE £140.00

Nora Parsons Day Centre. It was agreed to donate £200.

Pension Regulator re declaration of compliance completed.

6.14 **CALC: Councillor Training:**

Training details are circulated together with all CALC correspondence as per the Update received regularly.

6.15 **Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda:**

There was a lengthy discussion on the possibility of implementing a 30mph speed limit on lanes used to approach the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb. This has been considered in the past but discounted using highways criteria. The Safer Roads Partnership will be contacted again on the grounds of safety for all road users, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

6.16 **Date of the next meeting:** May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Future Meeting Dates:** Annual Meeting of The Parish Council May 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm

Jan Speyer March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020