

MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 14th JANUARY 2021

Present: Councillors: Dr A MacWhannell (Chairman); N Edwards (Vice Chairman); N Pulker; G Tonkinson; K Turley and A Edwards.

In attendance Clerk to the Council – Miss Jennifer Cree.

1/21. To receive apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Councillors J Horne and Miss S Barratt due to previous commitments.

These apologies were noted and accepted.

2/21. To receive members declaration of Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest

3/21. To agree the previously circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th December 2020.

It was proposed by Councillor _____, seconded by Councillor _____ that these minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of both meetings.

4/21. Public participation for a maximum of 15 mins for members of the public to address the Council for 3 minutes each in relation to an agenda item.

5/21. To discuss and comment on any Planning Applications received / outstanding

SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL

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

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21st December 2020

Southern Planning Team
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury

Dear Mr Evans

Planning App 20/05097/VAR

You may be aware that both Sheriffhales Parish Council (SPC) and a significant number of local residents raised objections to the planning applications made in respect of Woodcote Quarry in 2018. Many of the concerns related to Highway safety matters, environmental impact and disturbance and the potential negative impact on surrounding communities and environments.

Despite these objections SC granted planning approval and in addition applied a series of conditions and legally binding obligations. In addition, the applicant gave various commitments in respect to the planning application. Following the granting of planning permission SPC have sought on numerous occasions clarification from the case officer, Grahame French , as to what precisely were the conditions , and/ or legally binding obligations applied to the planning consent granted by SC , and equally what were the commitments made by the applicant as part of obtaining planning approval, in both cases specifically in respect of Highway Safety and operation and Traffic Management .

SPC also sought confirmation from the Case Officer that these conditions, legally binding obligations and applicant commitments had been met . Unfortunately we have never received a straight forward response that clarifies the position on either of these substantive matters.

Consequently, in considering this new application which represents a 60 % growth in potential output from the Quarry SPC would like to again request the information set out above relating to the 2018 application. Clearly the SPC does not have routine access to specialist planning advice so it would be helpful if the information requested could be set out in a straightforward manner. In very simple terms what did SC require the applicants to do in respect to Highway Safety and Traffic Management issues, have they delivered these requirements satisfactorily if not what is outstanding and how are SC addressing any outstanding issues and similarly for the commitments made by the applicants.

SPC would appreciate a prompt response on this issue so we can have regard to this information as part of considering the new application. In particular, we will be considering this matter at our meeting on 14/01/2021 so a reply prior to the Xmas break would be helpful

We look forward to your assistance on this matter and to the receipt of the requested information ASAP

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Neal
Clerk to the Council

From: Graham French <graham.french@shropshire.gov.uk>
Date: 13 January 2021 at 16:05:33 GMT
To: Jenny Cree <clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk>
Cc: Richard Fortune <richard.fortune@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: 20/05097/VAR & 20/05098/VAR - Woodcote Wood planning applications

Dear Jenny,

As the case officer for the above applications I am happy to agree an extension of time to Friday 15th January for the Parish Council's consultation response.

Regards

Grahame

6/21. To receive an update on Manor Farm applications

From: Richard Fortune <richard.fortune@shropshire.gov.uk>
Date: 13 January 2021 at 16:42:05 GMT
To: Jenny Cree <clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk>
Subject: RE: Letter re Manor Farm Barnes planning application 20/00820/FUL; 20/00821/OUT; 20/00822/FUL

Hi Jenny,

All the confidential papers and documents are now with the Independent valuer who is reviewing the viability assessment information.

Just prior to the Christmas break I corresponded with the agent on the additional information requested over the period since May 2020 which has not yet been submitted. He responded that the information would be prepared and submitted in early January. This information has not arrived yet and I will send another reminder.

Regards
Richard

Richard Fortune
Principal Planner

From: Richard Fortune <richard.fortune@shropshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 December 2020 12:12
To: Jenny Cree <clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk>
Subject: RE: Re: Letter re Manor Farm Barnes planning application 20/00820/FUL; 20/00821/OUT; 20/00822/FUL

Hi Jenny,

I would not be able to allow a consultation period for as long as 90 days on revised details associated with the application. I hope to establish with the agent shortly what further information, if any, they propose to submit before sending out the re-consultation. Even if that cannot be done until early in the New Year I will have to work on the assumption that the applications may make the 16th February 2021 South Planning Committee meeting agenda.

