

**MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 13th FEBRUARY 2024 AT
7.00PM AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present Councillors: Mr J Horne (Chairman); Mr D Himsworth; Mrs S Whittam; Mr Gordon Tonkinson, Mr Neil Pulker, Mr Alan Edwards, Mrs A Sutcliffe and Mrs L Edwards.

Also in attendance Clerk to the Council – Mrs Jennifer Cree, Mrs Horne, Mrs Himsworth.

14/24. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P Hodgetts and Unitary Cllr Mr K Turley.

15/24. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

None were declared.

16/24. To receive for confirmation and adoption, and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 9th January 2024.

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. On a vote these were agreed.

17/24. Public Participation

No members of the public present wished to speak.

18/24. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions

Cllr K Turley had sent his apologies so this was deferred as he was unable to attend the meeting.

19/24. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

24/00023/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Alterations to existing access

LOCATION: - Hunger Hill Farm, Sheriffhales, Shifnal

No Objection

24/00195/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Conversion of an existing redundant/store barn to a residential dwelling

LOCATION: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion North of Lilyhurst Farm, Lilyhurst, Sheriffhales,

No Objection

24/00417/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Erection of a workshop with ancillary showroom, reception and offices in association with the change of use to a forklift hire and sales business (sui generis) creation of access, along with parking and servicing areas installation of treatment plant (re-siting of previous scheme 20/00350/FUL approved 3rd March 2020) and erection of garage for Yew Tree Farmhouse

LOCATION: Proposed Workshop and Showroom East of Yew Tree Farm, Crackleybank.

It was agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds that this development would encroach into new farmland / agricultural land, and this development should not be allowed as the proposed expansion is outside of the original working farm which was approved in March 2020. If this is to expand then we feel this would be more suited to an industrial site, and the access is of concern as it is near to the traffic lights onto the A5.

The site should be inspected on what has been built already and may be contrary to the original granted application. We request a site visit.

20/24. To receive an update on outstanding items from the list from the roles and responsibilities

Public Rights Of Way / Bridle Paths - Cllr G Tonkinson – The definitive map deadline for adding old paths that have been previously deleted has been extended.
Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts
Speed-watch – Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts / Cllr D Himsworth
Community Events – Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts
Highways issues – Cllr D Himsworth / Cllr G Tonkinson
Dogs – Training as Environmental warden – Cllr Mrs L Edwards – Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts has made contact with the officer at Shropshire Council and are moving forward.
Tree Wardens – Cllr G Tonkinson & Cllr J Horne (2 trees of concern need to be reported)
Village Maintenance noticeboards, grit bins, moles, litter bins, sight mirrors – Green Space maintenance – Cllr A Edwards Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts - (bin required at Heath Hill).
The Orchards – Cllr Mrs L Edwards – new trees to be planted and the original trees to be pruned.
School Liaison – Cllr G Tonkinson Cllr Mrs A Sutcliffe – Cllr G Tonkinson is on the Governors updated on the refurbishment of the school – Clerk to email school and update as council liaison.
Press Contacts - Chairman and Clerk.
Website Liaison – Clerk.
Community Solar Panel liaison –Cllr S Whittam – Clerk to inform the Solar Panel company of this appointment.
Grants and Finance – Cllr N Pulker
Planning – whole council (agenda item above).
Well Being of the area – whole council.

The Clerk to make suggestions on what type of activities that the areas cover.

21/24. Public Honours

Cllr N Pulker reported that there are a lot of people that do a lot for the Parish, and they should be put forward for the honours list and / or these people should be people recognised locally, for service, hard work and commitment. It was agreed that this to be an agenda item for the next meeting, with possible names. In the first instance the Clerk to investigate how to nominate a person for the honours list.

22/24. Development of land on the B4379

The land at the moment is being used by young people exercising ponies. There appears to be a concrete pad for a shelter of some sort. Several Laurel bushes that have been planted to create a hedge. It was agreed to monitor the land and review in 3 months' time (May).

23/24. To discuss a Neighbourhood Plan

The funding available straight away for a Neighbourhood Plan, there is CIL Funding for 2024 is available which is circa £5,000 and in our reserves £1,200 in the Parish Plan budget line.

It was proposed by Cllr J Horne and seconded by Cllr N Pulker that the Clerk invite a speaker to come and address the Council on this subject this was agreed. In addition the Clerk to gather information from CPRE on the benefits of a plan, to try to get a guide price on the potential cost to produce one and also find out how many local parishes have completed a plan.

24/24. Clerks report including - Updates on outstanding items

Gateway markers

Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts kindly photographed possible sites which were sent to Shropshire Council for them to agree if the location was suitable.

David Gradwell has come back with:-

“I would say the best locations are by the 40mph speed limit signs at either end of the village. Probably only room to fit one gate at the southern end though on the right hand side as travelling into the village.”

The Clerk also asked where there is limited space if a single post or smaller gateway could be located and Mr Gradwell reports back - Yes, it would be possible to go for smaller type gates or a just a post as long as they are installed so there is a minimum clearance from the edge of the carriageway of 450mm.

It was proposed by Cllr N Pulker and seconded by Mrs L Edwards to order the signs and posts as above. On a vote this was agreed.

Recycling bank - the PTFA have a proposal to put to everyone in regards to a new Clothes recycle bin for the village. It was proposed by Cllr J Horne and seconded by Cllr L Edwards to accept the site and ask that they do maintain the area of any fly tipping. On a vote this was agreed. Therefore the Clerk will formally write back and confirm with the PTFA.

S137 – new limit for 2024/25 is £10.81 per elector increasing from £9.93.

Local Policing Charter - We have been asked to confirm the 3 priorities for Sheriffhales of concern re policing, the past 3 sent to them for Sept – Dec 2023 were – PRIORITY 1 – Theft (Outbuildings); PRIORITY 2 – Anti Social Driving; PRIORITY 3 – Speeding. It was agreed that these are the same and the Clerk to submit them.

25/24. Accounts for payment

£30.07	160	Ionos
£929.06	161	Gallager
£162.00	162	Dittons
£120.00	163	Recoded domain name
£45.00	164	Mole removal
£1286.13		

Cllr J Horne proposed and Cllr Mrs L Edwards put forward the accounts to be approved as above, on a vote this was carried.

26/24. Development of the playing field and village assets

The Clerk has looked at land registry for the land owned by the Parish and this is recorded on file.

An integrated plan needs to be in place for the areas owned by the Parish, and perhaps Cllr Mrs L Edwards to look into this type of thing. Such as re-wilding areas. It was agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting and Cllr Mrs L Edwards will investigate this. The Clerk to forward details to her for advice.

The play equipment needs to be replaced due to coming to the end of its life. The Clerk circulated plans of types of schemes. The Clerk to get prices from contractors for circa £7,000 - £10,000 and bring idea's if possible, to the Annual Parish Meeting.

27/24. To receive an update from the Clerks Appraisal

The Clerk left the room for this part of the meeting. It was agreed to award the Clerk with a one off remuneration, for all her hardwork for the Council. The Clerk thanked the Council for their kindness.

28/24. Future Agenda items

To be with the Clerk by the 4th March 2024, Land B4379 May meeting, Neighbourhood Plan, Development of the playing field and village assets, return to bi monthly meetings, formalising litter picks in the Parish.

29/24. Dates and Times of next meeting

12th March 2024 Short Agenda Parish Council 6.30pm in the small side of the hall, 12th March 2024 APM 7.30pm; 9th April 2024; 14th May 2024 Annual Meeting