

**KINNERLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Held Remotely by ZOOM**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Nick Barclay (Chair), Charles Green, Peter Clarke, James Peto, Mandy Chapman, Alan Lewis, Sharon Quayle, Richard Greening, Maurice Jones, Lorna Baker

**Shropshire Council:** Cllr Vince Hunt gave his apologies

**Clerk:** Ms Marian Giles

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr Lorraine Jones

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Three members of the public attended the meeting

**33.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

- a) None declared
- b) No dispensations were required for the meeting to proceed.

**34.21 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATED 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2021**

The Minutes were submitted and circulated as read. **It was RESOLVED (unanimously) that the minutes of the meeting be approved. Minutes to be subsequently signed by the Chair (once Covid 19 restrictions permit) as a correct record of that meeting.**

**35.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Cllr Barclay took the opportunity to welcome Mr Stephen Hilton who would become one of the councillors for the Argoed Ward post 6<sup>th</sup> May elections.

**36.21 REPORTS**

a) Cllr Vince Hunt was unable to attend the meeting, but had provided a short written report on relevant Shropshire Council matters which was read out in his absence by the Clerk.

b) As agreed at the March meeting, Cllr Hunt had been in touch with Inspector Claire Greenaway of the Community Policing Team to query the recent lack of response from the Team in relation to reporting to or attending Parish Council meetings. Her response outlined technical difficulties in accessing meetings and staff sickness absence problems as causes, but also referred to the new Community Charter which would assist with determining priorities for the Team.

c) The Clerk's report had been previously circulated and was taken as read. The Clerk confirmed that a detailed location map and photos of Argoed Coppice had been provided to Regulatory Services, who intended to visit the site.

### **37.21 PARISH MATTERS**

#### **a. Speed/Traffic Survey for the Parish**

Councillors discussed the procurement report provided by the Clerk. It was **AGREED** that the second location should be amended to the stretch of road before the turn in to Argoed Road (alongside the school), rather than in Argoed Road itself. In terms of timing for the survey to take place it was also **AGREED** that this should avoid school holidays – a likely date would therefore be the beginning of June. Councillors examined the 6 contractor options and **RESOLVED (unanimously) to appoint Road Data Services to undertake the survey work at a quote of £390 + VAT.**

It was further **AGREED** that a letter to businesses in Argoed Road should be drafted asking for their assistance in reminding their workforce to exercise consideration in relation to speed and unsafe driving. Cllr Quayle offered to establish the names of relevant businesses and to provide these to the Clerk.

#### **b. Local Policing and Community Charter**

Following discussion it was **AGREED** that a response to the first phase of the consultation should be drafted by the Chair and Clerk. Cllr Chapman to liaise with Clerk about possibility of using village Facebook page to poll local residents for their views.

#### **c. Condition of Rural Roads in Shropshire – Letter from Chair of Childs Ercall Parish Council**

Cllr Clarke felt that the condition of local roads was the thing that he heard most about in his role of parish councillor. Cllrs wished to support the general principle mooted by Childs Ercall Parish Council and it was therefore **AGREED** that a letter should be drafted highlighting the inequitable distribution of CIL to rural communities for road repair and improvement. Delegated to Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair.

#### **d. To Report any Additional Parish Matters**

##### **i) The Small Rural Church Trail**

Councillors considered a request from Reverend Chris Precious to provide written support for the funding bid to support the development of a 'small rural church trail' involving 5 local churches, including St Mary's in Kinnerley. The project was felt to be beneficial to the Parish and the Clerk was accordingly delegated to write an appropriate letter in support of the project as requested.

##### **ii) 1 Sandstone Cottages**

Councillors considered a request from a local resident in relation to supporting enforcement of potential planning breaches in respect of 1 Sandstone Cottages. Cllr Green had provided an analysis of the planning history of the site which was somewhat complex. It was evident from this analysis that any breaches of planning law were longstanding and therefore extremely unlikely to be enforced by Shropshire Council. Cllrs were also conscious that the owners/occupants of 1 Sandstone Cottages were unaware that the matter had been raised with the Parish Council and had not had the opportunity to respond. Councillors therefore **RESOLVED (unanimously) not to pursue the matter further.** This to be communicated to the complainant.

**e. Reports of any additional Highways Matter**

Cllr Green reported the very poor condition of roads between The Pwll, Wernlas, and the Maesbrook to Melverley Road. The Clerk confirmed that this had already been formally reported as requested.