Regards
Richard

Richard Fortune
Principal Planner
01743 258779

7/21. To receive an update on Enforcement cases

From: Julian Beeston <julian.beeston@shropshire.gov.uk>
Date: 15 December 2020 at 11:53:08 GMT
To: "clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk" <clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk>
Cc: Ian Kilby <ian.kilby@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: 20/07367/enf

Dear Jenny,

Thanks for your email to Ian Kilby regarding the above. The site address for the wall is 91 Weston Heath, please see the email sent to the Parish Council dated 25th November identifying the outcome to the investigation which I've attached. If you require any further information please contact me.

Regards,

Julian

Julian Beeston
Planning Enforcement Specialist

From: Julian Beeston <julian.beeston@shropshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 November 2020 13:55
To: clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk
Cc: Planning Enforcement <PlanningEnforcement@Shropshire.gov.uk>;
alan.macwhannell@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk
Subject: RE: [CAUTION] FW: 20/07367/enf - Wall at 91 Weston Heath

Hello Jenny,

Thanks for your email. I've discussed the site with colleagues from the highways team and they've looked into any particular impacts of the wall on the existing highway. Highways colleagues have identified there is a defined verge area between the face of the new wall to the edge of the macadamed surface and Highways colleagues are satisfied the wall does not encroach onto the public highway. Highways colleagues have confirmed the running surface of the carriageway hasn't been reduced by the presence of the wall and the use of the highway should not be affected with the introduction of the wall so this would identify there is no significant impact on the use of the highway arising from the development. If it transpires the wall causes increased flooding in the immediate area, the highways team would make further assessment.

In planning terms the wall technically requires planning permission because it exceeds 1 metre in height (permitted development). The owner has advised he erected the wall because of severe flooding issues at his property in the last year. The highways team have confirmed the road and adjacent offenders property is subject to flooding from the adjacent field.

The wall is utilitarian in appearance and more visually prominent than a conventional boundary wall mainly due to the nature of the construction. The appearance is out of character with the adjacent dwelling and the wider rural context, however the flooding issues have dictated the nature of the construction to a degree. It is identified the owner has undertaken some planting to the public facing side of the wall providing some natural screening which over time will mitigate the visual harm when it has established.

The fall back position is the owner could erect a wall using the same materials and construction up to 1 metre in height and in planning terms the Council would not have any control because it would benefit from permitted rights. It is not considered the additional height over and above permitted development rights causes significant harm to justify enforcement action on its own. There is limited visual harm but also benefits which in this instance outweigh the harm and it wouldn't be expedient to pursue formal enforcement action at this time. The officers recommendation for the case to be closed has been agreed with no further action. The unauthorised development will potentially affect any future sale of the property where the correct planning permission is not in place.

With thanks,

Julian

Julian Beeston
Planning Enforcement Specialist
Development Management
Shropshire Council

8/21. Update on compliance with the safety audits on the traffic calming scheme and Crackley Bank traffic lights scheme

9/21. Update on action to address speeding through the village and use of the B4379 by unauthorised quarry and HGV traffic

10/21. To discuss correspondence received relating to the Census (appendix 6)

The Clerk attended the Census information meeting and circulated to all members the paperwork.

The census is not been altered due to Covid, and will go ahead on the planned date. The timetable of events is in the papers circulated.

Shropshire Council are employing 200 additional staff to deal with the Census and opening helplines to assist those that need help with completing the Census. It is expected most people to complete Census online, however, for that portion of the Community that cannot do this, they can request a paper copy of the form, go to a main service library for a set amount of weeks to help people complete this online.

