

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting held by Zoom on 12th January at 7.00pm in the year 2021

Present: Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Karen Metcalfe (Vice- Chairman) Mrs Val Jones and Mrs Louise Hutton. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

In Attendance: County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock, 1 member of the public and the Clerk.

6.1 Apologies: Mr David Bates, Mr J Stinton, Mr David Styles, Mrs Jean Hammond (accepted). District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe.

6.2 Declaration of Interest: None.

6.3 Minutes: The Minutes of November 10th 2020 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meeting.

Public Question Time: Covered in 6.4 below.

6.4 Superfast Broadband: The Chairman welcomed Robert Stepniewski Senior Project manager Broadband & Connectivity Team Worcester County Council who gave an update on the current situation with the four projects progressing in the parish. There are currently 215 projects with Openreach in Worcestershire four of which are in this parish. The Government states it wishes Superfast Broadband be available to as many households and businesses as possible by 2025 and the national lockdowns have highlighted the need for such with home working and home schooling. This first part of the project consists of 01299 numbers, currently 38 properties. The Openreach quotation for this project is £122,000. The next project which includes parts of Camp Lane, Birch Berrow, Fetterlocks Lane and an area near the old quarry has identified enough interest to secure funding via the gigabit voucher and WCC matched funding for the project to be viable and participating residents will be invited to claim free gigabit vouchers. A further project in area around The Grange is more difficult. The physical terrain is challenging and the number of households is low. This project is looking at the possibility of self-dig for the cables in order to keep costs low. The final project is in Pudford Lane 16 properties here could be involved but many households are already benefitting from the Martley Mesh and funding could therefore be more of an issue. The cut off for Government funding via WCC has been advertised as 31st March 2021 but it is expected the scheme will be extended.

6.5 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.

6.6 Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman:

The Lengthsman submitted a time sheets for November. Agreed. No highways matters were reported and none received. There were no reports of fly tipping.

6.7 MAC: There was no information to be received from MAC and no questions to be asked. The clerk had advised the MAC that no presence was therefore required.

Chairman

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- 6.8 Urgent decisions:** 20/01629/FUL Lammas conversion of disused agricultural building to holiday let and change of use. Parish Council had no objection.
- 6.9 Planning:** The application for 20/01964/HP Associated 20/01965/LB Harborough Bank Shelsley Beauchamp relocation of existing access and gates was discussed at length. There is no objection from the Parish Council but comments will be made to MHDC regarding the vision splay bordering a neighbouring property and the hope that the hedge and nearby damson tree will remain undamaged.
- 6.10 Correspondence and Consultations:** All relevant details were circulated by email to the councilors before the meeting: There were no comments to be recorded.
- 6.11 Precept:** The Precept request for 2021/2022 will remain the same at £4,000
- 6.12 Covid-19** The council will engage with the public via the Teme Triangle to identify ways in which the Parish Council could help financially with those organisations in the parish affected by Covid-19 or ways in which the parish could be enhanced now that so many residents have been enjoying their own locality.
- 6.13 Finance:**
The following requests for payment were received and agreed.
Lengthsman's invoice for November £273.60
Clerk's salary and expenses for Q3 £525.85
HMRC PAYE £143.80
WCC Salt Invoice £124.72
Village Hall hire invoice. Not received.
Received WCC Lengthsman £156.00
- 6.14 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.
- 6.15 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.**
The bin at The Stirt lay bye is being well used, too well used at times. MHDC to be contacted to review the waste collection frequency and whether this would entail an extra cost. It was suggested that a litter pick be organised.
Lengthsman to be informed of blocked grating in Kingswood Lane.
- 6.16 Date of the next meeting:** March 16th 2021

Future Meeting Dates:

May 11th 2021

July 13th 2021

September 14th 2021

November 9th 2021

The meeting concluded at 20.30

Jan Speyer January 13th 2021

Chairman

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