

**MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting held by Zoom on 12th February at 7.30pm in the year 2021**

Present: Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Karen Metcalfe (Vice- Chairman) Mrs Val Jones, Mrs Louise Hutton and Mrs Jean Hammond. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

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

7.1 Apologies: All Councillor apologies were accepted.

7.2 Declaration of Interest: None.

7.3 Minutes: The Minutes of January 12th 2021 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meeting.

Public Question Time: The meeting was opened to discuss the topic of Superfast Broadband at 7.4 below.

7.4 Superfast Broadband: The Chairman outlined the object of the meeting which was to decide whether the parish Council should act as the Legal Entity for the projects within the parish and to receive information on the progress of those projects.
Robert Stepniewski Senior Project manager Broadband & Connectivity Team Worcester County Council was able to answer questions and provide assistance.
Some of the points raised were:

Five of the six projects were represented at the meeting and an outline of each project was reported.

Kingswood/Stanford Road/Camp Lane North has reached a funding target of 130% and therefore does not require a Legal Entity.

Camp Lane South/Birch Berrow/Manor Lane/Woodbury Hill has reached 100% funding and is in a position to proceed once a Legal Entity is decided.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed and seconded that "The Parish Council, without precedent, agrees to act as the Legal Entity for this project and to sign the contract with Openreach on this project's behalf"

A case by case approach will be adopted for the projects falling short of 130% funding and which may therefore require a Legal Entity.

Kingswood/ Kingswood Lane this is much smaller and currently unable to reach the funding target.

The **Pudford Lane** Project is in a similar position as is the **Fetterlocks Lane** project.

The final project within the parish is **Stanford Bridge** which consists of many properties and is currently investigating uptake of the voucher scheme.

Chairman

Date

7.5 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

The bin at The Stirt lay bye is being well used, too well used at times. MHDC to be contacted to review the waste collection frequency and whether this would entail an extra cost. It was suggested that a litter pick be organised. Lengthsman to be informed of blocked grating in Kingswood Lane.

7.6 Date of the next meeting: March 16th 2021

Future Meeting Dates:

May 11th 2021

July 13th 2021

September 14th 2021

November 9th 2021

The meeting concluded at 21.20

Jan Speyer February 13th 2021

Chairman

Date