

Sheriffhales Parish Council
*Including the communities of Sheriffhales, Lilyhurst, Burlington, Heath Hill,
Weston Heath, Redhill and Chadwell*
Minutes of a the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Sheriffhales Village Hall
on the 8 January 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs **Peter Bonsall** (Chairman); John Horne; Mrs Janet Jones; Richard Maddocks; Neil Pulker; Gordon Tonkinson and John Webb.

In attendance: Anne Chalkley – Clerk. Shropshire Council Cllr Kevin Turley Public 12

135/14 **CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Chair announced to the meeting that there was now an empty chair and a vacancy due to the resignation of Peter Young. Peter over the 11 years as a Parish Councillor has made lots of suggestions for example, coloured seats for the playing field, benches, Christmas lights and an extra Reindeer this year. The Chair presented Peter with a gift.

Peter Young thanked the Council for their support over the 11 years of service with the Parish Council. He had received £200 in donations and spent £120 on an electrician etc towards the Christmas lights in the village. The remained will be put towards next year’s Christmas Lights. Cllr Mrs Jones will be storing the Christmas Lights on her Farm, but he will continue in displaying the Christmas Lights.

136/14 **APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies. Anne Jackson holiday

137/14 **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were no pecuniary interests.

138/14 **DISPENSATION** – There were no dispensations.

139/14 **BROADBAND** – Speaker: Ben Walker from Shropshire Council

Ben updated Sheriffhales Parish Council on the broadband in village. He reported that Sheriffhales uses the Shifnal telephone exchange and you should be able to connect to the fibre broadband if you are connected to that box. You should get speeds up to 80mps if you are close to the box and 50-70 in the village. It will take a few weeks for your internet provider to link up and the cost for the fibre broadband will also depend on your provider.

The Councillors and members of the public informed Ben that they are getting far less than 80mps, up to 10mps if they are lucky. Ben informed them that they should get far more once their provider is linked up to the fibre broadband.

Ben gave out notices of the new fibre broadband and asked the Parish Council if they would display them on their notice boards. This was agreed.

The Chair thanked Ben for coming and he left the meeting.

140/14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION** – *An opportunity for the public to speak to the Council on matters that concern the Parish.*

Amy Henson from Berries explained that this outline planning application was submitted a year ago, but withdrawn and now they feel it is the right time to submit it again. The proposed Outline Planning Application of 4 properties by the Atwell Farm. The dwellings will be modest size family homes and nothing has changed from the previous plans and is within CS5. There are good links to the village and larger towns that make this sustainable. The application will be submitted to Shropshire Council Planning Department in a few days time. The design of the dwellings will come later, but they are predicting 3 off 3 bedroom and 1 four bedroom property. They will not be affordable, but could be for first time buyers.

The Council asked if the properties could be 3 off 2 bedroom and 1 3 bedroom.

Andrew – He asked if the residents could purchase a share of the Playing Field. The Chair reported that at the last meeting a loan had been offered, and completion of the playing field would have been the 19 December. This offer is now not on the table and further developments will be explained in the agenda item of the Playing Field.

Cllr Turley reported that when he went around the houses regarding the solar farm he asked about the playing field and residents said that there had been no consultation with the residents regarding the price of the playing field and how funds were to be raised.

Cllr Tonkinson made the comment that Cllr Turley was out the night before the planning committee meeting trying to get support for the solar farm application.

Chair and members confirmed that there was a Public Meeting where residents attended and they all agreed at that meeting to purchase the playing field. The Chair reported that a resident had offered a piece of land, but it was not suitable for a Playing Field.

The Chair suggested that as soon as the two new planning applications arrive to hold an Extraordinary Meeting. After discussion the members **AGREED** to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the two new planning applications.

141/14 **MINUTES** – After amendments, the minutes dated the 13 November 2014 were signed as a true record.

142/14 **MATTERS ARISING** - *Any matters arising from the minutes*

The Clerk reported that she had miss out the item from the 13 November minutes about the large container that had been installed at the Burlington Pool Fishers at the east end of the site, but she had informed the Enforcement Officer and still waiting for a response. She will chase them up.

143/14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – There were no planning applications.

