

Lower Sapey Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Ashley Jones (Chairman), County Cllr D. Chambers, PCSO Ness Snape, J. Jones, M. West, L. Younge, M & M Griffiths, C. Connolly, H & S Rigby.

Apologies: District Cllr C. Palethorpe, S. Younge (V/Chairman), M. Alexander (Clerk), N & J Denniston.

1. Minutes of the annual meeting held 13th May 2021: The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed H. Rigby, seconded S. Rigby. All agreed.

2. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: None

3. Financial Matters: The meeting noted that finances were satisfactory. A payment was agreed for £125.00 payment to the Clerk for Apr – Sept expenses. The meeting noted the receipt of £300.00 for the half year MHDC precept and that the bank balance to 2nd Sept 2021 was £1057.00.

4. County & District Councillor Reports:

County Cllr Chambers reported that Covid figures are now static and care home cases are now improving. A lot of road resurfacing is to be done while the weather holds, and some roads may be closed for H&S purposes during these works. Resettlement of a few families from Afghanistan is being progressed in Malvern Hills area and an assistance policy is being implemented for those who worked in farming. There is a citizen resettlement scheme for those considered vulnerable, which is family based. Cllr Chambers also reported on Children & Families (education and mental health) matters at WCC. The Fire Authority will be incorporated with the Police over the next 2 years and a new Fire Station is to be built in Hereford in the future. Kidderminster Fire Station improvements were also noted.

5. Highways Matters:

5.1 Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Thanks to R. Wilks for all the work done within the parish. 5.2 Traffic concerns: The Chairman has met with the Traffic Management Officer from Leominster to discuss local traffic concerns and it is hoped that some progress can now be made. The parish may need to contribute towards any signage costs – tractor signage suggested. Cllr Chambers also happy to assist with matters as required and will liaise with the Clerk.

6. Planning Matters: S106 money still an ongoing matter and it was suggested that District Cllr Palethorpe could be approached to assist with helping the parish obtain some funding from MHDC. MHDC Development Control Manager, Duncan Rudge also to be contacted? New plans for the parish include a parish room with toilet and kitchen – H. Rigby to action.

7. Police Report: PCSO Ness Snape reported that local policing continued throughout Covid lock down periods but that it needs more collaborative work across area boundaries, especially where speeding remains an issue for all parishes. The Policing Charter areas of concern are

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speeding and traffic management together with rural crime issues. The Clerk is to log these as required for the Charter. The meeting noted that criminals are now more confrontational. The Rural Crime Prevention Officer will do a farm visit for advice if asked. There is also a new scheme 'Neighbourhood Matters' which sends text message crime updates once you register – details via the Clerk. The meeting thanked PCSO Snape for attending and work done for the parish.

8. Parish Matters:

8.1 Broadband provision – the survey has been completed and planning approval given. It should be in place by end February.

8.2 Big Breakfast – the event was very well attended, raising £325.78.

9. Date of the next meeting: The next meeting was provisionally agreed as 16th December at 7.30pm (to be confirmed).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Michelle Alexander
Clerk