

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting held on 11th January at 7.00pm in the year 2022

Present: Dr Laura Taylor, Mrs Jean Hammond, Mrs Val Jones, Mr Dave Bates, Mr John Stinton, Mr David Styles and Mr Rob Pound. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

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

5.1 Apologies: Mrs Karen Metcalfe, Mrs Louise Hutton. County Councillor David Chambers and District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe.

5.2 Declaration of Interest: None.

5.3 Minutes: The Minutes of November 16th 2021 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

Public Question Time: None.

5.4 MAC: The Chairman of the MAC explained that this year's competition events will be on the MAC website and agreed that they should also be in the Teme Triangle. The Residents' Liaison Group was being coordinated by Toby Moody. The Noggin and Natter evenings were proving popular and it was reiterated that these are open to residents. They are held on the first Thursday of the month.

5.5 District and County Councillor Reports: Reports from both Councillors were emailed and distributed before the meeting and are available on the website.

5.6 Broadband: The updates from the various projects will be collated and sent for publication in the Teme Triangle, briefly:
Pudford Lane project. A new route across fields will be re surveyed in an attempt to cut costs.
Kingswood South project. The contract with Openreach has been signed and superfast broadband should be implemented within a year.
Stanford Bridge project has encountered problems with take up. Currently it is seeking ways to encourage participants and meet the required number for funding.
Camp Lane Birch Berrow Manor Road project has the Parish Council acting as Legal Entity but no vouchers have yet been issued.

5.7 Progress Reports: Update on recycling bins at the Village Hall. There is ongoing discussion with Malvern Hills District Council.

Update on proposed defibrillator at the Village Hall. The VHMC will obtain quotations for the cost before any decision on purchase is made, the cost of installation by an electrician would be free. To receive relevant information on the proposed play area. It was agreed that due to the cost and difficulties of installation this would entail for the benefit of relatively few children, the matter will be put on long term hold.

5.8 Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman:

There was no Lengthsman's report or worksheets to inspect. Mr Wilks will be asked to inspect the drain gratings between the church and New Mill Bridge and check and if necessary top up the green salt bins on Kingswood Lane.

Roadside bench on Kingswood Lane. There has been no communication from either the legal

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department or the highways liaison engineer on how to obtain permission for a bench to be placed in order for people to enjoy the view. County Councillor Chambers will be asked for advice and assistance.

Hedge at Fetterlocks bend. The hedge has been trimmed but its size is still causing visibility problems. The Parish Council will write a letter asking for it to be made substantially smaller.

- 5.9 Planning:** The following outstanding planning applications were discussed.
21/02182/LB Old Post Office Shelsley Walsh. Proposed repairs and internal amendments. There was support for this application.
21/02338/AGR Rudge House Farm Camp Lane. Prior notification for proposed extension to Agricultural building. Supported.
To report any MHDC planning decisions.
21/02047/HP Old Post Office Shelsley Walsh. Permanent access gates and entrance driveway. Approved.
21/02048/LB as above. Approved.
- 5.10 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** A working Group reporting to the Parish Council was agreed, members will be Councillors Hutton, Pound, Jones and Mrs Holly Perks.
Tree planting was discussed. Possible sites and species will be identified after advice from Frank L Matthews from Tenbury Wells. Other appropriate Jubilee items will be reviewed by the working group and reported to the March meeting.
- 5.11 Correspondence and Consultations:**
All relevant documents are circulated by email to the Councillors.
- 5.12 Waste bin at Stirt lay bye:** A larger replacement will be considered, the clerk to circulate by email details of products to the councilors before the next meeting.
- 5.13 Precept:** After discussion and reference to the budget it was agreed to keep the precept at the same level of four thousand pounds.
- 5.14 Finance:** All the following payments were approved.
Clerk salary and expenses £629.50
HMRC £145.40
WCC Salt invoice £127.16
WCC receipt in respect of Lengthsman £240.00
- 5.15 CALC:** To consider Councillor Training and to discuss anything relevant arising from the regularly circulated Update.
- 5.16 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.**
Further details of the link for wildflower verges will be sought.
- 5.17 To confirm future meeting dates:** May 10th, July 12th, September 13th, November 8th 2022.
- 5.18 Date of the next meeting: March 8th 2022 at 7pm at the Village Hall.**

The meeting concluded at 20.25

Jan Speyer January 12th 2022

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