

**MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 15th NOVEMBER 2022 AT
SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: Mr J Horne (Chairman); Mr Gordon Tonkinson; Mr Neil Pulker; Mr A Edwards; Mr D Himsworth.

In attendance Clerk to the Council – Mrs Jennifer Cree and Mr David Shaw.

86/22. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mrs A Robinson and Mr K Turley sent their apologies for the meeting.

Members sent their best wishes to Cllr Mr K Turley and asked the Clerk to forward a card to him.

87/22. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Mr N Pulker declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Planning decision for Walnut Tree Cottage, he took no part in this item.

88/22. To receive for confirmation and adoption and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th September 2022.

The minutes of the meetings held on the above date, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings. Cllr Mr D Himsworth proposed and Cllr Mr A Edwards seconded the proposal to accept the minutes and on a vote these was carried.

89/22. Public Participation

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

Mr David Shaw – Chairman of Lilleshall Parish Council addressed the Parish Council in relation to the Proposed Solar Farm.

He wanted to express the concerns of Lilleshall Parish Council as they are not in support of the above development. Their main concerns are that the application site runs right next to the Historic Abbey, anyone driving towards the site will see them as they point south and are very visible.

The boundary on this initial application is Shropshire and the next boundary falls into Muxton, which is in Telford and Wrekin so he feels that there will obviously be a double phased application.

The developer is trying to make money in his opinion, and this is not for the Environment.

The fields are classed as low grade but over the past 20 years this field has always had crops in it.

New houses should be built with solar panels, and this should be enforced.

Cllr Mr A Edwards reported that the network connection to the grid is about £2 million pounds on the cost for the installation. The schemes are dependent on the availability of a Grid connection and the choice of location is always dictated by this; the land choice is always a secondary issue.

It is accepted that the developer and financiers will profit from the development but this is like any normal business practice.

Cllr Mr A Edwards, there are many arguments for solar farms, the National Grid Company are responsible for the power supplies in this country. There is no National Policy on this subject so local authorities would have little if any influence over the policies.

Mr David Shaw asked that Sheriffhales Parish Council object to the application and drive towards a National Plan, and the 2 Councils work together. In his opinion the councils need to work together in groups.

Cllr Mr G Tonkinson reported that CPRE have not been consulted, the Parish Council had also declined to see a presentation from the developer. In his opinion using the land is wrong as it is good agricultural land. In the past councils have pulled together and satisfactory fought to stop an incinerator in the Parish.

It was suggested that the industrial sites should have Solar Panels to make them self-sufficient for power and spare power could go back into the grid.

Cllr Mr A Edwards reported that power is supplied in different forms e.g. there are solar panels on the roof of the Jaguar Plant, this generation competes with nearby wind generation and solar farm for the for a connection as the network can only handle one connection at the time.

The Clerk was requested to send the link / details of the planning application to the Clerk at Lilleshall.

Standing orders were reinstated.

90/22. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions.

Cllr K Turley sent his apologies this was deferred.

Cllr Mr D Himsworth reported that at the A5 traffic lights there is still an outstanding issue in relation to the 4 phase system. There has been no change as previously reported by the Unitary Councillor. An update on this was requested in relation to the costs and the delays.

Accident statistics were requested for the traffic lights and this be an agenda item for the next meeting. The Clerk to progress.

91/22. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council (inc solar farm information)

The following items were noted:-

Planning Decisions

Reference: 22/04453/HRM (validated: 13/09/2022)

Address: Common Farm, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8SA

Proposal: To remove two lengths of hedge totalling approx. 550m, new woodland creation and new hedgerow planting as per plan on land adjacent to Common Farm, Sheriffhales, to improve workability of fields (Amended 24.10.22)

Decision: No Objection

Reference: 22/04161/FUL (validated: 09/09/2022)

Address: Burlington House, Marsh Road, Sheriffhales, Shifnal,

Proposal: Leisure buildings project and associated works including orangery and changing room buildings.

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 22/04351/TCA (validated: 07/09/2022)

Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Sheriffhales,

Proposal: Reduce regrowth to topping points of 1no Goat Willow (T8) & reduce crown by approx. 15% of 1no Walnut (T9) within Sheriffhales Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

Reference: 22/04122/FUL (validated: 07/09/2022)

Address: Burlington House, Marsh Road, Sheriffhales,

Proposal: Installation of 3No. dormers to front elevation (re-submission)

Decision: Grant Permission

Planning applications

Reference: 22/04609/FUL (validated: 21/10/2022)

Address: Lilleshall Hall, Archery GB, Lilleshall, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AT

