

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting held by Zoom on 10th November at 7.00pm in the year 2020

Present: Dr Laura Taylor, Mr David Styles, Mrs Karen Metcalfe Mrs Val Jones and Mrs Louise Hutton.

In Attendance: District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe, County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock, Mr Simon Durling (MAC) 1 member of the public and the Clerk.

5.1 Apologies: Mr David Bates, Mr J Stinton, (accepted).

5.2 Declaration of Interest: None.

5.3 Minutes: The Minutes of September 15th 2020 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meeting.

5.4 Election of Vice Chairman: Councillor Metcalfe was nominated, seconded and accepted the position of Vice Chairman
No election has been requested by parishioners, co-option can now be advertised.

Public Question Time: There was a long discussion on the lack of progress for the three projects within the parish which are trying to get properties connected to Superfast Broadband. One project (Project 2) has been told that self-dig is not an option for connection and the price quoted by Openreach is £69,000. No explanation of the cost has been given. The other two projects are still awaiting the results of an Openreach survey which will be sent to Rob Stepniewski at WCC whose job is to help Parish Councils especially with finding funding. County Councillor Pollock sympathised with the lack of progress and requested details be sent to him in order that he may facilitate. It was agreed that the three projects should liaise with one another and contact details will be shared.

5.5 Update on Co-option for Shelsley Beauchamp Councillor: There have been no applicants, another advertisement will be placed in the Teme Triangle.

5.6 District and County Councillors' reports.
Both written reports were circulated prior to the meeting and the District and County Councillor were available to expand on the reports and answer questions with particular regard to broadband.
The full reports will be available on the My Parish part of the WCC website.

5.7 Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman:
The Lengthsman had not submitted any report, time sheets or invoice. No highways matters were reported. CC Pollock reported that Hannah Davies, Highways Liaison Officer was contacting all clerks personally to highlight any highway problems. Glasdon (waste bin supplier) the clerk to complete a customer satisfaction survey.

5.8 MAC: Mr Simon Durling representing the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) had nothing to report but was available to answer questions. There were none.

Chairman

Date

5.9 Progress Reports:

Broadband: The clerk had little to report. WCC is still awaiting a report from Openreach. Other matters referring to broadband see Public Question Time above.

5.10 Planning: Planning Appeal at The Leys 20/00547/HP. It is understood that the planning decision will be made by the Planning Inspectorate and not MHDC.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bettinson for her written explanation of the recent White Paper on Planning changes. This will have little effect on this parish.

5.11 Correspondence and Consultations: Circulated by email to the councilors including:

Defibrillator details from Peter Richards. The clerk to seek more information.

Letter of thanks from Teme Triangle for the donation.

SWDP updates.

MHDC Covid-19 newsletters.

SWDP Traveller Sites letter circulated, none identified in this parish.

Police & Crime Commissioner Survey (completed by the clerk and returned by email).

Social Prescribing.

All items were emailed to councilors prior the meeting. There were no comments to be reported.

5.12 Budget: The Budget figures were accepted. The reserves are high, there was a short discussion on the possibility of helping local groups who have been adversely affected by Covid-19

5.13 Finance:

The following requests for payment were received and agreed.

Clerk's salary and expenses for Q2 £595.83

Information Commissioner £40.00

5.14 County Association of Local Councils (CALC):

Councillor Training. Training details were circulated together with all CALC correspondence.

Training sessions are being held virtually on Zoom.

CALC AGM 30th November by Zoom. Councillor Metcalfe will attend.

5.15 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

Various bodies were suggested as recipients of financial help from the Parish Council. The clerk will make enquiries the outcome of which will be discussed in January.

5.16 Future Meeting Dates: The following were agreed.

January 12th 2021

March 16th 2021

May 11th 2021

July 13th 2021

September 14th 2021

November 9th 2021

Date of the next meeting: January 12th 2021. The meeting concluded at 20.25

Jan Speyer November 11th 2020

Chairman

Date