MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH JULY 2022 AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL

Present Councillors: Mr J Horne (Chairman), Mr D Himsworth (Vice Chairman), Mr A Edwards Mr G Tonkinson, Mrs A Robinson, Mr N Pulker.

In attendance Clerk to the Council – Miss Jennifer Cree, PC Frank Bridgewater, Mr P Bonsall.

58/22. Apologies for Absence.

Unitary Councillor K Turley sent his apologies for the meeting.

59/22. Declaration of Councillors’ Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Mr N Pulker declared a pecuniary interest in the Sheriffhales Solar Farm. Cllr Mrs A Robinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to all of the Planning Applications in item 63/22.

60/22. To receive for confirmation and adoption and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on the above date, was agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Mr N Pulker proposed and Mrs A Robinson seconded the proposal to accept the minutes and on a vote these were carried with 1 abstention.

61/22. Public Participation. (brief presentation from Peter Bonsall re the Solar Farm).

Standing orders were raised to enable members of the public to speak.

PC Frank Bridgewater introduced himself as the Co-Ordinator for the Smart-water project. He reported that the difficulties with the project are that to get the signage, which is to be erected in the Parish, we need 70% of the kits to be registered. The Council purchased 280 kits (with 25% funded from the PCC), to date 104 have been registered which is 37%, but we need to have registered a further 92 kits. He had explained on several occasions to the Clerk, (which she passed to members) stating that all kits should be registered before being issued to the households. It was noted that these kits were part funded by the PCC.

He asked the council how we can recover what has happened in this situation? He has a list of all the kits that are registered, if members can get a list of those not registered with the contact details these can be registered.

Members asked what can we do to get to the required number? The kits that have been provided to you, the Councillors can go to peoples homes and ask for their details and the smart water so they can be registered. He and his colleague are very happy to come and assist the council on this matter.

It was agreed to put something again in the Parish Newsletter, from PC Frank Bridgewater asking for members of the public to register their kits either through the Council or directly onto the Smart-water website.

Several members agreed to go around the area to remind them of the scheme giving out a leaflet including how Smart-water reduces crime in the area with the crime reduction statistics, which are by having Smart-water in a Parish the crime reduces by 23%.

It could also be shared on the WhatsApp for Sheriffhales, to ask members to come forward for us to register the packs or register the packs themselves.

This is used for Tyre company’s, they tag the tyre’s with Smart-water so if they get dumped in the lanes, they can identify where they come from.

He also informed members of Neighbourhood Matters – this could be shared with members of the public as if anything happens in the area, its shared with the group.

Cllr Mr N Pulker reported in the absence of Peter Bonsall, that SACREC have raised most of the money from Investment Banks that they require and additional final funding required is to be raised through selling bonds. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Standing orders were reinstated.

62/22. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr K Turley as he is recovering from Covid.

63/22. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

**New Applications**

22/02413/FUL Sutherland Barn, Burlington Court, Burlington  
Installation of a log burner and external flue  
**No objection**

22/02686/FUL Land at Burlington House, Marsh Road, Sheriffhales

Installation of equipment and pipework for a hydro power project

**No Objection.**

22/02239/FUL  Burlington House , Marsh Road, Sheriffhales,   
Erection of a ground mounted solar panel array

**No Objection**

22/02206/FUL  Burlington House , Marsh Road, Sheriffhales,

Construction of 3no. dormers to front elevation.

**No objection**

**Decisions**

Reference:  22/01901/FUL  (validated: 21/04/2022)  
Address:  95 Damson Lane, Weston Heath, Sheriffhales,   
Proposal:  Erection of self-contained accommodation ancillary to main dwelling  
Decision:  Grant Permission

This was noted.

Enforcement clarification is required for the Fork Lift equipment business on the A5, this needs to be progressed, the Clerk will ask for an update from the Enforcement Team and ask Cllr Mr K Turley for help on getting further information.

An email from Bradford Estates was circulated to all members , they requested to come and speak to Council / public at a meeting, members agreed via email not to hold a meeting.

