

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on 8th November at 7.00pm in the year 2016

Present: Mr W Sutherland (Vice Chairman), Mr D Bates, Mr J Stinton, Mr M Whitefoot and Mr D Styles.

In Attendance:

County Councillor Dr Pollock and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer).

4.1 Apologies: Mr C Roberts, Mr T Taylor (accepted) and District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe.

4.2 Declaration of Interest: Councillors Bates and Stinton for Village Hall item 12.
All Councillors present confirmed they were in possession of a copy of the Code of Conduct.

4.3 Minutes: The minutes of September 13th 2016 were proposed and seconded and signed as a true record.

Public Question Time: There were no questions.

4.4 County Councillor's report: Dr Pollock outlined the Superfast Broadband situation. There is currently no plan for the exchange at Shelsley Walsh to be connected to the fibre broadband. A new cabinet is to be installed in Clifton serving most of the Clifton households.

Dr Pollock suggested alternatives to Superfast Broadband, the Martley Mesh or for an action groups of concerned individuals to be formed to lobby BT to provide coverage.

He also suggested those with poor mobile reception should write to MP Harriett Baldwin to complain at the lack of coverage.

There has been an increase from four to five Highways Liaison Officers, Roy Fuller is now the point of contact.

District Councillor's report: Caroline Palethorpe sent a written report which was circulated with the agenda.

The full report will be available on the My Parish part of the WCC website.

4.5 Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:

Lengthsman's Report. The bridge at Stanford needs weed removal. Grips and gullies have been cleared of leaves. No other problems.

Councillors inspected and agreed worksheets. The clerk explained that WCC would be spot checking worksheets in future.

It was agreed the resurfacing work on the B4203 is a great improvement.

B 4203 Accidents. It was decided to continue to keep a record of these even though the road resurfacing has been completed.

There was concern at the number of accidents occurring on the stretch of road from the Upper Sapey crossroads to the junction of the B4203 at Great Witley. Previously it had been suggested WCC install double white lines but WCC considered this inappropriate, Dr Pollock will seek for this to be reviewed.

It was agreed to purchase salt for the Parish Council owned grit bins.

4.6 Planning:

There were no current planning applications to discuss.

MHDC decisions.

16/01128/LBC and 16/1127/FUL re-instatement of Brockhill Lodge.

4.7 Clerk's report on urgent decisions.

Planning. The Clerk in consultation with Councillors submitted the following planning

Chairman

Date

details.

16/01377/FUL The Birche Shelsley Beauchamp. Recommended approval.

4.8 Correspondence and Consultations:

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

The Clerk had received no responses from members to consultations.

Clerk and Councils Direct.

Hereford and Worcester Age UK reconnections.

4.9 Progress Reports:

Broadband.

Hedge at New Mill Bridge, this has been cut back allowing improved vision.

The debris under New Mill Bridge has been removed by WCC.

4.10 Finance: The following payments were agreed.

Clerk's salary and expenses.

Lengthman's invoice.

Information Commissioner £35.00

The above totalled £1369.08

Monies received from WCC in respect of repayment for Lengthsman £440.00

The second half of the precept £2250.00 was received from MHDC.

4.11 Budget: A preliminary budget was produced by the Clerk as an aid to determining the precept request in January.

4.12 Village Hall Management Committee:

The Village Hall has had extensive internal works. The finances are good and there are planned events to be held.

New LED bulbs are to be purchased and installed in order to cut down on the cost of electricity.

4.13 CALC: Councillor Training.

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

CALC Training circulated in Bulletin dated 24th October 2016.

Budget and Precept training November 22nd County Hall 7pm. No-one present to attend.

4.14 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

There is now a Village Hall Facebook page with information about booking and future events. It also contains Neighbourhood Watch messages and general local information.

The corner of the lane leading to Redhill has still not been reinstated after building works last year.

It would be beneficial to have signs pointing to the village hall as is the case in other villages. Clerk to enquire at WCC.

4.15 Meeting Dates for 2017:

The following dates were agreed. January 10th, March 7th May 9th, July 11th, September 12th and November 7th.

4.16 Date of the next meeting: January 10th 2017

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm

Jan Speyer November 9th 2016