

**THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the year 2014

**Present:** Mr C Roberts Chairman, J Stinton, W Sutherland, B Hart, T Taylor and D Styles.

**In Attendance:** Councillor Dr Pollock, 6 members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer).

**2.1 Apologies:** A Champion, Mrs H Webb and District Councillor Farmer.

**2.2 Declaration of Interest:** None.

**2.3 Co-option of a new Councillor for Shelsley Beauchamp:** There were two applications. Mr David Bates was co-opted after a show of hands.

**2.4 Minutes:** The minutes of May 6th 2014 were signed as a true record.

**Public Question Time:** The Chairperson and members of the Social Club voiced their disquiet over the recently held AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee and its decision to give notice to and close the Social Club. The Chairman noted the points raised and will report these to the VHMC. (See 2.6 and 2.14)

The specific questions were:

- 1 The authority of the VHMC
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- 3 Does the VHMC pay the Parish Council rent
- 4 The VHMC AGM was badly advertised
- 5 The procedure at the VHMC AGM and the minutes were incorrect.

The specific answers were:

- 1 The VHMC have complete authority to run the hall as they wish.
- 2 The VHMC have no authority to “close the Social Club” but every authority to change or cancel any agreement with any user of the hall.
- 3 The VHMC does not pay any rent to the Parish Council.
- 4 The VHMC AGM must be advertised by a notice on the notice board 7 days prior to the event. The Parish Council would recommend to the VHMC that they use email as well. Further it was agreed to add to a proposed letter going to all parishioners suggesting a ‘Shelsley email database’ asking those who wish to send in their email addresses. This would be used by the PC, PCC and the VHMC to improve communication throughout the parishes.
- 5 The procedure of the VHMC is a matter for the VHMC, the minutes in question are in draft and not approved thus we cannot comment.

**2.5 District and County Councillor’s Report:** Dr Pollock gave his report. Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership submitted a competitive bid for part of a £2billion allocation to promote growth around the country. Worcestershire has gained £53 million, £13 million for the coming financial year. This will allow WCC to go ahead with its top priority items, including the Worcester Tech Park, Malvern Hills Science Park, The Southern Link Road, the Hoobrook Link road in Kidderminster and the Broadband extension to cover 95% of the county’s residences by 2017. Plus we can expect the Worcester Parkway station to figure once the new franchises are fixed.

Given that Worcestershire normally receives about 1% of such allocated funds, it is very encouraging to see that the Worcestershire LEP has gained about 2.5% on this occasion, due in no small part to the efforts of the County Council Economic Development department.

Concerning the closure of the Park and Ride system, particularly in Perdiswell, this was thought likely greatly to increase the congestion in the city. The statistics show that only 200 cars park there each day, that 23,000 cars use the northerly approach routes each day, and that one third of the public paid for car park spaces in the City are empty on any day.

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The Six Ways system will remain open as the Hospital will increase its contribution to cover the current costs.

A new classroom block at Tenbury High School has been opened. The new Head Teacher, introduced the speakers. WCC Cabinet Member Responsible for Children and Families, Liz Eyre said the bulk of the £1.8 million cost of the scheme was covered by WCC but she was particularly impressed by the £47,000 raised by the local community, whom she praised. Harriett Baldwin, MP, was pleased to see that English and Maths were to be taught on the block, given their pivotal importance in everyone's education for later life. Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor of Worcester University performing the official opening. He drew attention to the vital importance of education for all walks of life. He emphasised the value of brain surgeons in saving the life of Mulallah, the Pakistani girl whom the Taleban had tried to murder because she advocated education for girls. He also highlighted the importance of engineers, maintenance men and everyone who contributed to the sophisticated society able to help Mulalla, which can easily take for granted.

Dr Pollock was thanked by the Council for his work in helping to provide grit bins in the parish.

**2.6 Village Hall Management Committee and Shelsley Social Club:**

The Council agreed to the statement read out by the chairman as a true understanding of the position and running of the Village Hall.

It was agreed that this letter would go out to all parishioners of the Shelsleys

In summary the Parish Council holds the deeds but the Management Committee is solely responsible for the running of the Village Hall and makes all decisions. (see 2.14)

**2.7 Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:** There was no Lengthsman's Report or worksheets to inspect. Clerk to await time sheets before payment is made.

Progress report at Leys. The work to the drain and culvert has not yet been done by WCC.

Drain in Pard House Lane ref 6259878. This has been reported to WCC. In view of its urgent nature Dr Pollock will contact Highways Department.

Information regarding the Vehicle Activation Sign at Stanford Bridge. Number of vehicles exceeding the 40mph speed limit was 2469 by Lane's and 2145 on the post by the turn to The Bridge.

Batteries for VAS to discuss purchase of batteries. Contribution of payment for these batteries shared between the parishes was deferred until further information received.

The Parish Council upheld its decision made last year not to share with other parishes in the purchase of a jetter (for drains).

Ham Bridge. The boundary hedge and undergrowth has recently been cut back. It was suggested that the owner be written to and thanked

**2.8 Planning:** There were no outstanding planning applications.

MHDC decisions.

14/00469/FUL Wilderness Cottage. Approved.

14/00588/FUL Stirt Farm. Approved.

17/00180/CLE Holiday Chalet at Os 7328 6498 Kingswood. Refused.

**2.9 Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb:** Councillor Hart agreed to liaise with the Midland Automobile Club.

Safer Roads Partnership has been contacted and will report to the Parish Council after their meeting this month.

**2.10 Clerk's report on urgent decisions.**

14/00588/FUL Stirt Farm. Sub-division of main dwelling. Recommended approval.

Cheque for J Crabbe £60.00

**2.11 Correspondence and Consultations:**

Strategic Planning.

WCC draft planning validation.

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Parish and Town Council conference 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014  
Letter of thanks from PCC for the donation for the upkeep of the churchyard.

- 2.12 Finance:** All payments were agreed.  
Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses.  
Lengthsman's invoice  
The above invoices totalled £1056.10  
Monies received.  
WCC £160.00
- 2.13 CALC:** Councillor Training. No-one is available to attend the meeting on July 15th.
- 2.14 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.**  
There is a Village Hall Management Committee meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. Councillors Hart and Stinton to attend.  
Trees and overgrown hedgerow causing visibility problems on the highway before and after the quarry on the left hand side going uphill. Clerk and the Lengthsman to investigate.
- 2.15 Meeting Dates 2014** September 9<sup>th</sup> November 11<sup>th</sup>
- 2.16 Date of next Parish Council meeting:** September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Village Hall.  
The meeting concluded at 8.15pm  
Jan Speyer July 10<sup>th</sup> 2014

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