64/22. To discuss how to engage a contactor to do work for the Parish Councils EMG Grant.

Cllr Mr G Tonkinson suggested that at the start of the year, the areas should be identified that need work ready for the year.

Cllr Mr N Pulker asked if we can copy what another Parish that may have done this, the Clerk reported she is unaware of anyone else doing this type of work.

It was agreed that we need to get a list of the areas that need cutting back, a map will be distributed to all members to be passed to one member after another so to highlight areas of that need to be cut back, this will enable us to go to a contractor to price. The Clerk to purchase 2 x copies of an OS map of the area, and circulate to members as soon as possible.

It would be worth contacting local agricultural contractors to price per hour, members to bring forward any names to the Clerk for her to contact and bring this forward to the next meeting.

Cllr Mr G Tonkinson suggested when landowners cut back their hedges, we could ask them to cut back the areas near the hedges that will help with growth on junction.

It was agreed to bring this forward to members as soon as practicable, and an extra ordinary meeting to let the contract using the map details. An extra ordinary meeting has been arranged for 26th July at 7pm.

65/22. Clerks report.

**Correspondence**

* Naming Community Orchard – Mrs Edwards thanked the Council and liked very much the idea of naming the orchard. It was agreed for the Clerk to order the plaque at a cost of £238.45. A date to be organised for the unveiling.
* Complaint re the road junction from King Street to A41, the road markings are very poor on the road and signs are not visible due to overgrown trees – report to Cllr K Turley.
* Civility and Respect NALC - papers
* Road closure Sheriffhales.
* Childrens play area report – Clerk has requested that a quote is received from Shropshire Council to do the work.
* If there are any training that any members want to attend to let the Clerk know.

66/22. To receive the accounts up to 30th June 2022 and the accounts for payment.

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

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| 01/06/2022 | £416.84 | 13 | Administration |
| 13/05/2022 | £30.02 | 14 | Ionos |
| 01/06/2022 | £104.20 | 12 | HMRC |
| 10/06/2022 | £162.00 | 15 | Dittons |
| 13/06/2022 | £18.04 | 16 | IONOS |
| 14/06/2022 | £324.00 | 17 | Village Hall |
| 17/06/2022 | £100.00 | 20 | Shropshire Council |
| 01/07/2022 | £416.84 | 18 | Administration |
| 04/07/2022 | £500.00 | 20 | Chairmans allowance |
| 01/07/2022 | £104.20 | 19 | HMRC |
|  | £2176.14 |  |  |

The accounts to 30th June were accepted and are set out as appendix 1 to these minutes.

67/22. To appoint the Chairman to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee

The Parish Council Chairman has been approached by the Village Hall to sit on the committee on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

68/22. Future Agenda items Lezley Picton – September meeting; Highways – Gemma Lawley November meeting.

69/22. Dates and Times of future meetings. .

26th July 2022 extra ordinary meeting at 7.00pm

6th September at 7.00pm

Appendix 1 to the minutes of Sheriffhales Parish Council held on the 12th July 2022