Proposal: Erection of a new archery training facility comprising indoor and outdoor shooting ranges and associated amenity/storage provision, disabled car parking, drainage, landscaping and other

works

Applicant: Sport England (C/o Agent) – **No objection**

PLANNING REFERENCE - 22/04701/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the conversion of stables building to luxury dog kennels, mobile shelters, parking and related outside exercise and training areas

LOCATION: - Boarding Kennels At, Little Hales Place, Littlehales Road, Sheriffhales, Newport – **No Objection**

Reference: 22/04437/FUL (validated: 25/10/2022)

Address: The Gatehouse, Burlington Court, Burlington, Sheriffhales,

Proposal: Installation of a wood burning stove and flue – **No Objection**

Reference: 22/04873/FUL (validated: 26/10/2022)

Address: 84 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales, Shifnal.

Proposal: Erection of new four-bedroom dwelling and detached garage following removal of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and temporary siting of a caravan whilst work being undertaken – **No objection**

22/04988/CPE Laburnum Farm, 68 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales,

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the

existing use of a residential static caravan – **No objection**

Enforcement items

An Update on the forklift truck plant just off the A5 with breached planning in regard to signage – Clerk to ask for an update.

92/22. To discuss progress on the EMG Grant and any new areas to be discussed for consideration.

An invoice from the contractor has been received. His first set of work has been to cut back speed signs and junctions. Heath Hill also needs to be cut back, Cllr Mr A Edwards to ask for this other work to be completed.

Cllr Mr G Tonkinson will contact Shropshire Council to inform them of the dead trees at Heath Hill to see if they can be removed.

93/22. To discuss a budget and associated precept for 2023/24

Members discussed the draft budget presented to them.

It was proposed by Cllr Mr N Pulker and seconded by Cllr Mr A Edwards to set a precept at a level of £16962 which is a 1% increase and the associated budget as set out as appendix 1 to these minutes. On a vote this was carried with 4 votes for and 1 against.

94/22. To receive a grant application from the Village Hall Committee

A grant from Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee has been received for the sum of £10,000. The section S137 limit for the Parish to use for this type of expenditure is a maximum of 596 electors x £8.82 = £5259.72. Some of these funds have been allocated already on the EMG match funding of £1500 of the maximum available that can be given to the Committee from Precepted funds would be £3756.72.

However, funds held from Lightsource income could be given to this project as this is not precepted money and does not fall within the above rules.

It was proposed by Cllr Mr N Pulker and seconded by Cllr Mr D Himsworth, that the Parish Council cannot give any funds at this time. The Parish Council asked that the Chairman at the next Village Hall meeting asks for a cost breakdown for the completion of the project, have funds been raised by themselves.

It was noted SACREC and the Parish Council have already given funds, and the Parish limit per grant application is £500. On a vote this was agreed.

95/22. Clerks report.

Items to be raised under the Clerks report:-

- Communication from local resident over concerns over the Black Smiths yard being developed and the area next to it (that has the Christmas lights needs to be protected if its developed in the future. He also raised that the Parish should purchase a SID and there's a local company he knows that can help.
- Plaque at the playing fields – it was noted that the WI have put a plaque by a tree they planted at the orchard without discussion with the Parish Council. This was noted.
- Presentation to Mrs Edwards on the playing fields. Members thanked the Clerk for her help, the Council agreed to refund the Clerk with the costs of £25. Agreed to send a photograph to the Parish Magazine – the Clerk to organise.
- Communication from resident re the proposed solar farm
- Update on Countess Arms and Public right of way

96/22. To receive the accounts for payment

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

26/09/2022	104.22	33	dd	HMRC
20/09/2022	162.00	34	dd	Dittons
20/09/2022	416.84	35	dd	Administration
20/10/2022	416.82	35	dd	Administration
01/10/2022	18.04	36	dd	Ionos

It was proposed by Cllr Mr N Pulker and seconded by Cllr Mr A Edwards to accept the accounts and on a vote, this was agreed.

97/22. Future Agenda items

To be with the Clerk by 23rd December 2022. Update on the Blacksmiths House, EMG grant, to discuss priorities for 2023 to achieve for the Council. New Shifnal and Priorslee Medical Practice at Shifnal invite to the next meeting for a statement, Invite the PCC and Gemma Lawley Highways for a future meeting.

98/22. Dates and Times of future meetings.

