

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting held by Zoom on 15th September at 7.00pm in the year 2020

Present: Dr Laura Taylor, Mrs Val Jones and Mrs Jean Hammond. This represented a quorum and the meeting was able to proceed.

In Attendance: Mr Simon Durling (MAC) Mr Richard Bettinson (Internal Auditor) 1 member of the public and the Clerk.

4.1 Apologies: District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe, Mr David Bates, Mr J Stinton, Mr David Styles and Mrs Karen Metcalfe (accepted). County Councillor Dr Pollock sent his apologies after the meeting.

4.2 Declaration of Interest: None.

4.3 Minutes: The Minutes of July 7th 2020 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on August 3rd 2020 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meetings.

4.4 Election of Vice Chairman: Councillor Metcalfe has agreed for her name to be put forward but the election of Vice-Chairman is deferred until the November meeting.

Shelsley Beauchamp Vacancy: No election has been requested by parishioners, co-option can now be advertised.

Public Question Time: There were no questions.

4.5 District Councillor's report.

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The item relating to "Silver Sunday" was discussed in the local context of arranging a future get together for elderly parishioners, Covid-19 allowing. The full report will be available on the My Parish part of the WCC website.

4.6 Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman:

The Lengthsman's worksheets for July and August had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were agreed.

WCC reports on any highways matters, all, mainly overgrown verges and hedges had been resolved.

Salt, the Lengthsman has 1 ton stored, it was agreed a further ton will be ordered by October 1st. The broken chevron sign by Stirt lay bye has been reported to WCC.

4.7 MAC: Mr Simon Durling representing the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) reported on the coming final events for this year at the Hill Climb., 19th/20th September and a Members only meeting 25th September. Spectators have been allowed in accordance with Motorsport UK when regulations have been fulfilled. The meeting last weekend had been excellent.

4.8 Progress Reports:

Broadband: There has been a recent announcement on increased funding for rural superfast broadband. The Clerk is awaiting an updated report from Openreach on progress on the three current projects in the parish.

Waste Bin: The site at Stirt Farm lay by has been agreed and the delivered bin will shortly be installed by Councillor Stinton.

Repair Café: All proposed venues are on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions

Chairman

Date

4.9 Planning: 19/00610/FUL Appeal at Fetterlocks Farmhouse (agricultural building to dwelling). The appeal was dismissed. There were no outstanding planning applications to be discussed.

4.10 Correspondence and Consultations:

All items were emailed to councilors prior the meeting. There were no comments to be reported.

4.11 Finance:

The following requests for payment were received and agreed.

HMRC £144.00

Lengthman's invoice for July and August £187.20

Internal Auditor £60

Glasdon bin £788.00

Village Hall hire invoice (not received).

VAT repayment received. £1137.22

Teme Triangle. The last donation made was £100 in 2014 and there has been no request since. The Teme Triangle has requested financial help and Councillors were able to view the latest balance sheet. It was agreed to make a donation of £200 for the current financial year.

Village Hall. Covid-19 restrictions and advice from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) has meant the last four meetings have been held virtually by zoom. It was agreed as a gesture of goodwill to make a donation of £40 to cover the loss of rent to the Village Hall Management Committee.

4.12 The Internal Auditor was thanked for completing the relevant section of the 2019 2020 Annual Return. The public inspection period will run from September 1st to October 12th.

4.13 Village Hall: It was reported by a representative of the Village Hall Management Committee that the Village Hall is fully Covid-19 compliant and is observing all the necessary requirements as is the Social Club.

4.14 County Association of Local Councils (CALC):

Councillor Training. Training details were circulated together with all CALC correspondence. Training sessions are being held virtually on Zoom. It was felt that some of the meetings were too long.

4.15 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda. Councillor Hammond reported on a recent CALC (County Association of Local Councils) meeting with particular regard to the recent White Paper on planning. Further explanation of how this may affect the parish will be sought.

The meeting concluded at this point 19.40 when the zoom connection ended.

Date of the next meeting: TO BE CONFIRMED.

Jan Speyer September 16th 2020

Chairman

Date