

**MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH JULY 2023 AT
7.00PM AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present Councillors: Mr J Horne (Chairman); Mr Alan Edwards (Vice Chairman); Mr Gordon Tonkinson; Mr Neil Pulker; Mr D Himsworth; Mrs P Hodgetts; Mrs L Edwards; Mrs S Whittam and Unitary Cllr Mr K Turley.

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

A Minutes silence to be held for former Councillor Tony Lane.

71/23. Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

72/23. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Mr N Pulker declared an interest as a director of Sheriffhales Community Energy Solar Farm.

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

73/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 9th May 2023.

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

74/23. To receive a presentation from Mr Peter Bonsall on the Solar Farm and discuss working together

As Mr Bonsall was not in attendance, this was deferred until the next meeting.

75/23. Public Participation

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

Mrs Himsworth was waiting for a report from Cllr G Tonkinson relating to the missing hedge.

Standing orders were reinstated.

76/23. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions

Cllr K Turley addressed the Council on the following matters:-

- There has been no update on the Forklift truck site.
- The suspected field works have been reported to Enforcement.
- The concreting plant at Lillishall is being reported via Lillishall Parish Council and they are very concerned about it, Cllr G Tonkinson to monitor the lorries from the site using the roads they should not be using, as they should keep to the main road routes.
- A drive round the area will take place in the next week or so with the Highways Officer.
- The Boundary review has been put out for consultation Shifnal Rural will be 5 parishes around the edge of Shifnal, this will include Sheriffhales. He feels this is not a good option and the first version was much more practical. This is due to Shifnal growing in numbers. The consultation is still open for the review. Member discussed this further under the Clerks Report. It was noted that this has not been received from Shropshire Council but via SALC, from Dianne Dorrell, the Clerk to check if this should have been received from Shropshire Council or the Boundary Commission.
- The planning application has been approved to move the pig farm.

Cllr K Turley left at this point.

77/23. To receive an update on the Coronation of King Charles III

Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts reported they have the time capsules ready to go into place, all relevant interested parties have been contacted that are involved.

This will be planted with the Oak beginning of October, on that day they will do a community event also.

There were 12 people turned up to do the litter pick, which was very positive. There are people that regularly litter pick on their walks around the Parish.

78/23. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

23/01979/FUL Little Hales Place, Littlehales Road, Sheriffhales
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new orangery, two storey side extension, single storey link extension, new garage and associated external works
No Comment

23/02648/FUL Boarding Kennels , Little Hales Place, Littlehales Road, Sheriffhales
Conversion of land to business use for luxury dog kennels, including new timber stables unit, new timber store, related outside exercise and training areas, driveway and parking area
No Comment

23/02777/FUL 84 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales, Shifnal
Erection of 1No detached dwelling and three bay garage following removal of existing dwelling, garages and outbuildings, installation of septic tank (re-submission)
Recommend approval

Decisions

Reference: 23/01307/FUL (validated: 05/04/2023)
Address: Land Adj Burlington House, Marsh Road, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire,
Proposal: Erection of a ground mounted solar panel array
Decision: Grant Permission

20/00820/FUL (validated: 23/04/2020)
Address: Proposed Pig Farm South West Of Manor Farm, Sheriffhales, Shropshire
Proposal: Formation (relocation) of pig farm including erection of two pig rearing buildings, two straw storage buildings, one hospital/lairage building, one workshop/machinery storage building and one bio-security building; with all associated works
Decision: Grant Permission

79/23. Update on school liaison meeting

Cllr Mrs L Edwards reported that she met with the acting Headteacher Justine on the 15th June, was a useful meeting. The prime reason was to discuss the 20's plenty scheme with the school and parking for parents at drop off and pick up. The Headteacher has tried hard from the school side to enforce the 20's plenty and sensible parking . The parking by the school is for staff only and they regularly send out to the parents via social media highlighting the problems and the dangers of parking and speeding. There is in place a voluntary one-way system at school times, which is to ask parents to drive down Church Lane and back up the Rock.

Staggered school times are not practical at the school, due to the age of the children.

The Headteacher was keen to get involved with getting involved with the 20's plenty scheme if is restarted. This would be with the September intake to start this. The car park arrangement was discussed loosely with regard to this being part of the application for houses on the farm, and she also has been in touch with the farmer / applicant directly.

She is keen to get the Council and the community involved with the school , perhaps in the holidays as term time there is a safeguarding issue. This will be picked up again in September by Cllr Mrs L Edwards.

If the 20's plenty can be refreshed and the children could design posters, and the Council have agreed to fund a small prize. The existing signs could be replenished as this is not adding new signage.

The Clerk to find out more information on the 20's plenty school scheme and request that the PCSO comes down at school time to help educate the parents. Cones may be useful on the areas that are dangerous.

Another possible solution could be car share for children.

It may be helpful to invite the head teacher to a future meeting of the Council.

80/23. To discuss noticeboard replacement at playing field and receive an update on the new noticeboard at Heath Hill.

The new noticeboard for Heath Hill has been ordered and is in the process of being made, however the noticeboard on the playing fields has been looked at and unfortunately is beyond economic repair and would need to be replaced. It was agreed to get the noticeboard removed that is in situ and review the replacing of the board if it is necessary in the future.

When the community gathering will take place in October on the playing fields, this could be raised with residents to get their feedback.

It was proposed by Cllr N Pulker and seconded by Cllr J Horne to remove the noticeboard on the playing fields.

An amendment was moved by Cllr G Tonkinson to remove the noticeboard and put it out on social media and the newsletter to ask residents opinion if they need a new board in this location, and also to go straight ahead with putting a board on the gate. This was not seconded and there for the failed.

