

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 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllrs: Peter Bonsall (Chairman); Mrs Janet Jones; Alan MacWhannell; Richard Maddocks, Neil Pulker, Gordon Tonkinson and John Webb.
In attendance:	Carol Binnington – Clerk, Cllr Kevin Turley - Shropshire Council Shropshire

104/15	Chairman's Welcome and Announcements.
	The Chairman welcomed all present.
105/15	Apologies
	Councillors: Anne Jackson, John Horne
106/15	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
	Item 112 (d) – Councillor Pulker declared that he is the owner of the property. Item 112 (f + g) – Councillor Maddocks declared that he is the owner of the property.
107/15	Dispensations
	None
108/15	Public Participation
	<p>Peter Young gave an update on donations received from the church Christmas decorations.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Peter Young on behalf of the Parish Council for organising the decorations and the continued success following his hard work.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by residents regarding road safety in the village and Peter White reiterated the need for a road mirror at the top of Church Lane.</p> <p>Ian Hodgett said there was never any plans to use the layby at Halescourt as there is nowhere for residents at the four properties to park or their guests to park.</p> <p>Hedge cutting needs to be done annually, although it can't be cut from the end of February – August by law.</p>
109/15	Minutes and Matters Arising
	<p>It was RESOLVED that the Council approve and sign the minute of the meeting dated 12th November 2016. With an amendment as follows:</p> <p>Councillor Webb raised an issue that his comments emailed to the Clerk were not included in the previous meeting. They are as follows:-</p> <p>Firstly, that the hedge adjoining the north-eastern corner of the new junction at Burlington has not been cut back, as was agreed by Ms Dilly and the contractor, Mouchel in the presence of both himself and Cllr Tonkinson at the outset of discussions. Subsequently, with the view-point for emerging from the junction to turn right towards Telford now some metres to the left, the hedge blocks the view westwards from a point far too close for comfort given that cars are approaching at 60 mph. As a result, drivers have to edge forward over the white line to get a clear line of sight. His understanding was that Alice was aware of this matter, and was going to ask Mouchel for an update; He had been hoping for an answer at November's meeting.</p> <p>The second matter raised by Councillor Webb concerns a proposed one-way circulatory system around Nanny Murphy's Lane, Lizard Lane and Watling Street at Burlington, which was originally raised some time ago - possibly summer 2013 - after a serious accident at the junction. This matter is complicated by the fact that the roads concerned fall within Shifnal's boundary. Again, item 55/15 discusses the need to meet with Shifnal, who were</p>

	<p>made aware of the issue some months ago, but Councillor Webb was hoping that Ms Dilly might be questioned on the matter.</p> <p>10th Sept 2015 55/15 MATTERS ARISING – Cllr Webb asked the Clerk to send another reminder to Alice Dilly of Highways to cut the hedge at the Burlington Junction. Cllr Webb also requested that the Parish Council meet with Shifnal Council with regards the Burlington Junction and Crackley Bank problems. It was AGREED for Cllr Bonsall to contact Shifnal Council to arrange a meeting for both of the councils and discuss the road layout.</p>
110/15	Planning Applications Received
	<p>15/05310/FUL (Validated 14/12/2015) Address: Amberleigh Care Ltd, The Oaks, Redhill, Shifnal, Sheriffhales. Proposal: Erection of a new education block to include 3 new classrooms and school hall for existing residential care and education facility. Applicant: Mr Stuart Lawless</p> <p>Councillors discussed the application and had concerns at how much larger the facility would be and whether The Oaks would be accepting more pupils. Councillor Tonkinson highlighted that there have been previous problems with sewage spilling on to neighbouring land.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Tonkinson, Seconded by Councillor Jones RESOLVED that the Council agreed to support planning application 15/05310/FUL subject to the disposal of waste being addressed by Building Control.</p>
111/15	Planning Applications
	There were no other planning applications received after the issue of the agenda.
112/15	Planning Application Decisions
	<p>a) Reference: 13/02476/FUL - Laburnum Farm, 68 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales - Erection of an affordable dwelling and detached garage – Awaiting decision.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) Reference: 15/03713/FUL - Sherwood House, Church Lane, Sheriffhales - Renovation and extension to include: replacement of existing defective flat roof covering over garage and side porch with hipped roof; re-cladding and remodelling of front elevation with new entrance porch and lounge bay window; – Permission granted.</p> <p>d) Reference: 15/04300/TCA - Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Sheriffhales To crown reduce 1 walnut tree up to 2 metres and crown reduce 1 sycamore tree to 2 metres within the Sheriffhales Conservation Area. – No objection.</p> <p>e) Reference: 15/04349/FUL The Manor, Sheriffhales, Shropshire TF11 8QY 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.- Permission granted.</p> <p>f) Reference: 15/04035/FUL-Chadwell Court, Chadwell, Newport, Shropshire Conversion of redundant farm barns to form 3 no. Dwellings with associated garden space: installation of septic tank. – Permission granted.</p> <p>g) Reference: 15/04496/LBC - Chadwell Court, Chadwell, Newport, Shropshire Conversion of redundant farm barns to form 3 no. Dwellings with associated garden space. - .Registered</p>
113/15	Solar Farm
	<p>a) <u>Deed of Benefit</u> The Clerk updated that the Deed of Benefit for the solar farm was signed on 12th December 2015 by Councillor Bonsall and witnessed by the Clerk, then returned to Lightsource.</p>

