MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Meeting held on 13th July at 7.00pm in the year 2021

Present: Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Karen Metcalfe (Vice- Chairman) Mrs Val Jones, Mr David Styles, Mr John Stinton and Mr Dave Bates. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

In Attendance: County Councillor David Chambers, Rob Wilks (Lengthsman) three members of the public and the Clerk.

- **2.1 Apologies**: Louise Hutton, Rob Pound and Mrs Jean Hammond All Councillor apologies were accepted. District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe also sent apologies.
- **2.2** Declaration of Interest: None.
- **2.3 Minutes:** The Minutes of May 4th 2021 were accepted and agreed as a true record by those attending the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Public Question Time: The meeting was opened to discuss the topics raised by members of the public.

A resident from a neighbouring parish raised both the issues of speeding cars to and from events at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb and the perceived increase in the regularity of events. There was no official representative from the MAC to answer these questions but the Parish

2.4 **District and County Councillor Reports:** Emailed reports are available on the website and were circulated to members before the meeting.

Council Chairman Dr Taylor will attend an MAC board meeting next week. (See 2.6 below).

- The Chairman welcomed the new County Councillor David Chambers who answered questions and agreed to look into certain matters
- **2.5 Superfast Broadband:** There was little to report. The DCMS (Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport) is dealing with a backlog of applications from February but it is still hoped vouchers would be issued this month (July).
- **MAC:** No one from the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) was available to attend but the PC Chairman has been invited to the MAC board meeting on 19th July where she will raise parishioners and Council's concerns.
- 2.7 Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman:

Lengthsman's Report. Mr Wilks reported that gullies are no longer cleared by the Lengthsman but by WCC. The worksheets for June, in a new format, were inspected and approved. Salt Bins Kingswood Lane and Pudford Lane. The damaged bin in Pudford Lane has been reported. The Lengthsman will move the Parish Council green grit bin to a more suitable location.

The Fetterlocks/Camp Lane bin is filling quickly and MHDC empty it on request. Councillor Jones reported that the bin at Stirt Farm lay bye has been damaged by fire. The Clerk to inform the insurers.

Pard House Lane drainage and road surface was discussed at length. It appears WCC has inspected the problem. CC Chambers drove past this section and will also report the damage. Proposed bench in Shelsley Kings. There is still no definite answer to the ownership of the

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verge along the highway. The Clerk is awaiting a reply after a recent telephone conversation with WCC. Once confirmation and permission is received a choice of bench will be discussed. Hedge at Fetterlocks barns. The Lengthsman will inform the owners that the hedge requires cutting back from the lane as soon as practical.

2.8 Urgent decisions:

£60 Internal Auditor

20/01964/HP Harborough Bank. No further comment

21/00842/HP & 21/00843/LB Old Post Office Shelsley Walsh no objection.

2.9 Planning:

To consider any outstanding planning applications None.

MHDC Decisions.

21/00207/LB Approved The Cottage, Fetterlocks Lane.

20/01964/HP Approved Harborough Bank.

2.10 Correspondence and Consultations: Circulated by email to the Councillors.

Police Contract the three priorities decided upon were speeding, rural crime including trespass and fly tipping.

2.11 Finance: All the following payments were approved.

Lengthsman for June £230.40

Clerk's salary and expenses for Q1 £535.85

HMRC PAYE £145.40

Received from WCC in payment for the lengthsman £855

The Bank Mandate request is not yet confirmed by Lloyds Bank.

2.12 CALC: To consider Councillor Training and to discuss anything relevant arising from the

regularly circulated Update. Clerk training details.

The two CALC representatives are confirmed as Councillors Hammond and Pound.

2.13 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

Trespass at the quarry was discussed and ways in which it could be avoided but there was no conclusion.

2.14 Date of the next meeting: September 14th 2021 7pm at the Village Hall

Future Meeting Dates:

November 9th 2021

The meeting concluded at 21.35

Jan Speyer July 14th 2021