10th January 2023 at 7.00pm – Cllr Mr A Edwards apologised for this meeting

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Sheriffhales Parish Council meeting held on the 15th November 2022

Budget notes for meeting to be held on the 11th October 2022

1 The estimated outturn for 2022/3 income

Projected income **£18301.00**

2 The estimated outturn for 2022/23 expenditure

Projected expenditure **£16326.00**

3 The estimated outturn for 2022/23 for Reserve fund schemes and the estimated opening balance for 2022/23

Estimated underspend on budget **£1975.00** to go back into reserves

4 The estimated outturn for 2022/23 for Lightsource funded schemes and the estimated opening balance for 2023/4

Lightsource funds **£20,500.00** this is also the expected opening balance for 2023/24

5 The proposed base budget for income for 2023/24

The proposed income budget **£18463.00** (this is a take from reserves of £0.00)

6 The proposed base budget for expenditure for 2023/24

The proposed Exp **£18463.00**

Part 3 Parish Council Reserves

Bank Balance as at 1/4/22		£	35,787.39
Expenditure allocated to balance			
The budget 2022/23	from general reserves	£	4,019.00
Total Reserves Balance *		£	31,768.39
Of which Lightsource Balance to be removed from the total		£	20,500.00
Total sum of reserves as at 1/4//22 available			£11,268.39

Parish Council Earmarked funds as at 1/4/2022

Playing Field Refurbishment (some funds spent already on repairs to play area)		£3,644.00
Elections		£2,000.00
Parish Plan		£1,200.00
General Reserve		£4424.39
Contingencies		£0.00
Total		£11,268.39

Lightsource funds as at 01/04/2022

		£20,500.00
General Contingencies		£10,500
War Memorial		£5,000
Playing Field refurbishment		£5,000

Projected Parish Council reserves at the 31/3/2023

Playing Field Refurbishment	£3,644.00
Elections	£2,000.00
Parish Plan	£1,200.00
General Reserve	£4424.39
Contingencies	£0.00
Funds not used from 2022/23 budget	£4019.00
Projected underspend from budget 2022/23	£1975.00

Total £17,262.39

ESTIMATED BASE BUDGET FOR 2023/4 IN RESPECT OF INCOME						
INCOME	BUDGET	2022/23	2022/23		PROPOSED	COMMENTS
	2022/23	inc to date	year end	Difference	Budget	
			anticipated		2022-23	
Precept	£16,800.00	£16,800.00	£16,800.00	£0.00	£16,962.00	1% increase
Interest	£1.00	£0.24	£1.00	£-0.76	£1.00	
EMG Grant	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	
Balance from reserves	£4,019.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-4,019.00	£0.00	
Total	£20,820.00	£18,300.24	£18,301.00	£-2,519.76	£18,463.00	

FIRST DRAFT OF BUDGET FOR 2023/4						
EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actual	2022/23	Difference	Budget	
	2022/23	Expenditure	year end		2023/24	
		31/8/22	anticipated			
Salaries	£6,250.00	£2,605.20	£6,250.00	£3,644.80	£6,563.00	5% increase
Stationery/postage/printing/exp.	£250.00	£119.94	£250.00	£130.06	£250.00	
Mobile Telephone	£240.00	£240.00	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	
Transport Expenses	£120.00	£31.26	£120.00	£88.74	£120.00	
Parish Mag this is S137 expenditure	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00	£220.00	£250.00	
Audit	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	
elections	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£-100.00	£0.00	
ClIr/Clerks Training/conference	£150.00	£102.00	£102.00	£48.00	£150.00	
Subscriptions	£600.00	£354.59	£600.00	£245.41	£600.00	current subscriptions CPRE £45, ICO £40, SALC £340, Open Spaces £45, Avast £40
Insurance	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00	£450.00	£500.00	Review insurance at May Annual Meeting
hire of venues	£250.00	£324.00	£325.00	£-74.00	£250.00	Over budget as invoices from last year received
Civic / Community events	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Coronation May 3rd 2023
Community Grants This is S137 expenditure	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£500.00	No applications received
Playing field maintenance	£3,000.00	£349.00	£1,500.00	£2,651.00	£2,000.00	
Playing Field Loan	£3,240.00	£1,618.91	£3,240.00	£1,621.09	£3,240.00	Set sum
Funding to deliver new prioritised programme fro EMG (match funding)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£2,000.00	£1,500.00	Match funding from funds off Shropshire Council
Christmas Lights	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	Costs due in January for electricity, write to remind re pat test, and they have their own insurance
Specialist Services inc. Legal and professional advice	£1,000.00	£408.45	£409.00	£591.55	£250.00	
War Memorial / Remembrance	£50.00	£0.00	£20.00	£50.00	£50.00	Wreathes to be bought, war memorial to be reviewed.
Website	£300.00	£135.17	£300.00	£164.83	£300.00	
Chairman's Discretionary exp.	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	
Total Expenditure	£20,820.00	£6,988.52	£16,326.00	£13,831.48	£18,463.00	

