

HADNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Hadnall Village Hall on 11th November 2019.

19/073 Public Question Time

- Trees at Wedgefields – the Parish Council agreed to arrange for a Tree Surgeon to inspect the trees to assess the condition of them and to recommend any work required, e.g. lopping. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to identify a suitable Tree Surgeon.
- Ditch at school – still no progress with the clearing out of this ditch. **ACTION:** Councillor Duxbury to chase Shropshire Council.
- Councillor Bell advised that Shropshire Council has a new Drainage and Flood Risk Manager - Mr. John Bellis.

19/074 Present

Parish Councillors: Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr. Harrison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Brisbane, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Davies, Mr. Amos. Parish Clerk: Mrs. Smith-Wells. Mr. Simon Jones (Shropshire Councillor). Mr. and Mrs. Thompson (Sansaw Estate). Mr. Edward West (Shropshire Council). 32 Members of the Public.

19/075 Apologies

None.

19/076 Declarations of Interest

None.

19/077 Sansaw Development Proposals

- Shropshire Council received approximately 50 emails from parishioners, either through the Parish Council or directly. Most opinions expressed were against the development proposals with various reasons cited.
- The development would be carried out in several phases over 50 years. Phase 1 of 85 houses would commence within 2 years if approved and take approximately 2 years to complete. The second phase may not happen within Shropshire Council's Local Plan timescale (i.e. up to 2036).
- Mr. West advised that the Sansaw proposals had been submitted to them "late in the day" and, at the present time, the land south of Wedgefields is still the preferred option for 40 houses. Shropshire Council will still recognise Hadnall as a village even though it is recommended that it becomes a Community Hub. It was pointed out here that the emerging Local Plan sees Community Hubs as no longer possessing countryside status.
- Phase 1 of the Sansaw development would be on sodden land to the north of the village where drainage is a problem, something that has been confirmed on the most recent flood plan. There were concerns that the hard landscaping for new houses (concrete and tarmac paths, drives and roads) would result in an increase in water entering the existing drainage culvert (the recent rainfall caused the culvert to be within 6 inches of its capacity limit). Drainage and flooding would need to be seriously addressed before permission for development is granted. Mr. West of Shropshire Council emphasised that they would not grant permission for this development if a suitable flood alleviation solution was not included in the plans. Mr. Thompson agreed that drainage and flooding issues would be addressed at the design stage.

- Mr. West advised that, as with all planning applications, all local authority departments would be consulted and these would include those responsible for flooding and drainage, highways and traffic, education and school places.
- The Parish Council reminded parishioners that it is a common misconception that the Parish Council grants or refuses permission for planning applications. The Parish Council is also a consultee and submits its opinion on an application, based on the material planning considerations laid out in the National Planning Framework. The ultimate decision to grant or refuse is made by Shropshire Council.
- Concerns were expressed over the small number of houses that would be available for social rent (only 20 out of the full total of 515). Mr. Thompson confirmed that if this consultation revealed that more were needed, this would be considered.
- It was noted that if a new school is built to replace the existing one, the land on which the existing one is located belongs to the church and they will decide what happens to it.
- Parishioners stated that they would like to see the delivery of any promised facilities promptly. It was thought that, although a cricket pitch had been included on the plan, an area of facilities for older children would be better (football pitch, skateboard park, exercise equipment etc). Mrs. Thompson welcomed the contribution made by a 17-year-old parishioner and asked her to co-ordinate a written response from other young people, to the Estate.
- Shropshire Council is still happy to receive comments from parishioners for the next fortnight and the Parish Council would also like to hear how parishioners wish it to represent them.
- Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. West were thanked for attending the meeting.
- It was noted here that Clive Parish Council has a meeting minute which states that they had been advised that Hadnall Parish Council supports the proposed development and have done so since earlier in the year. This is an inaccurate statement as the Parish Council remains entirely neutral at this stage. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Clive Parish Council.

19/078 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 2nd September 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

19/079 Report from Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones

Shropshire Council has appointed a new Climate Change Officer.

19/080 Progress Reports

- a) Smart Water rollout: No further progress with this. **ACTION:** Councillors Duxbury to visit the remaining houses as soon as possible, assisted by Councillor Harrison.
- b) New Play Equipment on existing site: 5 quotations had been obtained for the work. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the quotation from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd., in the sum of £33,890.00 be accepted. **ACTION:** Councillor Slater to advise Playdale of their success in securing the tender and Councillor Amos to obtain references etc.
- c) Street Lighting Renewal Programme: The Parish Clerk reported that all streetlights owned by the Parish Council have now been replaced with LEDs. A parishioner has complained that the streetlight nearest to her house is shining in through her bedroom window. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk ask the contractor for a solution.
- d) Bowling Club Lease: This has still not been signed by the Bowling Club. It was agreed that the Bowling Club's solicitor is now in possession of all the required information

and the lease should be signed by the end of November. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Mr. Sargeant (Hadnall Bowling Club) and Hatchers Solicitors of this.

