

## ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council Parish meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 starting at 7.30 pm which was held virtually, using Zoom interactive means, in line with new legislation during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

**Present:** Councillors M Coulon, P Nash, C Cornwall, A Swindale, K Mycock, N Evans and Unitary Councillor P Wynn, also J Evans (Clerk)

**Apologises:** Cllr I Wilson

- 1. Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Nash declared an interest in item 9a.
- 3. Public Session** – Although it had been published that members of the public could attend this virtual meeting there were no members of the public present.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of these minutes and it was resolved by the Council that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**5. Clerk's update regarding on-going matters:**

The following updates were advised to the Council:

- The Clerk and Council discussed the recently installed new village information board and signposts, which pointed out safer routes for pedestrians to the church and the canal. The Council agreed that they were a great addition to the village. Cllr Swindale suggested moving the bin that was next to the information board slightly further away so as not to detract from the board, the Clerk will look into this.
  - Cllr Wilson has chased the mirror for opposite Station Road but the Clerk advised the Council that she would also chase Shropshire Highways about this matter.
  - The 50 speed restrictions are now in place on the A529 and the Clerk and Council agreed that this was very welcome.
- 6. Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn reported that he had been in conversation with both the applicant and the planning officers regarding the planning application for Little Acorns and he would continue to represent the Council's views in these discussions. He also added that he would chase Shropshire Council regarding the traffic light issue on the A529 between Adderley and Audlem.
  - 7. Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – No-one had attended a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting.

**8. Planning**

None received.

**Determination of Planning**

**20/01929/FUL** - Erection of an agricultural livestock building (Phase 1) - Adderley Lodge Farm, Adderley Road, Adderley, TF9 3ST – **Permission Granted**

**9. Finance**

**a. Expenses**

Payee	Details	Chq no	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting	D/D	£129.66	£6.48	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Tony Seabridge	Grass Cutting	434	£400.00	£80.00	HA 1980 s 96
Playsafety Ltd	Annual ROSPA Inspection & Report	435	£75.50	£15.10	PHAAA 1907 s 76 (1)
PN re Tickets	Events calander for website	436	£70.66		LGA 1972 s 142

Jane Evans	Clerks wages - August 2020	S/O	£262.00	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£937.82	£101.58	

It was resolved by the Council that this item be paid.

**b. Bank Reconciliation –**

Balance brought forward	£ 2,897.14
Income to date	£ 17,474.90
Expenditure to date	£ 4,263.39
<b>Balance to be carried forward</b>	<b>£ 16,108.65</b>

Bank Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020:

Current Account	£ 2,005.60
Interest Account	£ 15,108.65
Adjustment for unpresented cheques	£ 1,005.60
<b>Total of Reconciled Bank Balances</b>	<b>£ 16,108.65</b>

**10. Report from Speed Concerns Committee** – Prior to the meeting Cllr Wilson had forwarded an email from Paul Savill updating the Council on various matters relating to the A529 work but unfortunately there was still no date for the further work due to be in the village itself.

**11. Highways & Environmental Health** – The Council discussed the following issues:

- a. The footpaths to Audlem – The Clerk summarised the Council’s position from July 2018 and advised the Council that she had requested an update from Shropshire Council but unfortunately had not yet had a reply. Cllr Mycock advised the meeting that he understood that the department that dealt with Rights of Way issues were understaffed and there was a backlog of work, the Clerk will circulate a response once she receives one.
- b. The Clerk reported that on the previous Friday afternoon there had been an issue where the cattle cross the A529. At 2.15pm the road had been closed using the gate/string and the c200 cattle had then started to be moved, by one man, from the lower end of the field to cross the road. The whole process had taken 14 minutes by which time there was at least 37 cars waiting. One of the drivers had got out of his vehicle and remonstrated with the man with the cattle, who had just smirked. Cllr Wynn advised the Council that, having had to move c150 cattle across a highway himself, if you corralled the cattle towards the gate before closing the road off the whole process should take a lot shorter time. The Council requested that the Clerk take this matter forward with the relevant authorities as clearly this is a very serious problem.
- c. Further to the discussion at the last meeting regarding vehicles in Green Bank Cllr Nash had suggested that the Clerk contact Shropshire Highways to see if a ‘Children Playing’ sign could be put up. The Clerk advised that the local Highways engineer is looking into this.
- d. It was reported that an agricultural vehicle had been parking on the A529 to transfer slurry over the hedge to a further agricultural vehicle in the field. It was hoped that this was just a rare occurrence on this busy A road but it was agreed that should anyone see this happening again they were to report it to the Clerk who will notify the relevant authorities.

**12. Declaring a Climate Emergency** – The Clerk summarised everything that she had learnt on the course but went on to explain that as the Council did not own a property or vehicles it was difficult to see how much of an impact they could have. The Council is already upgrading the final street lights to LED during this financial year and has an aspiration in the Shropshire Place Plan related to a safe walking pathway to the school. Cllr Nash advised the meeting that there may be further issues that could be taken forward, in this regard, in the Neighbourhood Plan due to the proposed new planning process. The Council agreed that is matter could be discussed further in the future and in the meantime, the Clerk will write to both Market Drayton and Audlem Councils to advise that should they be looking at this issue themselves then Adderley would like to be involved

in any initiative which could be of mutual benefit.

13. **Street Lighting** – the Clerk will chase the street light engineers regarding the Corbett Drive upgrades.
14. **Playground Report** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the recent ROSPA report and Cllr Cornwall reported highlighted the three items that needed to be dealt with: the fence needed repairing; the balance beam needs repairing; and the chains on the swing will need to be monitored and repaired. Cllr Cornwall recommended that as the balance beam was being repaired it made sense to replace the swing chains at the same time, all agreed. There was a further discussion regarding the Risk Assessment carried out in respect of reopening the playground and the Council agreed that once the equipment and fence had been repaired, the grass cut and the necessary signs purchased and displayed the playground could be reopened.
15. **Draft Local Plan Consultation** – The Council discussed this Shropshire Council consultation and asked the Clerk to respond with comments: Adderley, Morton Say and Norton in Hales are not listed as Community Clusters; the Council had read, understood and largely agreed with the plan; but also please could Shropshire Council clarify the term ‘modest’ as used in SP8 and how this related to SP9.
16. **Housing Strategy Consultation** – Cllr Nash advised the Council that, having read through this document, he could not see any differences from the previous one, and so the Council decided not to comment on this consultation. Since publishing the agenda the Clerk had received emails regarding further planning consultations relating to the Government’s proposed changes to the planning process and it was agreed that she would forward these to all members for them to read through and decide if the Council should agreed a response at any Extraordinary meeting, as NALC want Council’s views before the next scheduled Parish Council meeting.
17. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Nash advised the Council that although there was nothing new to report he thought that it was time for the Steering Group to reconvene to work out a way forward with the public consultation and he would be contacting Renee from SRCC in this regard.
18. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Cornwall advised that fortunately there had been no problems in the area.
19. **PCC Town and Parish Council Survey** – This annual survey was discussed and Cllr Coulon was delegated to respond to this on behalf of the Council.
20. **Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated information on this matter and the Council decided that there was no need to respond.
21. **Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings and in addition the Clerk had received a letter from Adderley PCC thanking the Council for the Grant towards the upkeep of the Church yard.
22. **Parish Matters** – Cllr Swindale advised the meeting that a temporary replacement vicar had been appointed and it was hoped that two services per month would start in September.
23. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020.** There were no additional items suggested at this point.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Signed by the Chairman .....