

Sheriffhales Parish Council

*Including the communities of Sheriffhales, Lilyhurst, Burlington, Heath Hill,
Weston Heath, Redhill and Chadwell*

Minutes of a the Extra-ordinary Planning Parish Council Meeting
held in Beasley Room, St.Mary's Church, Sheriffhales
on the 22nd November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllrs: Mr P Bonsall (Chairman); Mrs Janet Jones; Mr A MacWhannell; Mr R Maddocks; Mr N Pulker; Mr Gordon Tonkinson, Mr J Webb
In attendance:	Joanne Fellows – Clerk,

01/NOV/16 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr P Bonsall welcomed all present.

02/NOV/16 APOLOGIES

J Horne – work commitment

A Jackson – illness

The following councillor did not present apologies – Dr A MacWhannell

03/NOV/16 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

04/NOV/16 DISPENSATION

There were no dispensations.

05/NOV/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public in attendance.

06/NOV/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

Reference	Applicant	Address	Description
16/05069/FUL	J Fellows	Sheriffhales Village Hall, Shropshire. TF11 8RA	Erection of bar/meeting room extension and lean- to store extension
DECISION No objections, subject to verification of applicant details being sought. ACTION Cllr P Bonsall will seek clarification with Mr P Kind (Chairman for Village hall committee) as to why application has been submitted in the name of the parish clerk and not under village hall committee.			

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the cheque payments.

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
001144	Royal Mail – PO Box	312.00
001145	Shifnal Royal British Legion	20.00

- b) **CPRE Subscription.**

The Clerk has received notice for renewal of subscription, amount £36. Cllr G Tonkinson confirmed that the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) do a lot to protect the countryside and that it is a worthwhile cause. It was **RESOLVED** to approve and raise a cheque to renew subscription.

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
001146	CPRE subscription	36.00

Both Brian Brown and Peter Young do a lot of work in the community keeping the village tidy, sweeping up, etc of which he does voluntarily, Cllr N Pulker **PROPOSED** that the parish council purchase a £25 book token each as a gesture of our gratitude for their work, Cllr P Bonsall **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**.

08/NOV/16 **PRECEPT / SPENDING PLAN REVIEW**

Three elements were considered at meeting

- Reserves held 2016/17
- Loan
- Precept 2017/18

Cllr J Webb stated that appreciating the fact that the Lightsource funds could not be efficiently and effectively used to pay down the loan, and thereby reduce the precept, the parish council should investigate and debate other methods of distribution to the parish as a whole on a pro rata basis. The whole of the community should benefit from decisions made with regards to reserves and the precept going forward.

Cllr G Tonkinson raised his concern that in the future increases in parish council precepts will most likely be capped and this should be taken into consideration.

There are no current plans for the post office / shop so it was **AGREED** that should it arise in the future consideration will be given at the time and not to ear-mark any reserve.

Road safety still remains to be an issue but Shropshire County Council have confirmed there would be no funding available to introduce a 20mph within the village. Therefore if project is to be pursued it would have to be self-funded. Initial estimate costing provided by the Shropshire Highways team indicates such a project could cost in the region of £100 thousand pounds. It was **AGREED** that other sources of funding would be investigated such as the SaCREC solar committee fund. There would be a need for independent quotes to get a true

costing.

Cllr P Bonsall updated the councillors with regards to discussions held regarding the Solar Committee and their funding source. The community element of Lightsource is being sold onto Mongoose Energy and is currently under the process of due diligence. Cllr P Bonsall spoke with the CEO of Mongoose Energy last week and there is a question over the level of funding SaCREC are allocated, it could be in the region of £10,000 rather than £23,000 as agreed. Further correspondence is taking place and any out-come will be communicated back as soon as updates are known. In the meantime Cllr P Bonsall has spoken with Richard Fortune from Shropshire planning to ascertain if there is any scope to reconsider planning with regards to the community benefit element and it was confirmed there could be.

The loan for the playing field is for 30 year period at a rate of 2.85% per annum. It was **AGREED** that this would be left intact whilst other projects are undertaken.

The parish council have received a total of £24,520.92 from Lightsource. £5,000 has been agreed as a donation toward the village hall extension. The AED £2,500 could also be funded from this source, leaving circa £17,000 to be allocated from this source of funding.

There was a lengthy discussion over what funds should be ear-marked and what the precept should be for 2017/18. Richard Maddocks **PROPOSED** that the 2017/18 precept is set at £15,000 which will benefit the whole community. The projects should be ear-marked as follows with flexibility to vire money between projects as deemed necessary.

Playing equipment refresh	£ 3,500.00
Improvement to church access	£ 2,500.00
Improvement to playing field facilities	£ 16,000.00
Donation to village hall extension	£ 5,000.00
AED	£ 2,500.00

Cllr Janet Jones **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**.

ACTION the clerk will update finance spreadsheet with proposed figures and send them to councillors.

09/NOV/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 12th January, 2017 at 7.30PM, Sherifffhales Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8:25PM