

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council Parish meeting on 3rd March 2021 starting at 7.30 pm which was held virtually, using Zoom interactive means, in line with legislation during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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

Apologises: None

- 1. Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Nash declared an interest in agenda item 9a and Cllr Wilson declared an interest in 11d.
- 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 20th January 2021** - 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:

- Following further correspondence from Shropshire Highways the Clerk asked if anyone had seen the work on the verges of the A529 being done, this would necessitate traffic lights and this should have been completed now. As no-one could confirm seeing any lights the Clerk will check again if it has been done.
 - The Clerk confirmed that the relatively new sign on the bend by South Lodge is now working again.
- 6. Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn reported that at a recent meeting of Shropshire Council it had been announced that, as they are underfunded by the Government, they will be spending an extra £40m over the next 4 years on Shropshire's road network. Cllr Mycock asked if Cllr Wynn had seen any planning applications relating to shared mobile masts as these should be rolled out across the country. Cllr Wynn advised that he hadn't yet but would report back if he sees anything.
 - 7. Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – No meetings had been attended since the last Parish Council meeting.

8. Planning – The following planning application were discussed and the following *comments* agreed:

None received

Determination of Planning

20/01749/FUL - Change of use from an agricultural building to B8 storage use - Park Farm, Adderley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3TG – **Permission Granted**

Proposed changes to the NPPF – Prior to the meeting Cllr Nash had circulated a proposed response to this consultation and it was unanimously agreed to send this on as proposed. Cllr Coulon thanked Cllr Nash for his time in formulating this response for the Council

9. Finance

a. Expenses

Payee	Details	Chq no	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Zoll	Defib batteries	457	£65.00	£13.00	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
PN re Amazon	Labels for We Don't Buy Crime initiative	458	£23.51	£4.70	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
PN re 34SP.com	Threeparishplan.co.uk domain name	458	£180.75	£36.15	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5

E-on	Street Light upgrade to LED x 6	459	£1,190.00	£238.00	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
E-on	Street light repair	459	£96.00	£19.20	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
JE re Zoom	Zoom Account for the Parish Council	460	£89.92	£17.98	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Smart Water	Smart Water kits	461	£1,335.00	£267.00	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
NSP	Neighbourhood Watch 2 more sign clips	462	6.95	£0.80	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Jane Evans	Clerks wages - March 2021	S/O	£262.00	-	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Total			£3,249.13	£596.83	

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

b. Bank Reconciliation –

Balance brought forward	£ 2,897.14
Income to date	£ 17,883.30
Expenditure to date	£ 10,535.41
Balance to be carried forward	£ 10,245.03

Bank Balances as at 31st January 2021:

Current Account	£ 1,719.74
Interest Account	£ 9,210.03
Adjustment for unrepresented cheques	£ 684.74
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 10,245.03

10. Report from Speed Concerns Committee – Cllr Wilson reported that he had been in contact with Paul Savill of WSP who had advised him that he would be able to provide a presentation of slides for the virtual Parish Meeting, next month, giving an update on the A529 work. Mr Savill will also be able to provide an additional presentation regarding possible traffic calming measures through the village, and how this would affect the residents, to enable the Parish Council to ascertain the general feeling on this matter. It is hoped that Mr Savill will be able to join the meeting on the night himself but he will confirm this. Cllr Cornwall advised the meeting that the speed monitoring device had been moved from Green Bank to by the school and she hoped that everyone had seen the data from Green Bank which she had circulated.

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

- a. Update regarding the A529 traffic lights – The Clerk advised that WSP had done a design of repairs to the road, this work is now being agreed by the Project Manager and then will have to be scheduled to be done.
- b. Possible siting of additional benches in the village – The Council discussed the quotes received and it was unanimously agreed to buy two more benches for the village and pay for them to have the correct groundwork, anchoring and plagues. These benches will be sited on the Village Hall field and on the corner of Rectory Lane and Green Bank. Additionally, the Council will pay for the groundwork for the commemorative bench that a resident wants to site by the Shavington triangle. The Clerk had contacted the Council's insurance company who advised that for the Council to insure this additional bench there needs to be an agreement between the purchaser and the Council as to the ongoing ownership, and responsibility, as the Council cannot insure something that it does not own. Cllr Wilson and the Clerk will liaise with the resident in this matter. Cllr Coulon advised that the existing benches need could do with being stained again and he was looking into this.
- c. 2021 Season grass and hedge cutting contract – The Clerk advised the Council of the two quotes that she had received in respect of the grass cutting, spraying and hedge cutting and the Council unanimously agreed to continue to use the existing contractor. The Clerk will advise both contractors of the Council's decision and also ask the current contractor to quote for the removal of moss on some of the village pavements.
- d. Letter from the Adderley Bowling Club Chairman relating to the hedge cutting – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the letter, including two quotes for cutting the bowling club hedge, and, after

discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to pay for the hedge to be cut by the cheaper contractor with the proviso that, as far as possible, the new height of the hedge should be agreed with the neighbouring residents.

