

**MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 5th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT
7.00PM AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present Councillors: Mr J Horne (Chairman); Mr Alan Edwards; Mr Neil Pulker; Mr D Himsworth; Mrs P Hodgetts; Mrs L Edwards; Mrs S Whittam.

In attendance Clerk to the Council – Mrs Jennifer Cree, Mrs Horne, Mrs Himsworth, Mr Bonsall and Mrs Alison Sutcliffe.

92/23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Unitary Cllr Mr K Turley and Mr Gordon Tonkinson.

93/23. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

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

94/23. To discuss and appoint new Parish Councillor via co-option

2 candidates had put their name forward, Mrs Alison Sutcliffe and Mr Nicholas Collier.

Only 1 candidate attended the interviews before the meeting, therefore Mrs Sutcliffe was appointed to the position of councillor.

Cllr Mrs A Sutcliffe was present and she signed her declaration of office form and joined the meeting.

95/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 11th July 2023.

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting with the exception that Cllr A Edwards is not Vice Chairman. On a vote these were agreed.

96/23. Presentation from Peter Bonsall on the Solar Farm and to discuss working together

Mr Bonsall reported that a board of directors meeting took place last week, the first 6 months of this year the Farm is ahead of budget (22%), overall YTD 1.7 mgw hours of electricity.

Fiscal performance revenue up to June £13,500 above target. The investment is on track.

One issue is that the area cannot get 5G in the area of the farm so the farm cannot send data directly back Realtime.

The last monies from the closed SACREC - £44,000 in the bank, £10,000 to the village hall, £10,000 to the school and £20,000 to the church for the bell tower, £2,000 to the Church Choir and £2000 left in the account.

Moving on the farm is holding a community benefit fund of £60,000, and accrues £5,000 per quarter.

He distributed a simple criteria grand fund to help get projects funded, this will be added to the Parish Council's website.

If the Council has a project then they should send it to Mr Bonsal and he will circulate it to the board for consideration.

They also gave £500 to the Parish Magazine to help with their running costs.

Due to the National Energy and Cost of living Crisis, the feed in Tariff has increased, the market value of the electricity has increased and by 2040 they will generate a million pounds of electricity.

EV Points are being looked at and have them in a destination location, for example linked to retail such as a farm shop.

At the last meeting they ear marked funds for Fuel Poverty, for those in need. To deliver this they went to Marshers Energy Partnership to work out a way to distribute the funds, but their fees made this a not viable through this route. Suggestions were to possibly use the foodbanks to find out those in need.

Mr R Maddocks, Mr N Pulker and Mr Bonsall resigned from SACREC as they felt that it should not be wise to sit on both companies.

The Solar Farm has been approached by other Solar Farms to merge, but at this time it is not beneficial to do so.

97/23. Public Participation

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

Mrs Himsworth, if the Solar Farm have spare money could you offer grants to buy solar panels for residents. He explained the process of having solar panels, as it is not a straight forward process.

There was no update on the hedge, as Cllr G Tonkinson was not in attendance.

Standing orders were re-instated.

98/23. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions

This was deferred as Cllr K Turley was not in attendance.

99/23. To receive an update on the Coronation of King Charles III

Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts reported:-

- The time capsule content is being prepared, everyone has been invited to contribute.
- The tree is to be ordered and a plaque funded from the Parish Council
- The Royal Oak Tree planting day, will be Sunday 22nd October 23, which will involve refreshments at the village hall after. On the day 1 hole will be dug for the tree and the time capsule will be sealed in front of residents in the village hall and will be planted at a later date and the location will be marked.

