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 Sheriffhales Village Hall
on the 12 November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllrs Peter Bonsall (Chairman); Mrs Janet Jones; Alan MacWhannell; Gordon Tonkinson and John Horne
In attendance:	Carol Binnington – Clerk, Cllr Kevin Turley - Shropshire Council, Alice Dilly – Shropshire Council, Dave Davies - Mouchell

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72/15	Chairman's Welcome and Announcements.
73/15	Apologies
7 0/ 10	Councillors: Anne Jackson, Richard Maddocks, Neil Pulker and John Webb
74/15	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests -
74/13	None
75/15	Dispensations – Dispensations received on block.
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76/15	Survey Alice Dilly of Shropshire Council Highways Department and Dave Davies of Mouchell reported on the survey of the carriageway/footpath/drainage in Sheriffhales and explained that funding is available to tackle speeding and pedestrian issues. Three options were put forward for discussion:
	 Option One New footway 1.2m wide on west side of road outside old shop. Extend kerbing at Church Lane/B4379 junction to better separate layby Dropped kerbs to form crossing points on Pinfold and the end of The Crescent Removal of centreline on B4379 and installation of edge of carriageway lines instead
	 Extend kerbing at Church Lane/B4379 junction and install pedestrian refuge to provide designated crossing point for pedestrians and traffic calming. Reduced layby length. Dropped kerbs to form crossing points on Pinfold and the end of The Crescent Extend footway at bus shelter location and dropped kerb crossing point. Option Three Extend kerbing at Church Lane/B4379 junction to better separate layby New footway 1.5m wide on west side of road outside old shop and localised carriageway widening to facilitate this. Dropped kerbs to form crossing points on Pinfold and the end of The Crescent Extend footway at bus shelter location and dropped kerb crossing point. Install pedestrian refuge to provide designated crossing point for pedestrians and traffic calming at bus shelter location and localised carriageway widening to facilitate this.

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Requests for a pedestrian crossing were not possible due to the low footfall of pedestrians crossing throughout the day when the survey was carried out. Cllr Tomkinson suggested that a 20mph speed limit should be brought in through the village. 77/15 Sheriffhales Village Hall Playing Fields Donation Pat Kind, Chairman of The Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £1000 on behalf of the Committee to support the village playing fields. Counciliors Horne and Tonkinson proposed a vote of thanks to The Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee on behalf of the Parish Council for their support. 78/15 Parish Plan Deferred to next meeting. 79/15 Public Participation Session Concerns were raised regarding Crackley Bank junction and that money had been set aside for part-time traffic lights at the busy junction to alleviate traffic problems. Councillor Horne has spoken to the owners of Village Farm, who want to be included in future discussions as access to the farm is limited. Andrew Gough commented on the letter to the Secretary of State in connection with the Solar Farm. He said that the letter contained inaccuracies and requested an apology. He suggested that a notice is put in the Parish Magazine to say where the money from the Solar Farm is to be spent. Councillor Jones reported problems with traffic to the Solar Farm not adhering to the working agreement of 8am – 6pm for access to the site. Martin Jenkins of Biosight and Stephanos Lialous, Site Manager for Lightsource were present at the meeting and updated that there are two contractors on site who were having deliveries to the site from Bulgaria and Greece. Problems were highlighted that contractors were using Abbey Road for access which is unsuitable and that more signage should be put in place to avoid this happening. Martin Jenkins and Stephanos Lialous agreed to work with the council to tackle problems. Clir Bonsall asked that a method statement be provided. 80/15 Minutes and Matters Arising The Council RES		
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	Reference: 15/04300/TCA Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Sheriffhales, Shropshire TF11 8RD Proposal: To crown reduce 1 walnut tree up to 2 metres and crown reduce 1 sycamore tree to 2 metres within the Sheriffhales Conservation Area. Applicant: Mr Pulker Already approved by Shropshire Council.
	Reference: 15/04349/FUL Address: The Manor, Sheriffhales, Shropshire TF11 8QY Proposal: Conversion of existing garage into ancillary accommodation; replace flat roof over garage with a new tiled pitched roof; elevational alterations; formation of a terraced area. Applicant: Mr K Parkinson-Witte Decision: No Objections
	Reference: 15/04035/FUL Address: Chadwell Court, Chadwell, Newport, Shropshire Proposal: Conversion of redundant farm barns to form 3 no. Dwellings with associated garden space: installation of septic tank. Applicant: Wilfred Maddocks Ltd Decision: No Objections
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82/15	Planning Applications To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the agenda (to be notified at the meeting). Reference: 15/04616/FUL Address: Land South West of Chadwell Park Farm, Chadwell, Newport, Shropshire Proposal: Erection of agricultural building and associated earthworks and landscaping.
	Applicant: PCM (Produce) UK Ltd Decision: No Objections – with the proviso that the application meets all legislation.
83/15	Planning Application Decisions
	 a) Reference: 13/02476/FUL - Laburnum Farm, 68 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales - Erection of an affordable dwelling and detached garage – Awaiting decision. b) Reference: 15/03290/FUL - Pear Tree Farm, Kings Street, Weston Heath, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RX - Erection of a single storey front extension. – Permission Granted.
	c) Reference 15/02739/FUL - Peaton House, Burlington Court, Burlington, Sheriffhales, TF11 8BW - Erection of single storey glazed extension linked to two storey garage extension with first floor living accommodation – Withdrawn.
84/15	Solar Farm a) Letter from Department of Communities and Local Government – Any comments from Council. Councillor Horne declared an interest as he is related to Kevin Turley. He commented that he felt the letter was unjustified as the Parish Council had no input in the decision. Councillor Jones expressed a wish to draw a line under the whole debate as the development was already underway.

