

**MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MARCH 2023 AT
7.25PM AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: Mr J Horne (Chairman); Mr Gordon Tonkinson; Mr Neil Pulker; Mr D Himsworth; Mrs A Robinson, Mr A Edwards, Unitary Cllr Mr K Turley.

In attendance Clerk to the Council – Mrs Jennifer Cree, Mrs Horne and Mrs Himsworth.

17/23. Apologies for Absence.

All members were present.

18/23. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Mr N Pulker as a director of Sheriffhales Community Solar Farm, and he is no longer a member of SACREC.

Cllr Mr J Horne declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to the former Blacksmiths Yard.

19/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2023.

The minutes of the meetings held on the above date, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings. Cllr Mr N Pulker proposed, and Cllr Mr A Edwards seconded the proposal to accept the minutes and, on a vote, these was carried. With Cllr Mr G Tonkinson recording his vote against.

20/23. Public Participation

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

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, Mrs Himsworth confirmed that she agreed with sending letters to Shropshire Council on issues as individuals as well as from the Parish Council as this shows a greater need to get something done.

A further invite is to be sent to the Doctors and when a date is confirmed it should be well publicised in the Parish Magazine and in the Noticeboards..

Standing orders were reinstated.

21/23. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions (inc. update on flooding at the Rock/Church Lane).

Cllr K Turley reported on the following items:-

- He will be meeting with Graham Downes to look at the flooding and Highways issues in the parish next week. Funding is an issue, and again he asked that more people report issues as it shows a greater need to get them resolved by Shropshire Council.
- The ongoing items for Shropshire Council do keep being progressed by the Clerk and himself.
- The Boundary Commission proposed changes, and it looks like there may be 3 councillors as opposed to 2 for Shifnal.

Members welcomed Cllr K Turley back following his illness.

22/23. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

Decisions

Reference: 22/05480/FUL (validated: 19/12/2022)

Address: Proposed Solar Array South Of Woodcote Hill, Heath Hill, Sheriffhales,

Proposal: Installation of a solar array and all associated works

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 22/04701/FUL (validated: 17/10/2022)

Address: Boarding Kennels At, Little Hales Place, Littlehales Road, Sheriffhales, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AW

Proposal: 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

Decision: Grant Permission

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

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 22/05142/COU (validated: 21/11/2022)

Address: The Stable, Lilyhurst Road, Lilyhurst, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RL

Proposal: Change of use from holiday let to residential dwelling

Decision: Grant Permission

These were noted.

Additional Information on Redhill site re EV Points, response received in query.

The Forklift Plant on the A5 and the concreting plant towards Lillishall needs to be reported to Enforcement as they are increasing in size. Cllr N Pulker will get photographs of both sites. Cllr K Turley will chase up and the Clerk will chase up and send it to Lillishall Parish Council.

23/23. To receive an update on the EMG Grant and discuss applying for next financial years grant.

This years grant allocation has been spent in full, using the contractors services to undertake works within the Parish as per the agreed specification.

This year, the scheme will again be administered by Carolyn Butler. **Applications must be received by 31st May 2023.** We were able to make a few exceptions to this rule last year, but due to the current financial climate must insist that this is adhered to for 2023/24.

It was proposed by Cllr J Horne and seconded by Cllr N Pulker to submit a grant based on the same as this year. On a vote this was agreed.

Cllr Mr A Edwards is happy you continue to organise this project and members thanked him for all his hard work on this project.

24/23. To receive a statement from the new Shifnal and Priorslee Medical Practice at Shifnal invite to the next meeting for a statement,

It was agreed to invite a representative to the meeting and this to be publicised when a date has been set.

25/23. To receive quotes for works to repair the War Memorial.

Contractor 1

Quote to regild the war memorial at St Marys Church, Sheriffhales.

Quote: WM001 - Regild plaques on war memorial (420 characters). £840.00 VAT £168.00 Sub Total £1008.00, Church Discount £208.00, therefore the Total £800.00.

Contractor 2

The cost to remove the existing four plaques and dispose of them, to supply and fix four new plaques 16" x 8" with inscriptions will be £1,195.

Contractor 3 – no quote received

It was proposed by Cllr Mr N Pulker and seconded by Cllr Mr A Edwards to appoint Contractor 1 to undertake the work and inform the church when the works are taking place.

26/23. To discuss the Accident and repairs required to the Defibrillator.

The Clerk has spoken to the insurance company about the claim, she has found a blacksmith who can repair the old former telephone box and the quote has been sent to the Insurance company and they have agreed the works can take place.

27/23. Aims and Objectives for the Council

Members discussed the recruitment of new Councillors to the Parish, there are 3 people that want to come on, the Chairman to forward details to the Clerk. With regard to free trees, the Clerk to place an ad in put on the Parish magazine to see if people would want a free tree, also investigate a possible site for the Parish to plant a tree. The Clerk will contact Mrs Edwards to ask for her advice on this matter and report back.

The War Memorial project has been agreed.

28/23. Update on the former Blacksmiths site in Sheriffhales

The following update has been received:-

“I visited the site in November. At that time I could see no concerns about building safety or dangerous structure except the fact that the road facing house, is derelict, but secure as were other buildings on the site. The vegetation on land was in die back as winter approached. As the person marked as the owner of the land registered owner has died, and her address hasn't been updated, it is difficult to find the current owner. It may be in probate, BUT on speaking to a neighbour of the land who seemed to know about it, he knew of the owners death and advised me that he understood someone in the village of Sheriffhales had very recently bought the land. It is a house ready for renovation, and access as well as land for development. He was not sure who it was but I will visit again in the next week or so.

Regards

Leighton Collier

Environmental Health Officer”

It was proposed by Cllr J Horne, seconded by Cllr Mr A Edwards for the Clerk to do a land registry search to find out the new land owners details. On a vote this was carried.

29/23. Clerks report.

Correspondence

Voter Id Changes.

National Planning policy changes (information circulated).

Celebrating Sheriffhales day service with councillors – it is on 9th July at 3pm. He will invite the Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

West Mercia Police Local Policing Community Charter - Contact Contract - Parish Councils Rural East.

Litter in the Parish reported.

30/23. To receive the accounts for payment

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

01/01/2023	437.60	57	dd	J Cree
01/01/2023	109.40	58	dd	HMRC
12/01/2023	10.25	59	dd	Wickes
14/01/2023	18.04	60	dd	Ionos
06/01/2023	162.00	61	dd	Dittons
26/02/2023	3514.80	62	dd	Watts Agricultural
01/02/2023	437.60	63	dd	J Cree
01/02/2023	109.40	64	dd	HMRC
01/03/2023	437.60	65	dd	J Cree
01/03/2023	109.40	66	dd	HMRC
Total	5346.09			

If members see issues relating to the EMG work, to let Cllr Mr A Edwards and he will forward these to the contractor.

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

31/23. Future Agenda items

Elect Chair / Vice Chair; To discuss school drop off and collect issues; to discuss is there a requirement for a nurse in the village; noticeboard repair at playing field; new noticeboard at Heath Hill; missing hedge; litter; moles; Visit from Priorslee doctors surgery; ownership of former Blacksmiths yard.

32/23. Dates and Times of future meetings

9th May 2023 at 7.00pm and extra ordinary meeting date to be held on the 22nd to discuss 1 agenda item the Coronation.

Thanked everyone for their help and support.