144/14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the agenda (to be notified at the meeting).

The Clerk had sent that day a planning alert for the following application:

Reference: 14/04830/FUL (validated: 07/01/2015)

Address: Proposed Residential Development SW Of Village Farm, Sheriffhales, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. dwellings; formation of vehicular access

Applicant: Mr Nick Darrall (Appartment 5, Fort Pendlestone, Telford Road, Nr Bridgnorth, Shropshire, TF11 8RD)

As no plans had been received it was **AGREED** the Clerk ask for an extension.

145/14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS** – The Council ask why this planning application was taking so long for a decision:

a) **Reference: 13/02476/FUL** - Laburnum Farm, 68 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales -
Erection of an affordable dwelling and detached garage – **Pending Decision**

b) **Reference: 14/03090/FUL** -Erection of a two-bedroom dwelling house and integral garage with ancillary development including a new access onto Damson Lane and a package treatment plant – **Pending consideration.**

c) **Reference: 14/04209/FUL** - Spring Cottage, Kings Street, Weston Heath, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RX - Siting of a static caravan to the rear of the property – **Granted Permission.**

- d) **Reference: 14/04055/PMBPA** - Marsh Farm, Marsh Lane, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8JD - Application for Prior Approval under Part3, Class MB of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 for the Change of Use from Agricultural Use to Residential. **Granted Permission.**
- e) **Reference: 14/04404/FUL** - Archery Gb, Lilleshall National Sports Centre , Lilleshall, Newport, TF10 9AT - Erection of an Archery Shelter - Lilleshall National Sports Centre (Archery GB, Lilleshall National Sports, Lilleshall, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AT) **Grant Permission.**
- f) **Reference: 14/04405/LBC** - Archery Gb, Lilleshall National Sports Centre , Lilleshall, Newport, TF10 9AT - Erection of an Archery Shelter - Lilleshall National Sports Centre (Archery GB, Lilleshall National Sports, Lilleshall, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AT) **Grant Permission.**
- g) **Reference: 14/04970/FUL** (validated: 05/11/2014)
Address: 65 Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RQ
Proposal: Erection of part single part two storey rear extension
Applicant: Mr Kit Beech. **Grant Permission.**
- h) **Reference: 14/04712/FUL** (validated: 21/11/2014)
Address: 96 Damson Lane, Weston Heath, Shifnal, TF11 8RU
Proposal: Erection of annexe outbuilding, ancillary and incidental to the existing dwelling
Applicant: Mr Rob Pemberton (96 Damson Lane, Weston Heath, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RU) – **Pending decision.**

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- a) **FINANCE** – It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the following:

Cheque No	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1012	Anne Chalkley	Salary Dec - Jan	514.66	0.00	514.66
1013	Anne Chalkley	Clerks expenses	12.25	0.00	12.25
1014	Came and Co	Insurance renewal	582.21	0.00	582.21
1015	Campaign to Protect Rural Eng.	Renewal	36.00	0.00	36.00
1016	TBA	Down payment Playing Field	10000.00	0.00	10000.00
1017	Mrs Janet Jones	Vouchers for Newsletter staff/Peter Young	85.00	0.00	85.00

- b) Reconciliation for the month of November
c) Bank Statement November
d) Receipts and Payments

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- CLERKS SALARY** – It was **AGREED** to discuss this item at the end of the meeting under ‘Confidential’.

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- COUNCIL SUPPORT GRANT** – The Clerk explained the information she had circulated to the Council informing them that Shropshire Council had decided not to give Town and Parish Council’s their Council Support Grant.

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- PRECEPT** – After discussion it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Maddocks and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Jones to increase the precept by 25% to £16,500 because of the purchase of the Playing Field, and to monitor the Council’s situation for the next precept. The vote was carried with Cllr Horne abstaining.

