

# HADNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Hadnall Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

## **19/059 Public Question Time**

- Hawkestone Close hedge: The Chairman advised that he had cut the hedge for parishioners even though it is the responsibility of Shropshire Council, and he was thanked for carrying out the work voluntarily. In response to criticism of where the trimmings had been left, he advised that they were left in a place where they would naturally rot down. Further discussion on the maintenance of hedges and other communal areas in the parish took place and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council will compile a list of those that need regular maintenance. **ACTION:** Parish Councillors to compile list.
- Tree overhanging Wedgefields Road: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.
- Thanks were expressed for the P3 Group members for their work in maintaining the Shropshire Way.
- Councillor Bell highlighted the problem that a parishioner is having in exiting north from her driveway onto the A49.
- The zebra crossing in the centre of the village (and Shropshire Council's refusal to change it to a pelican crossing with traffic lights) was discussed and it was agreed to include the item on the next agenda.

## **19/060 Present**

Parish Councillors: Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr. Harrison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Brisbane.  
Parish Clerk: Mrs. Smith-Wells. 7 Members of the Public.

## **19/061 Apologies**

Mr. Clifford, Mr. Davies, Mr. Amos, Mr. Thompson.

## **19/062 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **19/063 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

Signed as a correct record.

## **19/064 Report from Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones**

Shropshire Council has appointed Claire Porter (Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services) as an officer who will oversee the effects of the possible leaving of the EU without a deal. There is also a website for further information: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/brexit-information-for-residents-and-businesses](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/brexit-information-for-residents-and-businesses).

## **19/065 Progress Reports**

- a) Smart Water rollout: Councillor Duxbury is still to visit houses with information and, unfortunately, there was no Smart Water stand prepared for the fête, as planned. Councillor Harrison agreed to assist Councillor Duxbury with this project. **ACTION:** Councillors Duxbury and Harrison to visit the remaining houses as soon as possible.
- b) New Play Equipment on existing site: The Chairman is to meet on site with 2 further contractors this month, to enable them to submit a quotation for the required design.

Several of the Councillors are also to visit a school in Shrewsbury to view their recently installed equipment. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to ascertain when Tesco will process the Parish Council's "Bags of Help" exercise.

- c) Street Lighting Renewal Programme: The Parish Clerk reported that Phase 2 had been completed and there are only 4 streetlights remaining, that require replacing. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the remaining 4 be replaced. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to issue an order to the contractor.
- d) Bowling Club Lease: Councillors discussed a letter received from the Bowling Club's solicitor and agreed the following responses (**ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit to the Parish Council's solicitor):
- Security of tenure - include the lease within the 1954 Act (\*clarification currently being sought)
  - Social events - as the landowners, the Parish Council is not involved in the day to day running of the club. Therefore, there is no objection to expanding the permitted user definition to accommodate for occasional social events. Naturally, if the Bowling Club wishes to sell alcohol, the responsibility for acquiring the proper licence lies with them
  - Rent reviews - retain the requirement for rent reviews but the Parish Council is willing, as a compromise, for these to take place every 5 years rather than yearly
  - Rent - the rent is to be £250.00 per year and this will not be changed. Although it has been claimed that a peppercorn rent was agreed, this was never formally agreed or resolved by the Parish Council
  - Common boundaries – there is no way of telling what "common boundaries" may be acquired in the future
  - Signage – there is no objection to the Bowling Club erecting signs on the **internal** boundaries. However, they should be no larger than 1 metre tall and should adhere to any rules and regulations that govern the display of advertising etc., signs
  - Break clause – there is to be a break clause included in the lease and this protects the Bowling Club as much as the Parish Council. This view has always been held and the Parish Council will not waiver from it
  - Data protection legislation – the Parish Council is fully aware of the legislation surrounding data protection.
- e) Moat footpath: Councillor Bell reported that his application to Historic England for the connecting path, has received approval. It was agreed that Councillor Bell should approach the company that installed the first section of path, for a quotation and that he should also obtain at least 1 other quote for comparison purposes. **ACTION:** Councillor Bell to obtain quotations.
- f) Mobile speed signs: The Chairman reported that he had liaised with a Baschurch Parish Councillor about the mobile speed signs that they have purchased for their parish. It is thought that there has been an 80% reduction in speeding since the purchase of the signs. It was agreed to investigate further, although it was already agreed that solar powered models would be better than battery powered and models that gather data would be beneficial. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner's "Community Ambassador" to see if the Parish Clerk could qualify for a grant towards funding.

