

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Adderley
on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Coulon, P Nash, A Swindale, K Mycock, and I Wilson, also J Evans (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs C Cornwall and N Evans

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologies** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were five members of the public present. Of the three residents present one express their concerns over the broken pipe in culvert on the road to Wilkesley. Shropshire Highways have tarmaced the area but because the pipe is broken the field is flowed and in heavy rain the road does too. A map was provided as to exactly whether this problem was and the Council agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Shropshire Highways about this. The remaining two residents spoke to the Council about their proposal for sleeper constructed flower beds on the strip of land in between the lay-by and the A529. The Council agreed in principle to the proposal, which will cost c£1,000, but the Clerk explained that the next stage was to complete Shropshire Council's 'Licence to plant on the verge' application, which she will take forward. The three residents then left the meeting.
4. **Mobile Signal** – Cllr Mycock did a short resume of the efforts which had been made to improve the mobile signal in this area and went on to introduced Cllr Lee Chapman, Portfolio holder for Digital Infrastructure on Shropshire Council, and Chris Taylor, a Connecting Shropshire officer at Shropshire Council. Mr Taylor explained that although mobile signal was not Shropshire Council's responsibility they have been trying to engage with local MPs and mobile phone operators to improve the coverage in Shropshire. Mr Taylor went on to explain that the mobile market is evolving and he envisages that the way to improve signal will be through the mobile phone companies sharing their infrastructure networks, but this needs to be agreed by the Government before negotiations can begin. Cllr Chapman explained his role within Shropshire Council's Cabinet and how, along with others, he is putting pressure on the Government to understand that a rural strategy is needed regarding communication needs. After further discussion Mr Taylor advised that there was very little more that the Parish Council could do but he would speak to the mobile companies regarding the Adderley Church tower and report back. It was suggested that a question relating to mobile signal be included in the questionnaire that will be circulated in the parish for the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan and Mr Taylor agreed that the more data available the better. The Council thanked both Cllr Chapman and Mr Taylor for giving up their time to attend the meeting after which both guests left.
5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 7th August 2019** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th August and it was resolved by the Council that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings.
6. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters:**
The following updates were advised to the Council:
 - a. The Clerk advised that Shropshire Highway's new technician had looked at the fingerpost behind the fence and suggested that it may be possible to re-locate this on the highway side of the fence. The Clerk will continue to liaise with Shropshire Highways regarding this matter.
 - b. Although some essential work had been carried out on the beech tree the Clerk will chase Mr Benbow for a quote of the further work that is required.
 - c. Letters had been sent to residents of Norton Lane requesting the hedges to be cut but this has not yet happened, the Clerk will chase this up.
7. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Unfortunately Cllr Wynn was unable to attend this meeting.
8. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Mycock reported on a meeting, arranged through Market Drayton Town Council, with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

9. Planning -

None received

Determination of Planning

None received

10. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Details	Chq no	Amount	Authority
Jane Evans	Clerks Expenses	201	£66.55	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - September	S/O	£254.00	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£320.55	

It was resolved by the Council that all items be paid.

b. Bank Reconciliation –

Balance brought forward	£ 2,926.03
Income	£ 19,542.89
Expenditure	£ 9,155.09
Balance to be carried forward	£ 13,313.83

Bank Balances as at 31st August 2019:

Current Account	£ 1,000.00
Interest Account	£ 12,388.83
Adjustment for unpresented cheques	£ 75.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 13,313.83

- c. **Grant to Friends of Adderley School** – Cllr Coulon advised the Council that he had emailed this group for more information regarding this grant request but as he had not yet received a reply this item need not be discussed further at the moment.
- d. **New Financial Regulations** - Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a copy of the NALC amended Financial Regulations to the Council highlighting the areas which needed discussion. The Clerk's suggestions were discussed and the Council resolved to accept the new Financial Regulations and implement the new internal controls required.

11. Report from Speed Concerns Committee – Cllr Wilson advised the Council that the group were due to meet again in the next few weeks as they felt it was time to chase Shropshire Council for more information about the A529 improvements, nothing has yet been done.

12. Highways & Environmental Health – The following points were discussed:

- a. Mirror opposite Station Road – Cllr Wilson has met with David Gradwell of Shropshire Highways and the resident who requested the mirror and a possible site had been suggested although this needs agreement from the landowner.
- b. Planters on A529 – this had been discussed in agenda item 3.
- c. Cllr Nash asked for the Clerk to report the moss that has once again appeared on the pavement to the church as this could prove dangerous in the coming wet weather, the Clerk will report this issue.

13. Fingerposts to Church – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated further information, and prices, relating to a village map/plan to go in the Village Hall car park. The Council liked the graphics provided but asked for slight amendments to be made. It was also decided that a recycled lecture notice board would look better and in keeping with the new fingerposts that the Council had previously agreed to install. The Clerk will liaise with

Shelley Signs regarding this matter and in the meantime, Cllr Wilson will speak to the Village Hall committee to get their agreement to the noticeboard and fingerposts.

14. **Street Lighting** – There was nothing to report at this time.
15. **Playground Report** – Cllr Coulon wished to record the Council's thanks to the resident who had mended the gate.
16. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Nash advised the Council that the Steering Group had not meet since the last Parish Council meeting.
17. **Neighbourhood Watch** – No issues had been raised to any Councillors.
18. **Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings. Additionally the Clerk reported that she had, that day, received the External Auditors report which was good and she will publish on the Parish website alongside the other financial information relating to Year End 31.3.19 Accounts.
19. **Parish Matters** – No further items were raised by Councillors.
20. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019** – No further items were suggested at this point.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 11th September 2019

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 23rd October 2019

Signed by the Chairman