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- 150/14 **SHERIFFHALES PLAYING FIELD** – After discussion it was **AGREED** to inform the residents of the village via the Parish Website, notice board, local press and school magazine that the Parish Council was in the process of purchasing the Playing Field in Sheriffhales.
- The Chair reported that the Trustees would like the rent of £600 and £10,000 deposit to secure the Playing Field. Cllr Tonkinson said that as it was public money the Parish Council should not pay the £10,000 until the loan had been confirmed.
- The Chair reported that he had spoken to Peter Udale who had suggested the Parish Council pay £10,000 toward securing the playing field. After discussion it was **AGREED** not to pay the Trustees £10,000 until the loan was secured.
- After discussion it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Pulker to apply for a loan from the Secretary of State. **AGREED** by all Council members.
- It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Pulker and **SECONDED** by Cllr Webb to secure a loan with the Public Works Loan Board for £65,000 over a 30 year period at 3.5% fixed rate. Provision for repayment had been made in the precept. **AGREED** by all Council members.
- The Clerk asked if the loan could be paid by Direct Debit due to the Council meeting bi-monthly and there would be a penalty if the Council paid late. After discussion it was **AGREED** and two signatories signed the Direct Debit form in readiness.
- Cllr Maddocks left the meeting.**
- 151/14 **PLACE PLAN 2015** – After discussion it was **AGREED** to remove Shropshire Holiday Yurts’ and add under Transport and Accessibility: ‘and traffic calming’ on the Place Plan for 2015.
- 152/14 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** –
- a) Bench at Evergreens – Deferred to next meeting.
 - b) Renewal of Playing Field maintenance contract – After discussion it was **AGREED** Cllr Tonkinson put together an advert to tender for the maintenance of the Playing Field to go into Shropshire Star.
- 153/14 **PARISH COUNCIL FUNDRAISING** – It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 154/14 **V FESTIVAL 2014 UPDATE** - The Clerk reported that she had received and banked a cheque for £500 from the V Festival. Cllr Pulkner asked for a vote of thanks to Anne for her persistence.
- 155/14 **POST OFFICE/SHOP PROVISION FOR SHERIFFHALES** – No further developments.
- 156/14 **VILLAGE TRAFFICE CONCERNS/ROADWORKS** – None.
- 157/14 **REPORT FROM MOST RECENT SCHOOL GOVERNORS MEETING** – Not at this present time.
- 158/14 **DELEGATES REPORTS** – There were no reports from delegate.
- 159/14 **CORRESPONDENCE – e-mailed to Councillors since last meeting**
- a) Alert
 - b) Weekly Email News Digest – Tuesday 2 December 2014.
 - c) Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 - d) Shropshire Council Newsroom: Walk-in Centre move will bring benefits for Shropshire patients and medics
 - e) Shropshire Council Newsroom: Spot the scam, stop the scam: Age UK to benefit from items bought as part of a scam
 - f) SALC - Code of Conduct Training
 - g) Shropshire Council Newsroom: Shropshire successful in Government’s Transformation Challenge Award
 - h) Shropshire Council Newsroom: Don’t ruin your Christmas: avoid fakes
 - i) Repair and Renew Grant - Extension to Eligibility Period
 - j) Rural Service Network - Weekly Email News Digest – Monday, 8 December 2014.
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- k) Rural Broadband Hopes Fading?
- l) Rural Vulnerability Service - Fuel Poverty - December 2014
- m) Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter - December 2014/January 2015
- n) News-Walk-in Centre move will bring benefits for Shropshire patients and medics
- o) SALC - Urgent please, Re: Council Tax Support Grant
- p) Shropshire Rural Broadband - decision time on Thursday
- q) SALC December Bulletin
- r) Weekly Email News Digest - Monday, 15 December, 2014
- s) Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Transport - December 2014
- t) Rural Services Network spotlight on Small Businesses
- u) Weekly Email News Digest - Wednesday, 24 December, 2014

160/14 **CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING –**
a) 2015-16 Council Tax Precept letter

161/14 **URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –** There were no urgent items.

162/14 **Next Meeting:** 12 March 2015

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - It was **RESOLVED** To pass resolution to exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, so as to discuss the following confidential matters.

The Clerk left the room

147/14 **CLERKS SALARY –** It was **RESOLVED** to grant the ‘Cost of Living’ rise to the Clerk from the 1 January 2015.

It was **AGREED** Cllr Tonkinson is elected as Vice Chairman due to the resignation of Peter Young.

The Clerk returned to the room

Closed 10.10pm