- e. Replacement finger posts for the Shavington Road junction – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the two quotes for replacement finger posts, these were discussed and the Council agreed to take forward the more traditional looking signs which would be more in keeping with the post. It was also agreed exactly what the signs needed to say.
- f. Canal path near Cox's Bank - The Clerk has reported this issue to the Canal and Rivers Trust who have advised that their regional team will deal with it. Cllr Nash advised the meeting that nothing appears to have happened yet and Cllr Wilson advised that he had photos of this issue should they be needed.
- g. Tree planting - Cllr Nash explained that as the Council had used a cut Christmas tree last year the idea of planting replacement trees had been suggested and also, more recently, residents had contacted the website regarding the possibility of commemorative trees. It was unanimously agreed that the Council would like to plant trees if the right place could be identified where trees could be planted each year, possibly as a Memorial Arboretum, but as the Council does not have its own land for this purpose, local landowners support was needed. Cllr Coulon will speak to a couple of landowners about this initiative and report back to the Council.
- h. Canal Path to Market Drayton – Cllr Wilson advised the meeting that he had been approached by a resident complaining about the state of the canal path to Market Drayton and asking what the Parish Council could do about getting hardcore put down. The Council discussed this and agreed that, although this was not something that the Council could get directly involved with, the Clerk could contact the Canal and River Trust to ask if this was something that they could consider doing.

12. Street Lighting – The Clerk was pleased to report that all Council owned street lights were now LED and there were no repairs required at the moment.

13. Playground Report – Cllr Cornwall advised that all the equipment was fine and no issues have been reported.

14. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Nash advised the Council that analysing the comments from The Big Question survey was taking a very long time and Norton in Hales and Moreton Say representatives were having a few resource issues so the Steering Group meeting had been postponed until next week.

15. Annual Parish Meeting – This meeting is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of the electorate of the parish. It was agreed that, due to present government restrictions, this year's Parish meeting would be virtual and include webinars on: A529 update, as detailed above; Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan update; and the upcoming local elections. The date of 21st April for the Parish meeting was agreed and a practice run through will happen on 7th April. The Clerk will advise the Chairman as to what items legally have to also be included, for example the Chairman's report, and the Cllr Coulon will then circulate an agenda/running order.

16. Neighbourhood Watch – The Clerk advised that the smart water kits, under the We Don't Buy Crime initiative, should now have been received by all parishioners who needed to be encouraged to mark their items of value with the smart water and display the stickers in roadside windows. Cllr Wilson's had done a video explaining all about this scheme on the parish website which was helpful in this respect. Cllr Cornwall agreed that this initiative was great for crime prevention and thanked everyone involved in making it happen, she went on to advise that fortunately there had been no issues reported recently in the area. Cllr Coulon advised that the new Neighbourhood Watch signs had now gone up around the parish.

17. Census – The Clerk advised the Council of the publicity that was underway relating to this 10 year census, due to be taken on Sunday 21st March, and it was agreed to update notices on the parish website nearer the time.

18. Community Governance Reviews – Prior to the meeting Cllr Nash had email the Council explaining his thoughts as to why the Council should respond to Shropshire Council about this proposal. Cllr Nash elaborated on this matter and why it would be better if all three parishes involved with the Neighbourhood Plan responded. The Clerk advised the meeting that unfortunately Moreton Say Parish Council were not due to meet before the 12th

March deadline and so the Council agreed to write just from Adderley Council.

- 19. Criminal Exploitation of Children** – Cllr Nash explained what exactly is meant by the criminal exploitation of children and the situations that he has seen as a magistrate. He proposed that the Council should write to our Member of Parliament to express our concern about this issue and urge him to support the motion on vulnerable people, this unanimously agreed.
- 20. Shropshire’s May Election** – The Clerk explained the election process and asked if the Council would like her to obtain nomination forms from Shropshire Council so that these did not have to be downloaded from their website, this was agreed. The Clerk is due to go on a virtual training this Friday regarding the election, at which she should be getting information on the dates for the nomination procedure. The Council agreed once the time line was known they may have to put some information on the website and in the village notice board, ahead of the Parish Meeting, to allow time for people to get forms back to Shirehall.
- 21. Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings and additionally a letter had been received regarding the Maurice Chandler Sports Centre, which was noted.
- 22. Parish Matters** – Cllr Wilson advised the Council that he had been contacted by a resident of Buildwas who had been involved in a scheme that brought fibre broadband to the door. That scheme had finished but a very similar scheme, involving Openreach, was due to be launched which was for the really rural areas and Adderley’s postcode meant that they qualified. Cllr Wilson will investigate this scheme further as it rolls out and report back to the Council.
- 23. Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th April 2021.** The Clerk advised the meeting that Mr Allan Willson of Shropshire Climate Action Group would be giving a presentation at this meeting and also, she would like to include an item relating to her hours, this was agreed. It was also agreed by the Council that if any invoices were received between now and 25th March an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 31st March so that the invoices could be agreed, and paid, in the correct financial year.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 3rd March 2021

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 14th April 2021

Signed by the Chairman