

MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting held by Zoom on 16th March at 7.00pm in the year 2021

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock, District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe, one member of the public and the Clerk.

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

8.2 Declaration of Interest: None.

8.3 Minutes: The Minutes of February 12th 2021 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meeting.

Public Question Time: There were no questions.

8.4 Co-option of Councillor for Shelsley Beauchamp:

Mr Robert Pound was co-opted onto the Council as a member for Shelsley Beauchamp. The Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests will be emailed to him. Mr Pound introduced himself and was invited to speak at the meeting.

8.5 District and County Councillors' Reports:

County Councillor Pollock answered questions especially with regard to accidents occurring on the B4203.

Councillor Palethorpe's written report had been circulated before the meeting. There was a discussion on whether MHDC would be prepared to act as the legal entity for the Superfast Broadband projects within the parish. Mrs Palethorpe will contact Rob Stepniewski at WCC for information and relay any progress with MHDC to the Chairman.

Councillor Palethorpe remained throughout the meeting and was available for questions

8.6 Superfast Broadband:

The working group recently formed had not met but individual projects made reports.

The **Pudford Lane** project is waiting for an evaluation for an alternative route. The **Stanford Bridge** project has reached the target and is now waiting to appoint a Legal Entity and are awaiting a decision by MHDC (see above 8.5). The area around **The Grange** is understood to have achieved matched funding.

An alternative to either the Parish Council or MHDC acting as the Legal Entity is to form a limited company with no assets.

8.7 Midland Automobile Club (MAC):

It is hoped that the season will start on May 1st and 2nd possibly for members only but by July spectators should be able to attend Classic Nostalgia on 17th and 18th.

Retro Rides will take place on August 21st and 22nd when there will be enhanced security. Councillors were concerned about traffic, noise and litter pollution but this will be discussed at a meeting nearer the time.

The General Manager has left and has not been replaced.

Chairman

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8.8 Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman:

The Lengthsman submitted a time sheets for December, January and February all were agreed. Any relevant highways matters had been dealt with by the clerk.

Salt Bins Kingswood Lane. A request for a further bin was received, it was agreed to move one of the existing bins to a more suitable location after consultation with the authorities.

Pudford Lane. One of the salt bins is in bad repair and will be reported to WCC.

Litter bin emptying. The clerk had contacted MHDC who will for no extra charge empty full litter bins on request. The clerk to ensure that the litter bin by the church is emptied regularly.

Water Issues in Blakes Lane/Old Lane. The surface water problem has been reported to WCC and the lane has been swept by MHDC.

Temporary Footpath Closures Shelsley Walsh and Clifton. The Parish Council was supplied with details of closures when events are taking place at the Hill Climb.

8.9 Urgent decisions:

21/00126/FUL The Cottage. The clerk in consultation with councillors reported to MHDC that the application for the removal of condition 4 was supported by the members.

21/00183/LB Harborough Bank. The submitted comments were the same as the previous application.

8.10 Planning:

The application for 21/00207/LB The Cottage Fetterlocks. Conversion of the existing garage into an annexe with sitting room and bedroom together with associated application 21/00398/HP was discussed and approval recommended.

SWDP meeting March, details circulated – no comments.

For information only, the appeal decision 20/00547/HP at The Leys for the proposed extension to the house a home-gym, sauna and swimming pool, the appeal was allowed.

8.11 Correspondence and Consultations:

All relevant details were circulated by email to the councilors before the meeting: There were no comments to be recorded.

8.12 Insurance: The fixed term still applies, the litter bins will be added as assets.

8.13 Covid-19

The applications for grants to local organisations were considered and the following were approved.

Nora Parsons Day Centre £500

Church grounds maintenance support £500

Teme Triangle dispensers £150.00

The suggestion of placing a bench in Shelsley Kings was deferred until costs and permissions were ascertained.

One other interested party will be thanked and put in contact with the Village Hall.

8.14 Finance:

The following requests for payment were received and agreed.

Lengthsman's invoice for £752.40

Clerk's salary and expenses for Q4 £524.65

HMRC PAYE £144.

Two further signatories will be added to the Lloyds Bank Mandate.

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8.15 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 has advised that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council should be held before May 7th.

8.16 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

Litter pick. The recent item in the Teme Triangle received only two responses. A further article will be placed. Stanford Road, the MHDC litter pickers will clear the road beginning on 17th March.

8.17 Date of the next meeting: May 4th 2021

Date of the Annual Parish Meeting May 4th 2021

It is anticipated that both these meetings will be held back to back via Zoom.

Future Meeting Dates:

May 4th 2021

July 13th 2021

September 14th 2021

November 9th 2021

The meeting concluded at 20.40

Jan Speyer March 18th 2021

Chairman

Date