

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on 13th March at 7.00pm in the year 2018

Present: Mr Cassian Roberts (Chairman), Mr J Stinton, Mr D Bates. Mrs K Metcalfe
The Chairman wished thanks to be conveyed to Tony Taylor on his resignation for his service and commitment to the Parish Council for many years.

In Attendance:

District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe, County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer).

6.1 Apologies:

Mr William Sutherland C Warren. (Accepted).

6.2 Declaration of Interest: Councillors Stinton and Bates for Village Hall item

6.3 Minutes: The minutes of the 9th January 2018 were proposed and seconded and signed as a true record.

Public Question Time:

The Parish Council was asked its views on the possibility of building affordable housing on land opposite the bungalows in Shelsley Beauchamp. This would be with a view to enabling younger people to either stay or move into the village and make the parish more sustainable.

Most members would support such an application in principle but concerns about flooding and drainage were raised as was the privacy of the existing bungalows.

6.4 Co-option of a new Councillor:

Laura Taylor was co-opted onto the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office. She was welcomed by the councillors.

6.5 County Councillor's report:

Received by email and circulated prior to the meeting, Dr Pollock expanded on the contents and answered questions. With reference to the funding the PC requested that two more grit bins be purchased.

The drainage problems on the lane leading to Redhill were brought to Dr Pollock's attention.

District Councillor's report.

A report received by email was circulated prior to the meeting. Mrs Palethorpe answered questions in particular with respect to rubbish collection (see below) and road sweeping.

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

6.6 Changes in Refuse Collection:

Mrs Palethorpe reminded the councillors of the proposed changes which have already been issued to households. Most of the properties in the parish will remain on the black and red bag system which will require animal proof storage not provided by MHDC. An explanation was requested as to how savings will be made when there will be no difference in the bag collection as the lorry will still be required once a week to collect either red or black bags.

The MHDC dedicated advice hotline does not start until April 2nd.

6.7 Planning:

No outstanding applications.

MHDC decision Approval of 17/01899/HP summerhouse at Church House Shelsley

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Beauchamp.

6.8 Affordable Housing:

Following the issue raised at public question time and the letter received, the possibility of new affordable building on a no longer viable orchard was discussed. The history of affordable housing in the parish was reported as the previous housing needs survey identified four sites, none of which were approved by MHDC. At that time (2009) little need for affordable housing was identified.

District Councillor Palethorpe reminded the councillors that need is not the same as demand and that the government requires more housing to be built.

6.9 Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:

The Lengthsman's worksheets for January and February were inspected and approved. The Lengthsman was thanked for his prompt response in the recent bad weather

The trees by the disused quarry are again causing problems. The Tree Warden will visit the owner to discuss.

Pard House Lane will be closed from 14th March for much needed carriageway repairs. There is much water damage on the lane.

A further enquiry on road sweeping will be made by the clerk.

6.10 Clerk's report on urgent decisions.

Cheque for the hire of the Village Hall £60.00

6.11 Correspondence and Consultations:

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

Enterprise bus. Further information received.

Clerks and Councils Direct.

Land Drainage Enforcement Officer.

Evolis radar speed sign

6.12 Progress Reports:

Broadband. There have been complaints about the service where Superfast Broad Band has been connected. Discussion deferred until the Annual Meeting in May.

6.13 Grants and Donations:

Two applications, Nora Parsons Day Centre and Longside Radio Martley.

Nora Parsons grant agreed £200

Longside Radio deferred until the next meeting. Grants are paid in May.

6.14 Finance: The following requests for payment were agreed.

Lengthman's invoices for January and February £312.00

Worcestershire CALC £10.00

HMRC £56.00

The Bank Mandate requesting online banking has still to be completed as the proposed signatories were not present. Dr Laura Taylor agreed to be put on the bank mandate.

6.15 Village Hall Management Committee:

The VHMC has recently lost two members and hope to appoint replacements.

The insulation of the roof needs upgrading, grants may be available.

6.16 CALC: Councillor Training. The latest training details have been circulated together with all CALC correspondence as per the Update received weekly. No Councillors

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elected to attend the training.

6.17 Councillor's reports and items for future agenda:

Road sweeping. MHDC will be requested to sweep roads within the parish.

Village Hall hire agreement.

Broadband.

Longside Radio grant.

Potholes in Pudford Lane.

Road surface between New Mill Bridge and Homme Castle.

5.16 Date of the next meeting: May 8th 2018

Meeting Dates 2018 July 10th, Sept 11th, Nov 13th. Members are reminded that a reason for non-attendance must be given.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Jan Speyer March 14th 2018