The original motion was then voted on and approved unanimously.

81/23. To discuss the missing hedge – Cllr G Tonkinson to report

Cllr G Tonkinson has not spoken to the landowner, the remit was for Cllr G Tonkinson to speak to the landowner, and he will ask them to replant the hedge that's missing at their cost. This was deferred to the next meeting.

Standing orders were suspended.

Mrs Himsworth asked that she wanted a proper hedge to be put back for wildlife, and not have metal mesh fencing as this is not wildlife friendly. Also, if there is snow the openness blows snow and sand onto the road. She suggested a neat border onto the landowner's farm.

Standing orders were reinstated.

82/23. To discuss littering issues in the Parish inc Highways Markers / planters.

The Clerk following the last meeting contacted Highways with the proposal to put village gateway markers in on Highways Verges, she has been told by Highways Officers that a policy is being written and when this is in place, we should be able to proceed.

83/23. To discuss an update into the ownership of former Blacksmith's yard.

Cllr A Edwards did a land search on this property and found who the landowner of this site has not changed since 2011. This was noted.

84/23. To receive an update on the Bus Shelter / Defib.
Both of the above have been repaired. Members thanked Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts for organising the contractor to paint the shelter. This was noted.

85/23. To discuss possible purchase of a SID.

Approval is still awaited from Highways for the locations, so the grant application can't be submitted until they approve the location. This was deferred.

86/23. To note the casual vacancy for Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr Mrs A Robinson, a vacancy has arisen. If an election is not called the Parish can co-opt at its meeting in September.

87/23. To discuss and agree Parish Councillors roles and responsibilities and contact details for the website.

The contact details need to be agreed by members to be put on the Parish website, at the moment their email address and name is displayed. It was agreed that this is all that should be shown.

Cllr G Tonkinson and Cllr J Horne wanted their full details on the website for contact.

It was agreed to not allocate areas of leadership / responsibility but circulate a list of Parish Council responsibilities / duties and rediscuss at the next meeting.

88/23. Clerks report

War memorial has been re-gilded.

Correspondence re Marsh Lane and access into gates etc – referred to Unitary Councillor as this is a neighbour dispute.

Boundary Reviews/Consultation Shropshire

It was proposed by Cllr N Pulker to refuse this boundary review proposal as it is not practical split of the boundary. This was seconded by Cllr A Edwards and on a vote was agreed. It was agreed any further information be sent through to Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts who will circulate to the local "what's app group" and copy in the Unitary Councillor K Turley.

Grass cutting at the Village Hall would be £90 per cut + VAT from the Parish Councils contractor. As the land is owned by the Church and leased to the School, the Parish cannot fund this work, but the Village Hall can apply for a grant from other organisations and use the contractor if they so wish, this was noted.

OPCC - Town and Parish Council survey 2023 – circulated to all members.

Some repairs are required for the play area, following the annual inspection, the contractor has been asked to look at them and give a price to repair asap. They are minor items.

The footpath has been cut to Heath Hill by our contractor. Additional work needs to be undertaken to cut back the area at the top of Heath Hill, being careful of the recently planted trees. Also, the junctions by the Rock need to be cut back again, the Clerk will raise these with the contractors.

Police priorities – it was noted that the Parish Council's priorities are speeding and rural crime as before, the Clerk to write and inform her of these.

89/23. Accounts for payment and accounts to 30th June 2023

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

09/05/2023	346.20	SALC	Annual subs
09/05/2023	33.98	Coronation	
09/05/2023	177.35	Coronation	
09/05/2023	49.41	Coronation	

13/05/2023	162.00	Dittons	Grass cutting
26/05/2023	109.40	HMRC	May-23
01/06/2023	109.40	HMRC	Jun-23
01/06/2023	38.46	IONOS	Website charges
08/06/2023	500.00	Chairmans allowance	
09/06/2023	162.00	Dittons	Grass cutting
19/06/2023	10.08	Coronation	
20/06/2023	280.00	K Darby	Painting bus shelter and repairing it
22/06/2023	1065.00	P C Welding	Repair to Defib telephone box
26/06/2023	437.60	J Cree	Jun-23
26/06/2023	240.00	Jamie Watts	EMG Work
27/06/2023	30.00	Paul Law	Mole removal
Total June	3750.88		

SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL			
BANK RECONCILIATION			
2023/24			
		Date	31/03/2023
Accounts	£	£	
Opening Balance Treasurer as at 01/04/23		33,071.96	
Business account		4,053.33	
Unpresented cheques		-	
		<u>-</u>	
		<u>37,125.29</u>	
Receipts 2023/4	18,041.49		
Payments 2023/4	<u>11,453.71</u>		
		<u>6,587.78</u>	
		<u>43,713.07</u>	
Treasurers Account		39,652.30	
Business Account		4,060.77	
Unpresented cheques		-	
Unpresented receipts		-	
		<u>43,713.07</u>	

Balance date:	30/06/2023						
Signed:.....	Date:.....	30/06/2023					
Chairman							
Prepared by J Cree, Parish Clerk/RFO							
Unpresented cheques							
Total unpresented cheques	-						

90/23. Future Agenda items

Invite the Chief Constable / PCC (Nov Meeting)
Doctors' surgery invite.
Open Day at the new surgery be requested from them.
20's plenty update
Solar Farm presentation
Contractor work update
Coronation – tree planting and time capsule
Areas of responsibility for councillors and powers
Missing hedge update
School liaison (Nov meeting)
Sid / Highways Markers – when update is available.

91/23. Dates and Times of future meetings - 5th September 2023