From: Dianne Dorrell <dianne.dorrell@shropshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 December 2020 16:28

Subject: Census 2021

To Clerks, South Shropshire and Bridgnorth & Shifnal,

Further to the email below and further emails relating to the dates and links, we now have dates for the Bridgnorth & Shifnal and South Shropshire areas as below. If you would make a note in your diaries please, Zoom links will be sent out early in January.

Bridgnorth & Shifnal: 1.30 on Wednesday 13 January
South Shropshire: 2pm on Thursday 14 January.

Many thanks
Dianne

11/21. To discuss issues relating to access on PROW within the Parish (appendix 7)

12/21. To discuss and agree any actions relating to the playing field update (ROSPA, Orchard and benches inc. oak benches)(appendix 8)

13/21, To discuss the flooding within the Parish (Appendix 9)

From: Nuria Smith <nuria.smith@shropshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 December 2020 15:13
To: clerk@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk
Cc: Andy Begley <Andy.Begley@shropshire.gov.uk>; Mark Barrow <Mark.Barrow@shropshire.gov.uk>; Jo Hardie <jo.hardie@shropshire.gov.uk>; Alison Stack <alison.stack@shropshire.gov.uk>; Kevin Turley <Kevin.Turley@shropshire.gov.uk>; alan.macwhannell@sheriffhalesparishcouncil.uk; Steve Smith <Steve.Smith@shropshire.gov.uk>; Andy Wilde <andy.wilde@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Flooding Kettlemore Lane

Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your email to our Chief Executive, Andy Begley. Andy forwarded this matter to Steve Smith, Assistant Director – Infrastructure for his urgent awareness and attention.

I can confirm that a jetter is attending the location this afternoon with the intention of resolving the flooding issue at this location. Unfortunately I may not receive a status update to confirm all is well before I log off today but if there are any outstanding issues following the jetting these will be followed up by the team early next week.

Thank you for taking the time to contact us, I hope this reassures.

Kindest Regards

Nuria

Nuria Smith

PA to Assistant Director – Infrastructure (Steve Smith)

PA cover (weekly on Fridays & holiday cover) to Director of Workforce & Transformation

14/21. To receive the accounts for payment (Appendix 10)

28/11/2020	208.00	1447	Neat n Tidy
28/11/2020	77.00	1448	RBL
28/11/2020	180.00	1449	G Rubini garden services
21/12/2020	4549.20	1450	Marmax
01/01/2021	399.14	1451	J Neal
01/01/2021	99.80	1452	Inland Revenue

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15/21. To receive the accounts up to 30th November 2020 (appendix 11)

SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL		
BANK RECONCILIATION		
2020/21		
		Date 31/03/2020
Accounts	£	£
Opening Balance Treasurer as at 01/04/20		45,175.14
Business account		3,545.31
Unpresented cheques		- 1,037.96
		<u>-</u>
		<u>47,682.49</u>
Receipts 2020/21	16,898.84	
Payments 2020/21	<u>14,913.13</u>	
		<u>1,985.71</u>
		<u>49,668.20</u>
Treasurers Account		51,744.31
Business Account		3,546.12
Unpresented cheques		- 5,622.23
<u>Unpresented receipts</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>49,668.20</u>

Balance date: 01/12/2020

Signed:.....Date:.....

Chairman

Prepared by J Neal, Parish Clerk/RFO

Unpresented cheques

20/08/2020	1419	127.99	
14/09/2020	1427	3000.00	
14/09/2020	1426	127.99	
20/10/2020	1432	127.99	
29/10/2020	1439	500.00	
19/11/2020	1440	300.00	
26/12/2020	1441	99.80	
26/12/2020	1442	399.14	
23/11/2020	1444	449.89	
23/11/2020	1445	127.99	
28/11/2020	1446	96.00	
02/11/2020	dd	8.44	
28/11/2020	1448	77.00	
28/11/2020	1449	180.00	
		5622.23	

16/21. EMG Grant application for 2021/22

Action: All members - It was agreed to bring forward ideas for this grant (possibly tying this in with PROW works if required) to the next meeting, deadline for applications the end of January.

17/21. To discuss any actions relating to the current Covid restrictions

18/21. Items for Future agendas

19/21. Date of Next meeting

11TH February 2021

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 14th January 2021