

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Tuesday 30 July 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Isabel Barnard Chair Joe Watton Stephen Howells Lucy Howells Kerry Godfrey
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor	Madge Shineton
	Parishioners	Ken Partridge

1 **Apologies**

Gwilym Butler tendered his apology by email.

2 **Pecuniary Interests**

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare a pecuniary interest they may have with regard to **any** item on the Agenda

3 **Public Open Session**

Concerns were raised about the potential for motor-cross events in the Blackford /Stoke St Milborough area. There was a lengthy discussion. The main concerns were about potential litter problems, invasive noise and traffic congestion in the narrow surrounding lanes when events were held. There was also concern about the close proximity to the Shropshire Way and its effect on visitors walking the way. It is also close to the Jack Mytton Way. The meeting was informed there were motocross events on the proposed site in the 1980's. Planning permission to hold events was not needed but there was comment about whether the excavations in preparing the site were subject to scrutiny by the Planners. A meeting called by Stoke St. Milborough Parish Council was attended by over 100 people.

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 May 2018 were approved.

5 **Local News**

There was nothing of significance to report, other than the concerns regarding the potential motocross events reported in Minute 3 above.

6 **Future Social Events**

It was suggested we elicit the views of parishioners via email social media etcetera. Events such as marking end of WW! In November 2018 were mentioned. It was proposed to keep Jim Oakley in the 'loop' as an ex trustee of the Millennium Fund which will be the source of income to hold any event.

7 **Report by Unitary Councillor(s)**

Madge Shineton reported as follows;

- i) She is holding a surgery for constituents in Cleobury Mortimer on 4 August 2018.
- ii) Future Fit posters were left to be put on the Notice Boards
- iii) Shropdoc has applied for a contract for out of hours service,
- iv) Still awaiting the decision on Future Fit. Once decided other Medical issues will be resolved. There is concern for the future of Ludlow and Bridgnorth Hospitals. There is a GP 5 Year forward plan to extend services. The Ambulance Service is awaiting clarity. The major problem for this Future Fit decision is the transport problems in our remote communities. A special group has been set up to address this problem but there is an acute shortage of volunteer drivers.
- v) SALC meeting with local MP's twice a year. Major concerns at the moment are community transport and the future for the now defunct Ironbridge Power Station.
- vi) Full meeting of the Council last Thursday. All financial details are in the Report which can be viewed 'on line'. The Auditors have given the Council 'a clean bill of health'. Some £5m has been taken out of the Highways budget to finance any shortfall in the Care budget. A Peer review by Councillors of other authorities has given a positive report.
- vii) There are continual vociferous complaints about the number of pot-holes which have not been repaired.
- viii) She said we could now apply for the Lengthsman grant 2018/19.

Madge retired from the Meeting.

8 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

Road surface is scheduled for resurfacing. This is the opportunity to ask for double white lines. Isabel has forms to complete for gated entrances to village on B 4364. Costs likely to be in the order of £400.

9 **Lengthsman Scheme**

Madge Shineton had previously indicated the Grant scheme is up and running and we should apply. No invoice was rendered by the Lengthsman.

10 **Correspondence**

No correspondence this month,

11 **Planning**

Change of use to store additional Touring Caravans Three Horseshoes 18/02109/FUL

No decision has yet been reached on this Application by the Planning Department.

12 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The Bank Balance as at 27 June 2018 £12,159.65
Meeting resolved to maintain the present payment system and not use on line banking. Too few transactions to warrant an online paying system.
- 2) Payment to Zurich for Insurance 2018/19 £198.46

12 **Finance(continued)**

- 3) Payment of Election Fee 2017 £100 was authorised
- 4) Payment was authorised to the Clerk for salary/disbursements net of tax £281.20 4 months to 31 July 2018
- 5) Payment to Silvington Consultancy for Internal Audit £50 was approved.
- 6) The new Bank Mandate is now in place
- 7) The meeting retrospectively approved the signing of the Smaller Authorities Exemption Certificate. Previously approved by exchange of emails.
- 8) Payment to Farlow PC for shared internet and Bulk printing consumables in the sum of £41.68 was approved.

13 **Items to be put on Agenda for next Meeting**

- Speeding through Village - village Gates.
- Social Events
- Lengthsman grant application

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 1 October 2018 (**now Changed to Wednesday 3 October** 2018 due to unavailability of Hall) commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall
The Meeting closed c7.55pm