**38.21 KINNERLEY FLOOD PROTECTION WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Green reported that the plans for the site visit set up by Owen Paterson with EA people on 13 May to walk round the argaes and sluices was now likely to involve up to 11 people. Two hours had been allocated for the meeting, which he felt was unlikely to be sufficient.

Cllr Green had asked the wider circulation of the Group for any ideas for improvements that they may have, but response had been poor.

**39.21 PLANNING**

**a) To receive details of planning applications/appeal decisions from Shropshire Council**

**21/00321/FUL – Land opposite the Hayloft, Edgerley, SY10 8EN**

Erection of stable block and formation of access

**REFUSAL**

**20/05340/FUL –Bronawel, Maesbrook, SY10 8QP**

Erection of storage building and all associated works

**PERMISSION GRANTED**

Cllr Green pointed out that there appeared to be an inconsistency on ridge heights in the revised plans for the application

**21/00467/FUL – Site of The Hollies, Dovaston, SY10 8DS**

Erection of replacement dwelling, triple garage and workshop, installation of package treatment plant, associated landscape works etc.

**REFUSAL**

The Clerk reported that the application in relation to the siting of a static caravan and associated sewage works had been withdrawn. Cllr Greening queried when the static caravan was likely to be removed, and it was agreed that the parish council should allow due process to take its course in the matter.

**20/03885/FUL – Granary Cottage, Kynaston Barn**

Amalgamation of 2 buildings

**PERMISSION GRANTED**

It was noted that this decision had not been automatically notified to the Clerk.

**b) Planning applications for decision**

**21/01924/TCA – Church of St Mary, Kinnerley**

Removal of main damaged stem of one Judas Tree within Kinnerley Conservation Area

Cllr Green had viewed the tree and felt that there might be an alternative course of action as recommended in the tree safety report ie light pruning annually to make a smaller more compact tree. Cllrs recognised the great affection in which the tree was held by local residents and the church congregation and it was therefore **AGREED** to withdraw the current application for works.

Additional expert advice would be sought on a suitable low intervention management protocol for the tree. **Cllrs therefore RESOLVED (unanimously) to commission the next Tree Safety Report with additional elements in respect of the Judas Tree, and a suitable location for the planned memorial oak tree.**

(Cllr Quayle gave her vote in support of the resolution on the understanding that any recommended work for the tree to make it safe would be carried out).

**c) To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was sent out**

None received

**d) To Consider the Neighbourhood Fund CIL Allocation for 2021**

Cllrs discussed the unexpectedly low level of NF CIL which had been allocated to the Parish in light of the completions at Willow Grove in particular. Previous years' allocations of NF CIL did not appear to fully account for the amount of funding this site should have generated. It was therefore **AGREED** that the Clerk should initially ask for an explanation from the CIL Team. If this did not provide the answers sought, then a Freedom of Information request to be pursued.

**e) Application for CIL Funding from Maesbrook Village Hall**

Cllrs considered a funding application from Maesbrook Village Hall for a new heating system as part of a wider programme of refurbishment and improvements to the energy efficiency of the building. **It was therefore RESOLVED (with one abstention) to make an award of £2953 CIL Funding for the replacement heating system as requested.**

**40.21 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**a. Receipts**

£24,450 from Shropshire Council – precept payment for 2021/2022

**b. Payments for Approval**

- i) Clerk's Salary for April 2021 – £712.76
- ii) Clerk's Expenses for April 2021– £54.89
- iii) Scottish Power – streetlights - £104.71

**c. Invoices received after the agenda has been sent out**

None received

**It was RESOLVED (unanimously) that the above payments be APPROVED for payment and bank signatories INSTRUCTED to sign cheques/authorise electronic payments where appropriate**

**41.21 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

Cllrs discussed the end of year accounts noting that expenditure was contained within budgeted levels overall, and that some areas of underspend reflected the Covid 'effect' of not having meetings in person with the associated mileage and postage costs for the Clerk.

Cllr Barclay queried one aspect of the streetlight schedule that formed part of the Fixed Asset List – this to be checked by the Clerk.

Subject to this potential amendment **it was RESOLVED (unanimously) to APPROVE the end of year accounts and the associated Asset Register.**

**42.21 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received by the Clerk was duly **NOTED.**

**43.21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next full Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm. This to be a return to meetings held in person – venue and Covid protocols to be confirmed.

Cllr Barclay concluded the meeting by recording a vote of thanks for his service to Cllr Peter Clarke who was retiring from his role after the elections.

**Meeting ended at 9.00pm**

Signed by Chair ..... Date .....

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