100/23. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

Applications

23/03065/LBC National Sports Centre, Lilleshall Hall, Lilleshall,
Timber repairs around base of lantern over main stairwell and re-cladding in new leadwork on completion affecting a Grade II* Listed Building – comments had to be by 25th August

23/02979/FUL St Marys Church, Sheriffhales
Change of use of land to the north of St Marys Church from agricultural land to grave yard – comments had to be made by mid August

23/03569/CPE 32A Marsh Lane, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use as C3 dwelling House

23/03487/FUL Waterside, Burlington Court, Burlington, Sheriffhales
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of 20 No solar panels to the south facing roof of the property, Installation of an air source heat pump on the external south facing wall, retrospective permission for the installation of an air conditioning inverter on the external south facing wall

23/03698/FUL Amberleigh Care Ltd, The Oaks, Redhill, Shifnal, Sheriffhales,
To convert the roof space into office and archive rooms with a link to the existing second floor area. To extend to the side to provide access to loft conversion. To

extend to the side with a single storey extension to provide additional dining and living space at ground floor.

No comments were made.

Decisions

23/02601/FUL The Woodlands, 11 Lilyhurst Road, Lilyhurst, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RL
Proposed 2 Storey Rear Extension - Decision: Grant Permission

23/02777/FUL 84 Heath Hill, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RR
Proposal: Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and three bay garage following removal of existing dwelling, garages and outbuildings, installation of septic tank (re-submission) - Decision: Grant Permission

Enforcement cases were reported directly to members.

The above were noted.

Concrete Batching Plant (parking lorries overnight and the plant appears to be expanding) / Forklift Truck Company no update has been received and ask that Cllr K Turley look into this.

If Cllr K Turley cannot attend the meeting, it was agreed to ask him to give a report for the meeting.

101/23. Update on school liaison meeting

A meeting is taking place in September when they return to the new Term.

Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts has been working towards getting a Community Speed-watch and they are trying to get the school parents to be involved. The Police have been asked to attend for the first few weeks of the term to educate those dropping children off at the school.

102/23. To discuss the missing hedge – Cllr G Tonkinson to report

The Chairman will look into this and report back to members, in the absence of Cllr G Tonkinson.

103/23. To discuss and agree Parish Councillors roles and responsibilities and contact details for the website

The Powers of a Parish Council were circulated to all members with the agenda papers.

Cllr J Horne is happy to have all his details on the website. If anyone wants further details added them to let the Clerk know.

Roles and Responsibilities to take a lead on these roles for example –

- Planning
- Footpaths and Rights of ways
- Highways
- Green Spaces
- Environmental

The Clerk to look at the previous list and circulate to members.

104/23. To discuss requesting additional bins from Shropshire Council

Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts requested this as an agenda item.

A list was submitted to Shropshire Council and this is their response was that they cannot fund new bins in the area, but the Council could pay for them if they wanted more. The cost is:-

The approximate costs per bin are as follows:

Bin and installation £650

Emptying cost per year approx. £130 per bin (as of the length of this contract)

The proposed new bin areas, that were put forward by the Community were at Heath Hill, Village bin by the nice bench, PROW at Teds Farm, School.

Damaged bins - Kettlemore Lane bin has been broken, Pinfold bin replaced due to damage and have dog bin and move them to other side.

It was noted that dog poo bins are no longer installed as larger bins are installed to accommodate all waste.

It was agreed that the Clerk to report the damaged bins and dog bins to Shropshire Council to be repaired and in the future apply for a grant from Sheriffhales Solar Farm to fund some new bins.

105/23. Update on 20's plenty schemes from Shropshire Council

The following email was received from Shropshire Council re 20's Plenty schemes:-

"Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your e-mail that Graham has forwarded on.

The approach endorsed by the 20s Plenty national campaign looks to make 20mph the default speed limit on residential and urban streets, and as such adopts a more area-wide signed only strategy rather than specific restrictions in targeted zones or streets. The 20s Plenty approach has not been formally adopted by Shropshire Council.

In Shropshire, the approach to implementing 20mph speed restrictions is based upon supporting the delivery of appropriate and achievable traffic management interventions in locations where the potential benefits are greatest and reflects current Department for Transport guidance. On this basis, 20mph speed restrictions can generally be considered in the following locations:

- Outside schools or where there are high numbers of vulnerable road users;
- On urban residential streets in specific cases (where wide community support can be demonstrated, where there is evidence that streets are being used by people on foot and on bicycles and where the characteristics of the street are suitable) and,
- On town centre streets / pedestrian dominated areas.