- e) Moat footpath: Councillor Bell reported that Historic England’s approval for the path stipulates that its construction must match the section that is already in place. 2 quotations had been obtained but one did not match the requirements. **ACTION:** Councillor Bell to continue to progress. Councillor Harrison had completed the CIL Technical Checklist forms and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the forms and that they be submitted to Shropshire Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit to Shropshire Council.
- f) Mobile Speed Signs: Morelock had submitted a quotation of £2870.00 (including carriage) + vat for a solar powered speed sign. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that 2 signs be purchased within the total expenditure of £7,000.00. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to a) obtain permission from Shropshire Council to mount them on their lamp posts; b) submit a grant application form to the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Safer Roads fund (if available) and c) order the signs once a) and b) have been carried out.
- g) The Ease: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council should arrange for the replacement of a rotten post and rails to a maximum of £1,000.00 expenditure. **ACTION:** Councillor Slater to arrange.
- h) Saracens Car Park: The owner of the car park has withdrawn the offer to sell the car park to the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to acknowledge this and to ask for its continued interest in purchasing it to be kept in mind.

19/081 Community Infrastructure Levy

- a) For mobile speed signs see minute 19/080/f above. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council applies to increase the approved CIL funding of £100,000.00 to £150,000.00 to purchase the Saracens Car Park, should it be offered for sale again to the Parish Council in the future (see minute 19/080/h above). **ACTION:** Councillor Harrison to pursue the increase to the CIL funding.
- b) CIL expenditure at the school: The Parish Clerk reported that she had emailed Phil Wilson of Shropshire Council to ascertain when the Parish Council will meet with him and the Head of the school, to discuss Shropshire Council’s desire to use extra CIL funding for alterations at the school. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to continue to chase.

19/082 Accounts

- a) It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following payments be approved:

£603.36	Salary, mileage and Working from Home Allowance for Sept and Oct
£31.03	Church floodlighting
£187.40	PAYE
£200.84	Streetlight electricity
£2082.00	Replacement streetlights
£12.00	Annual domain name renewal
£240.00	External audit fee
£12.00	Dog sign for The Ease
£2345.00	Village grass cutting and maintenance

- b) It was noted that income had been received as follows: £101.18 refund from Scottish Power; £1140.53 VAT refund for 2018/19.
- c) It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the latest accounts report and bank reconciliation, prepared by the Parish Clerk, be approved.
- d) It was noted that the 2018/19 External Audit had been successfully completed.

- e) It was agreed that the cost of grass cutting and village maintenance for 2020 (same as 2019) be accepted and the contractor be thanked for his excellent work around the village. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to thank the contractor. It was also agreed that the Parish Clerk should investigate applying to Shropshire Council for an Environmental Maintenance Grant. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to investigate.

19/083 Planning

- a) It was noted that the Planning Sub-Committee had, on 22nd October, objected to application 19/04335/FUL, conversion of the Saracens into 6 flats, due to a lack of adequate parking and lack of amenity space.
- b) It was also noted that the Planning Sub-Committee would be objecting to planning application 19/04571/OUT, erection of 4 dwellings on land adjoining Crawthornton, as the site remains in open countryside and outside of any current or proposed development boundary.

19/084 Highways and General Village Matters

- a) Tree planting: The previous Playgroup wishes to fund and plant a tree on the village green. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that this be permitted, and the playgroup was advised of this. Councillor Duxbury reported that the WI would also like to plant a tree. It was agreed that they should be permitted to plant a suitable species on The Ease. **ACTION:** Councillor Duxbury to advise the WI of the decision.
- b) Path from Abbots Lea to Pool Road: A parishioner had expressed concern over the safety of children when they emerge from the path onto Pool Road. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to request that Shropshire Council and the Abbots Lea developers install staggered barriers.
- c) Parking opposite the New Inn: Councillor Clifford reported that he had been advised that delivery lorries for the New Inn are finding it difficult to negotiate the cars parked opposite the pub on Station Road. **ACTION:** Councillor Slater to ask Mr. Thompson for assistance.
- d) Stormwater/sewage during flooding: A parishioner had written to the Parish Council concerning flooding and sewage problems occurring during heavy rain. It was agreed that problems such as these (that are on private land) cannot be resolved by the Parish Council. Anyone affected should contact Severn Trent on their emergency helpline. However, it was also agreed to continue to forward letters to Severn Trent on behalf of parishioners and to provide details of the problem to John Bellis, Shropshire Council's new Drainage and Flood Risk Manager. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email John Bellis.
- e) Path from the Oaks, Shrewsbury Road to the village: Following representation from a parishioner, it agreed that Shropshire Council should be asked to side out the path. It was noted here that Shropshire Council have still not sided out the pavements in the north of the village, despite being asked to do so around 2 years ago. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to make the request.
- f) Emails to Councillors: Councillors were reminded that they should, where required, respond to emails from the Parish Clerk. **ACTION:** All Councillors.
- g) Frequency of Meetings: It was proposed, seconded and resolved (with 1 vote against) that, for a 6-month trial period, the Parish Council would meet every month, beginning with January. This will help speed up the decision-making process within the Parish Council.

19/085 Correspondence

VE Celebrations 2020: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to re-circulate the email concerning this.

19/086 Councillors' Reports

None presented.

19/087 Items for Future Agenda

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.54.

.....(CHAIRMAN)(DATE)

Date of next meeting: 13th January 2020

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