

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on 11th September at 7.00pm in the year 2018

Present: Dr Laura Taylor, Mr William Sutherland, Mr David Styles, Mr Bernard Hart, Mr David Bates, Mr John Stinton, Mrs Carole Warren, Mrs Karen Metcalfe and Mrs Karen Webber.

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

- 3.1 Apologies:** District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe and County Councillor Dr Pollock.
- 3.2 Declaration of Interest:** Councillors Bates and Stinton for Village Hall item 20 Councillors Hart and Stinton for item 4
- 3.3 Minutes:** The Minutes of July 10th 2108 were accepted and agreed as a true record.

Public Question Time:

One question about notice boards. There is no longer a notice board at Shelsley Walsh, the main notice board is now at the Village Hall, notices are also on the WCC and Teme Triangle websites

- 3.4 Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb:** Two representatives from the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) Robin Webb and Mark Harrison were welcomed and invited to discuss the concerns of both the Parish Council and local residents.

Footpath Closure: For safety reasons footpath rights of way are waived during events. Closures requests are submitted to WCC each year. This year the Parish Council has been asked by the Motor Sports Association for its opinion on the road/footpath closures and to submit any comments by October 5th. This is effectively no different to any other year but is the first time the PC has been consulted. There was no objection to the continuing closures providing that due notice was given on the footpaths. Mr Webb explained notices with dates are posted at each end of the footpaths in question, ie at the top and the main gate. Access to St Andrew's is maintained at all times.

Motor noise. The Parish Council has received complaints of excessive noise early in the morning. The MAC has a self-imposed restriction of 110 decibels and no use of the tannoy until 9.30am. There is currently no time limit at the end of the day but this will be discussed at a future MAC committee meeting (October).

A Director of the MAC must be in attendance at any event including non-MAC events.

Traffic. The MAC is not allowed to interfere with traffic flow and as such placing marshalls along public roads is illegal. Police have been invited to attend but due to lack of resources this has not been possible. Most of the problems are due to young drivers attending events.

MAC signs are placed on event days on routes to the Hill Climb and yellow AA direction signs are paid for by the MAC, however the MAC is willing to provide and pay for more signage on event days, the wording to be decided by the Parish Council.

There are no suggested instructions on the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb website as to the best route to take or for drivers to drive in a considerate manner.

There are cameras installed on the hill to discourage undesirable use.

Speed limit: There is no speed limit along the Shelsley Walsh road between Ham Bridge and Stanford Bridge. The Parish Council has asked WCC for an appraisal for imposing a speed limit in the past (refused to lack of criteria) but will ask again for a 40mph limit.

Increased activity. The PC has received complaints about the increase in activity. Robin Webb explained that events are limited to 30 per year by a licence with the Winnington Estate. This is for events using the hill, therefore the Breakfast Club is excluded from this number. An entry fee for the Breakfast Club was introduced to reduce rowdy attenders.

Driving School days are counted as one of the 30 permitted days but noise is restricted as

vehicles are silenced road going cars.

Planning Permission. The MAC does not require planning permission to operate, the hill climb has been in existence since 1905.

Non-MAC events. The Retro Rides was a cause of noise on the campsite as well as increased noise and traffic along the lanes. Campsite gates are closed at 10pm to limit car arrival and future events will employ security staff from 6pm to 8am the cost to be borne by the hirer. Weddings. The noise should be limited to the licensing hours.

Community. The Hill Climb raises over £20,000 for charity and is of economic benefit to some local businesses, however Councillors thought there could be more interaction with local residents. The MAC emails details of events monthly to those who have requested it. It was suggested that these dates may also be put in the Teme Triangle.

The MAC was encouraged to be more sympathetic to those residents not interested in the Hill Climb and who would therefore not avail themselves of its facilities.

3.5 District and County Councillors' reports:

Both written reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

3.6 Dog Waste Bins:

Cost of bins is approximately £210. MHDC does not empty them. The Lengthsman to be asked before a decision on purchase is made.

3.7 Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) liaison and Parish Footpaths Warden:

Councillor Sutherland agreed to attend VHMC meetings for one year. Councillor Metcalfe confirmed that she is the Parish Footpaths Warden.

3.8 Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:

There was no Lengthsman's Report. Worksheets from April to August were submitted. Lengthsman to be reminded to submit them monthly. It was suggested that photographs of work undertaken should be submitted.

Forge Bank subsidence, WCC report, no remedial work at present required.

30 mph wheelie bin stickers. £62.50 for 50. MHDC to be asked if there are any restrictions to placing these on bins.

Pard House Lane road surface and drainage update. No update available, Clerk to check with WCC.

3.9 Progress Reports:

Mobile phone coverage: Dr Pollock's reply and information received was discussed.

Infrastructure: District Councillor's reply with regard to housing and NHS was reported, Great Witley surgery has not received any funds for expansion.

Broadband: Council Metcalfe to investigate alternatives. It was reported that cables were being installed by the Shelsley Beauchamp bungalows.

Coloured barriers, a letter of thanks will be sent to the donor.

3.10 Planning: To report on MHDC decisions.18/00706/HP Stirt Farm (approved).

18/00979/LB Hillside Camp Lane Shelsley Beauchamp (approved).

18/01270/HP Lilac Cottage. It was decided to defer the decision as the application had been received today and views had not been formed.

3.11 Clerk's report on urgent decisions.

None

3.12 Correspondence and Consultations:

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

Chairman

Date

Pollinator information leaflet.

Gladson.

Fly the Flag

MHDC Village survey

Outdoor facilities survey

Village Hall questionnaire to complete. (Sent by WCC).

Housing survey completed.

3.13 Finance: The following requests for payment were agreed.

Clerk's salary and expenses deferred until November

HMRC PAYE £147.40

Lengthsman £660.00

3.14 Village Hall Management Committee:

Neither Councillor Bates or Stinton are able to report as they have a declared interest. It is essential that a Parish Councillor is appointed to attend meetings, see 3.7above. A report will be submitted after the next meeting of the VHMC in three months.

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

3.16 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

No items from Councillors. Cllr Metcalfe had previously given her apologies for the meetings she had missed earlier in the year. But took the opportunity to explain to her fellow Councillors that this was due to long standing commitments she had in her diary before becoming a Councillor. This included service in the Reserve Forces and a personal holiday abroad.

Dates for meetings 2019 will be agreed at the next meeting.

3.17 Future Meeting Dates:

Date of the next meeting: November 13th 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm

Jan Speyer September 12th 2018