The current approach recognises that there is no single generic approach for the introduction of a mandatory 20mph speed restriction, and that site-specific characteristics determine the level of intervention that may be required and the degree of benefit that may be achieved. In some circumstances this may be physical traffic calming to slow vehicle speeds, and in others, current conditions may suggest that a 20mph speed restriction is unnecessary and would deliver minimal benefits.

In September 2020, Shropshire Council approved the development of a county-wide programme for introducing 20mph speed restrictions outside schools, where existing highway conditions suggest it would be appropriate to do so. Since then, a substantial exercise of data collection and feasibility work has been carried out at all state funded maintained schools and academies that do not currently have a mandatory 20mph speed limit to determine an appropriate level of intervention. Sheriffhales Primary School was included in this programme. The data collected showed that the current highway conditions already promote low vehicle speeds at school times and on this basis the introduction of a signed 20mph speed restriction would offer no improvement on the current vehicle speeds at school times. It has therefore not been included in our forward programme of 20mph scheme design and delivery.

If you would like explore other opportunities to improve the journey to school for pupils, particularly by non-motorised travel options, then please feel free to contact our School Travel Planning Co-ordinator Rhiannon Letman-Wade at rhiannon.letman-wade@shropshire.gov.uk. However, please do be aware that we currently have extremely limited resource in the School Travel Planning Team. We are looking at expanding the team to allow us to provide more support to schools and this is expected to happen in the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Victoria Merrill BA (Hons) MCIHT
Highway Policy and Strategy Manager"

05/09/2023

This was noted.

106/23. To receive an update on the Priorslee Doctors Surgery

Cllr N Pulker reported that he speaks as a member of the Priorslee Medical Patient Panel, they have had 2 meetings. The new centre will be finished October and a move in date of November.

It appeared that Shropshire Council has not looked at any measures for access for pedestrians, Cllr J Horne reported that Shifnal Council were speaking to the Enforcement team on this matter and that this was part of the planning permission using S106 to enforce the improved access for pedestrians. Shifnal are trying to move this forward with Planning at Shropshire Council.

They are looking at improving facilities, and adding extra facilities at the new practice and this has been looked at by Shrop Doc and Shropshire Council.

They are asking members of the practice to complete a survey to gather information.

107/23. Clerks report

Apology from Cllr Pulker for his comment at the previous meeting.
Boundary commission comments sent in, directly to Boundary Commission as Shropshire had already submitted their comments directly to them.

Place Plan – cut off 7th August circulated to all members and response sent in.

80th Anniversary of D-DAY June 24

Letter from Shropshire Council regarding Warp It, an online tool to assist with re-using items and avoid good stuff being skipped.

This was noted.

108/23. Accounts for payment and accounts up to 31st July 2023

The following accounts for payment were agreed. It was agreed that permission was given for the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk at a cost of £599 + VAT.

18/07/2023	62.52	109	J Cree expenses
09/06/2023	162.00	110	Dittons grass cutting
01/07/2023	109.40	111	HMRC July payment
12/07/2023	69.19	112	Coronation Tree
01/07/2023	437.60	113	J Cree July payment
01/07/2023	26.47	114	Ionos July
09/08/2023	162.00	115	Dittons grass cutting
01/08/2023	109.40	116	HMRC August payment
01/08/2023	437.60	117	J Cree August payment
01/08/2023	26.47	118	Ionos August
04/08/2023	162.00	119	Dittons Grass Cutting

The Clerk must ensure that any incurred expenses she has must be put through formally.

The Clerks appraisal will be booked shortly.

109/23. Future Agenda items

Invite the Chief Constable / PCC November, Doctors surgery invite, Highways Markers / planters awaiting policy, SID Purchase/ Speed Camera - grant, Christmas Lights, Budget.

110/23. Dates and Times of next meeting - 14th November 2023

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