	<p>b) <u>Solar Farm payment</u> The first payment from Lightsource is due on Friday 15th January 2016 and the Clerk has liaised with Josh Mellor of Lightsource regarding payment details. The Clerk is able to report that a payment of £15,000 was received on 2nd February 2016. Councillor Bonsall reported that the Phase 2 payment should be available by 30th June 2016.</p>
114/15	Consultation update Road Safety
	<p>The Clerk updated on the Road Safety Consultation which took place on 12th December 2015, following options put forward by Alice Dilly (Shropshire Council, Highways Department). She had also liaised with Sheriffhales Primary School whose pupils completed a road safety project for their village which was forwarded to the Clerk by the school.</p> <p>Councillor MacWhannell reported that although it was a hastily arranged consultation, it was a very positive experience and 29 people attended. Not everyone who attended commented or chose an option. A breakdown of results of the consultation was tabled (document attached). Councillor MacWhannell read out an email he had received from Alice Dilly clarifying that Shropshire Council are awaiting the decision of the Parish Council in order to move forward and implement recommendations for road safety in the village.</p> <p>Speeding is the biggest issue and residents in Halescourt were very concerned if the layby was removed.</p> <p>Councillor MacWhannell thanked Councillor Turley for liaising with residents and suggesting a fourth option to those proposed by Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Councillor Tonkinson said that he doesn't agree with any of the options put forward and had contacted the Police Commissioner in December to raise concerns. He said that a 20mph speed limit should be imposed and that the Police will enforce the speed limit as any other speed limit, with the use of a camera van. A pedestrian crossing is necessary for the safety of all residents in the village from the young to the elderly and that a 20mph speed limit should be imposed. Councillor Tonkinson said that the council need to come up with a strategy, but the process should start outside the centre of the village, from Attwell Drive to the North, to a distance south of Church Lane.</p> <p>Council Pulker added that it is necessary to make the village unattractive to drivers as a shortcut and that the Parish Council have funding from the Solar Farm to support this.</p> <p>Resident Phillip Green raised concerns that having just moved into the village in December he missed the consultation, but his daughter attends Sheriffhales Primary School and it is dangerous for her to cross the road to get to and from school.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Tonkinson, Seconded by Councillor MacWhannell RESOLVED that the Council agreed to support a 20mph speed limit to through the village:</p> <p>Councillors tasked the Clerk to go back to Alice Dilly to update that following the consultation option 4 was the preferred option, but other considerations were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for a pedestrian crossing - Issue with the loss of the layby - Need for a 20mph speed limit through the village <p>Further issues were raised by councillors as follows:</p> <p>Councillor Maddocks reported that an underground drain has collapsed at the end of Chatwell Lane. Councillor Tonkinson further reported large holes in the lane which required repair.</p> <p>Councillor Jones confirmed that she knew of 4 people who have had tyres blown out on the A5 due to holes in the road which have not been filled in completely.</p>
115/15	Finance
	Deferred to next meeting.

116/15	Sheriffhales Playing Field
	<p>a) Cutting of the hedge – Clerk to contact Peter Young if hedge can be cut back before the end of February, including section up to the entrance.</p> <p>b) Access into the playing field – Have access rights but unable to own access (closed)</p> <p>c) Field in Trust – Protected Fields Non-Charitable Deed of Dedication. Clerk to contact them and ask what is required next in order to proceed.</p>
117/15	A + E Facilities in Telford
	<p>Councillor Pulker raised the issue of whether Sheriffhales Parish Council should be involved in lobbying for A&E facilities to be retained at Telford. A discussion took place and it agreed that Councillors MacWhannell and Pulker to look at way forward.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor MacWhannell, Seconded by Councillor Webb RESOLVED that the Council agreed the Parish Council should lobby for A & E to remain in Telford and register its interest with NHS Future Fit to take part in the future consultation.</p>
118/15	Village Concerns
	<p>Lark Rise Councillor Pulker reported on the need for low cost housing in Sheriffhales. Councillor Webb said that whilst it has not been confirmed Shropshire Council could potentially be looking at selling a piece of land at Lark Rise to a developer and Councillor Tonkinson to follow up before next meeting.</p>
	<p>How can the Council help stimulate local employment? Councillor Pulker asked how the Parish Council can support local employment. Councillor Tonkinson suggested that the Parish Council look at what is already in the parish and it was agreed to review and put into our local plan.</p>
119/15	Report from most recent School Governors Meeting
	<p>Councillor MacWhannell was concerned that there has been no appointment of a Head Teacher for the primary school. Councillor Tonkinson responded that Mrs Hanson, who is an experienced teacher and qualified schools inspector has been appointed as acting Head Teacher and the reason no one was appointed is that most teachers normally remain in post until the end of the summer term.</p>
120/15	Delegates Reports
	Nothing to report.
121/15	New Website
	Deferred until next meeting.
122/15	Grants
	<p>Grant request from Crucial Crew for funding for a summer activity.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Tonkinson, Seconded by Councillor Jones. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to grant £100 to Crucial Crew to support their work in line with previous years.</p>
123/15	Correspondence
	None.
124/15	Urgent Items Not on the Agenda
	<p><u>New Parish Clerk</u> Recruitment of a new Clerk to take place following the resignation of Carol Binnington, with the recruitment process to be delegated to Councillor Pulker with the support of the current Clerk. Interviews to be arranged with Councillors Bonsall, Jones and Pulker, who will form the interview panel.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Pulker, Seconded by Councillor Webb</p>

	RESOLVED that the Council agreed to develop the Parish Plan which will be community lead. Councillor MacWhannel to lead on the plan supported by Councillors Webb and Pulker .
125/15	Date of Next Meeting
	10 th March 2016 at 7.30pm in Sheriffhales Village Hall