- g) Saracens Car Park: As the decision to pursue the purchase of the car park was resolved unanimously at a previous meeting, it was agreed to continue with the project. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to obtain information on a Public Works Loan.

#### 19/066 Community Infrastructure Levy

Parish Councillors have not yet met with Phil Wilson of Shropshire Council 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 chase.

#### 19/067 Accounts

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

£588.96	Salary, mileage and Working from Home Allowance for July and August
£20.96	Church floodlighting
£240.00	PAYE
£344.74	Streetlight electricity
£3894.00	Replacement streetlights
£8.70	Printer cartridge
£330.00	Replacement streetlight (deferred from July payments)

- b) It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the latest accounts report, and bank reconciliation prepared by the Parish Clerk, be approved.
- c) The Parish Council considered a grant application received from the Parochial Church Council, for £300.00 towards the cost of repairing the church lightning conductor. It was proposed, seconded and resolved (with 1 abstention) that the Parish Council awards a grant of £300.00 to the Parochial Church Council.

#### 19/068 Planning

Councillor Harrison reported that the Planning Sub-Committee had met on 24<sup>th</sup> of August to discuss application numbers 19/03411/FUL and 19/03410/FUL, formation of vehicular access on land east of the A49, south of Mabeldene, Hadnall. The Planning Sub-Committee had agreed to object to the applications and the Parish Clerk posted a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's Planning register.

#### 19/069 Highways and General Village Matters

- a) Car park by the moat: It was agreed that, as the Parish Council does not own the car park, it cannot assume responsibility for the control of users.
- b) Ditch by the school: Councillor Duxbury advised that he is still to contact Shropshire Council regarding this. **ACTION:** Councillor Duxbury to chase Shropshire Council as soon as possible.
- c) Upkeep of Abbots Lea (including attenuation pond): Following the agreement of the Councillors that the Parish Council should not take on the future maintenance of the pond close to the entrance of the development, the Parish Clerk had advised the developers of this decision.
- d) Siding out of pavement alongside A49: This has still not been carried out by Shropshire Council, despite their promise to do so before the start of the school autumn term. Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones advised that Ian Walshaw is now head of the Highways Section responsible. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Ian Walshaw.
- e) Footpath from Abbots Lea to Pool Road: The developers have advised that this path will be opened for use when the building work is complete.
- f) Maintenance of the Ease: A small working party had carried out some gardening work in the Ease, including pruning of the roses, weeding, and trimming of the tree. It was

agreed that the small, unmaintained garden in one corner should be added to the list being compiled under minute 19/059 above. The Chairman confirmed that he is to obtain a quotation for the replacement of a small section of fence.

- g) Village Hall bookings: The Chairman asked Councillor Duxbury if it would be possible for a website to be set up that would show the availability of the village hall to prospective users. **ACTION:** Councillor Duxbury to investigate the possibility and report back to the next meeting.
- h) Telephone box: An email regarding the future of the telephone box had been received. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to obtain usage statistics from BT and to include on the next agenda.
- i) Village fête: It was reported that the village fête held at the beginning of September had been a great success and the Parish Council wished to record its thanks to the organisers.
- j) School: Thanks were also extended to those volunteers who had been working to clean the school following the building work that took place during the summer.
- k) Hedge by the pond: It was noted that the hedge parallel to the pond had been promptly cut at the Parish Council's request. The Parish Council's gratitude to the owner was expressed.

**19/070 Correspondence**

Councillors discussed a letter sent by a parishioner regarding the same flooding/sewage issue that was discussed at the previous meeting in July. The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had, as instructed, already asked Severn Trent for details about the incident but had received no reply. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase Severn Trent for a reply and to forward the latest letter to them for their response.

**19/071 Councillors' Reports**

None presented.

**19/072 Items for Future Agenda**

Pedestrian crossing in village.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.39.

.....(CHAIRMAN) .....(DATE)

**Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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