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	b) Solar Farm Community Benefits Cllr Bonsall read the Deed of Benefit to all present and discussed the benefits to the community. He pointed out that the document had been sent to his personal address whilst the new Clerk was appointed but asked that Sheriffhales Village Hall be the registered address for the Deed.of Benefit.
85/15	Finance – It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the following: a) Cheque payments b) Cheque payments after the agenda had been sent out. c) Reconciliation and Bank Statements for the month of Sept 2015. d) Receipts and payments for the month of Sept 2015.
86/15	Precept for Financial Year 2016- 2017 – After discussion and reviewing the budget it was RESOLVED for the precept to be set at £16,500. for financial year 2016-17.
87/15	Sheriffhales Playing Field a) Cutting of the hedge b) Access into the playing field c) Field in Trust – Protected Fields Non-Charitable Deed of Dedication To be deferred to next meeting.
88/15	Meeting Dates for 2016 RESOLVED that the Council approved the meeting dates for 2016
89/15	Post Office/Shop Provision for Sheriffhales No update.
90/15	Village Concerns Hugh Jackson raised concerns that the cherry tree at the Lane End Farm Juntion of the A4379 needed to be cut back as it is overgrown. Councillor Horne updated that he had spoken to May Harris of Village Farm at Crackley Bank Junction who are opposed to traffic lights at the junction as it will limit access to the farm for farm equipment. The Clerk was tasked with arranging a meeting of the Chairman/Clerk of Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC to discuss the Crackley Bank issue.
91/15	Report from most recent School Govenors Meeting No meeting to report but Councillor Bonsall updated that the Head Teacher will be leaving in December and that Mrs Hanson will become Acting Head Teacher.
92/15	Delegates Reports – Councillors Jones and MacWhannell reported that they attended the Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC meeting. The meeting was well attended with good feedback.
93/15	New Website The Clerk is looking into options for a new website and asked for permission to attend a SALC training session at the end of November on the Transparency Code, which will give ideas for funding streams to help small councils to create a website.
94/15	Correspondence A thank you card was received from the former Clerk Anne Chalkley.
	Notice of Transparency Code training from SALC at the end of November . RESOLVED that the Council agreed for the Clerk to attend the SALC Transparency Code training session in Shrewsbury.

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95/15	Urgent Items Not on the Agenda It was reported that the lights are not working outside Village Hall - Clerk to speak to Pat Kind.
	Councillor Bonsall had received an email from Councillor Jackson to resign and he requested clarification on the procedure to resign from office of Councillor.
	The Chair invited Hugh Jackson to give a presentation on proposals for a toilet facility at the playing fields to allow greater access by the school and other user groups.
96/15	Date of Next Meeting 14 January 2016 at 7.30pm in Sheriffhales Village Hall

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