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| **SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL** | | | | | | |
| **BANK RECONCILATION** | | | | | | |
|  |  | **2022/23** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Date** | 31/03/2022 |
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| **Accounts** |  |  | £ |  | £ |  |
| Opening Balance Treasurer as at 01/04/21 | |  |  |  | 32,240.82 |  |
| Business account |  |  |  |  | 3,546.60 |  |
| Unpresented cheques | |  |  |  | - |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **35,787.42** |  |
| Receipts 2022/3 |  |  | 20,028.18 |  |  |  |
| Payments 2022/3 |  |  | 3,190.80 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 16,837.38 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **52,624.80** |  |
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| Treasurers Account | |  |  |  | 49,096.15 |  |
| Business Account |  |  |  |  | 3,546.66 |  |
| Unpresented cheques | |  |  |  | - |  |
| Unpresented receipts | |  |  |  | - 18.04 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **52,624.77** |  |
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| Balance date: | 30/06/2022 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Signed:......................................................................Date:............................................... | | | | 30/06/2022 |  |  |
| Chairman |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Prepared by J Cree, Parish Clerk/RFO | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Unpresented cheques** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Total unpresented payments | **Ionos** | dd 16 | 18.04 |  |  |  |
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| **Budget Comparison** | To 30/6/22 |  |  |
|  | Budget | Actual | Balance |
| Receipts | 2022/3 | Income | Remaining |
| Precept | £16,800.00 | £16,800.00 | £0.00 |
| EMG Grant | £0.00 | £1,500.00 | £1,500.00 |
| Interest | £1.00 | £0.06 | -£0.94 |
| Balance from reserves | £4,019.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| **Total** | **£20,820.00** | **£18,300.06** | **-£2,519.94** |
| Payments | Budget | Actual | Balance |
|  | 2022/23 | Paid | Remaining |
| Salaries | £6,250.00 | £1,563.12 | £4,686.88 |
| Stationery/postage/printing/exp. | £250.00 | £39.95 | £210.05 |
| Mobile Phone | £240.00 | £114.00 | £126.00 |
| Transport Expenses | £120.00 | £0.00 | £120.00 |
| Parish Magazine this is S137 Exp | £220.00 | £0.00 | £220.00 |
| Adverts | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Audit | £100.00 | £100.00 | £0.00 |
| Cllr/Clerks Training/conference | £150.00 | £354.59 | -£204.59 |
| Elections | £0.00 | £100.00 | -£100.00 |
| Subscriptions | £600.00 | £0.00 | £600.00 |
| General Power of Competence | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Insurance | £450.00 | £0.00 | £450.00 |
| hire of venues | £250.00 | £324.00 | -£74.00 |
| Community Based Planning Prev. Parish Plan | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Civic / Community events | £1,000.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 |
| Community Grants This is S137 expenditure | £1,000.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 |
| Playing field maintenance | £3,000.00 | £430.00 | £2,570.00 |
| Playing Field Loan | £3,240.00 | £0.00 | £3,240.00 |
| Funding to deliver new prioritised programme for EMG (match funding) | £2,000.00 | £0.00 | £2,000.00 |
| Christmas Display | £100.00 | £0.00 | £100.00 |
| Specialist Services inc. Legal and professional advice | £1,000.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 |
| War Memorial / Remembrance | £50.00 | £0.00 | £50.00 |
| Website | £300.00 | £70.11 | £229.89 |
| Chairman's Discretionary exp. | £500.00 | £0.00 | £500.00 |
| Tree Work | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| **Total Expenditure** | **£20,820.00** | **£3,095.77** | £17,724.23 |
| **Total Income** | **£20,820.00** | **£18,300.06** | **-£2,519.94** |
| **Difference** | **£0.00** | **-£15,204.29** |  |
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| **Part 3 Parish Council Reserves** | |  |  |
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| **Bank Balance as at 31/3/22** | |  | **£ 35,787.39** |
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| Expenditure allocated to balance | |  |  |
| The budget 2022/23 | from general reserves | | £ 4,019.00 |
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| Total Reserves Balance \* | |  | £ 31,768.39 |
| Of which Lightsource Balance to be | |  | £ 20,500.00 |
| removed from the total |  |  |  |
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| Total sum of reserves as at 31/3/22 available | | | **£11,268.39** |
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| **Parish Council Earmarked funds as at 31/3/22** | | |  |
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| Playing Field Refurbishment | |  | £3,644.00 |
| (some funds spent already on repairs to play area) | | | |
| Elections |  |  | £2,000.00 |
| Parish Plan |  |  | £1,200.00 |
| General Reserve |  |  | £4424.39 |
| Contingencies |  |  | £0.00 |
| **Total** |  |  | **£11,268.39** |
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| **Lightsource funds as at 31/03/2022** | |  | **£20,500.00** |
| To be allocated for the following projects:- | |  |  |
| Community Plan |  |  |  |
| War Memorial |  |  |  |
| Playing field refurbishment | |  |  |
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