

## ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 held at Adderley Village Hall  
and starting 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillors M Coulon, P Nash, I Wilson, L Dowley, and P Shepley, also J Evans (Clerk)

**Apologises: Councillor N Evans and A Swindale**

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Nash expressed an interest in item number 9a.
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the Extraordinary Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of both 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:

- a. Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Clerk had asked Shropshire Council for details as to how much the traffic lights on the A529 had cost and been advised that, to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the cost was just under £35,000. The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to Steve Charmley, Shropshire Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways, pointing out this cost to the tax payer, the disruption to road users and asking for a possible timescale of when the work may be undertaken so that the lights could be removed.
  - b. The Clerk advised the Council that she had received an email from Victoria Doran, Shropshire Highways Manager, which states that it will be some months before the signs on the county border are reinstated.
  - c. The Canal and River Trust had confirmed that the dog poo bins have now been emptied.
- 6. Report from Unitary Councillor** – Unfortunately Cllr Wynn was unable to attend the meeting.
- 7. Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – No meetings had been attended since the last Parish Council meeting.

## 8. Planning

None received

### Determination of Planning

None received

## 9. Finance

a. **Expenses**

Payee	Details	Chq no	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Playsafety Ltd	Annual ROSPA report	481	£75.50	£15.10	PHAAA 1907 s 76 (1)
Tony Seabridge	Grass and hedge cutting	482	£490.00	£98.00	HA 1980 s 96
PN re 34SP.com	Events Calendar	483	£79.21		LGA 1972 s 142
Jane Evans	Clerks wages - July 2021	S/O	£330.48		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£975.19	£113.10	

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

- b. **Bank Reconciliation** – For the Council to receive and accept the Year End Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward	£ 5,123.11
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Income to date	£ 17,088.15
Expenditure to date	£ 5,986.99
<b>Balance to be carried forward</b>	<b>£ 16,224.27</b>

Bank Balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

Current Account	£ 2,461.10
Interest Account	£ 15,218.27
Adjustment for unpresented cheques	£ 1,455.10
<b>Total of Reconciled Bank Balances</b>	<b>£ 16,224.27</b>

- c. **Quarterly Financial Review** – Prior to the meeting the Council had received the financial information to the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, including the budget v actual figures, and these agreed.
- d. **Grant request from Adderley P C C** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an email from the PCC Treasurer and this was discussed and, after a majority vote, it was agreed to grant a further £1,500 to Adderley P.C.C. towards the maintenance of the church yard as this was an asset to the community.

**10. Report from Speed Concerns Committee** – Cllr Wilson advised that he had paper copies of the questionnaire relating to traffic calming through the village and volunteers would be delivering these over the weekend when the on-line questionnaire would also be live. Cllr Wilson also advised that he would shortly be downloading the data from the speed monitoring device and relocating it.

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

- a. Benches – The three new benches had been installed and the contractor had forwarded his invoice of £1,225, unfortunately after the agenda had been published. The Council agreed that as this expense had already been agreed it would be appropriate for the Clerk to draft this cheque for signature this evening instead of waiting until the next meeting in 6 weeks. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Whilde regarding the bench on the Shavington junction about the plaque and also his donation towards the bench. The Council also agreed to include this grass at the Shavington junction in the mowing contract next year and the Clerk will speak to the contractor.
- b. Canal Towpath - Cllr Wilson reported on his meeting with Nicola Lewis-Smith, Canal and River Trust Projects Manager for West Midlands. Cllr Wilson advised the Council of the three ways in which the tow path could be improved: either a big project to upgrade the whole length between bridges 69 and 72 which would involve C & R T putting a grant application package together and trying to find funding; A partnership project involving the Parish Council and local businesses which would be a smaller project just around bridge 72; or a canal adoption plan which would involve creating a community group who would look maintain and slowly upgrade up to a mile of canal towpath with C & R T help and funding. The Council discussed these options and decided to gauge the community's response by putting an article on the website and asking residents to get in touch if they were interested.
- c. Bin at Greenbank and A529 junction – Shropshire Council have advised that they only install general bins now and the cost for an additional bin is £300 for the bin and installation and a further £125 per year to empty it. The Council considered this and agreed to get the additional bin installed.
- d. Trees at the junction of Rectory Lane and Corbett Drive – Cllr Coulon explained that he had received a complaint from a resident and the Clerk had been in contact with Shropshire Council to ask if they could raise the crown of these trees as they were quite low over the pathway. Shropshire Council have not yet confirmed that they own the trees and the Parish Council agreed that once ownership was established the Clerk should ask if the Parish Council could do the work if it was going to take a long time for Shropshire Council to carry it out.
- e. Fingerposts at Shavington junction – The fingerposts have arrived but Cllr Coulon was having a problem getting them on the post as it was slightly too thick, he is going to get some help with to perhaps grind them out so they fit.





- f. Potential path creation – The Council discussed this idea and the Clerk suggested that she find out the terms of any loan that would be possible based on their precept.
12. **Street Lighting** – There had been a report that the street light half way down Greenbank may need repairing but Cllr Coulon will double check and let the Clerk know.
13. **Playground Report** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the annual ROSPA report which had very few recommendations in it and the Clerk will publish on the website. Cllr Coulon will have a look at the fence which needs tightening work and the Clerk will try to get an end piece for the handles on the bouncer. A complaint had been received from residents living next to the playground relating to the noise of children playing and this was also discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would reply and explain that as there was a poster stating that the equipment was only for under 11-year-olds, and also asking for respect for local residents, there was not a lot more the Parish Council could do.
14. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Nash explained that the consultants had started work on Regulation 14 and there should be drafts soon. Cllr Nash also handed out information relating to the comments received from Adderley residents from the Neighbourhood Plan survey which did not relate to land and these were reviewed. There were a lot of comments relating to roads and the Parish Council is very proactive in this regarding as previously minuted. There were also a lot of comments relating to the protecting the local environment and having more accessible green space, which is something the Parish Council is promoting with the tree planting and the possible canal towpath initiative.
15. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Unfortunately Cllr Evans had sent his apologies for the meeting but had confirmed to the Clerk that he was now receiving information from both the police and Neighbourhood Watch Scheme that he would be forwarding on to members.
16. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – The Council reviewed Cllr Nash's ideas about what could be done in the Parish to celebrate this Jubilee next year and liked the idea of a Parish breakfast linked to the tree planting and also the vegetable/fruit tree planting. Cllr Coulon will be discussing the tree planting with local landowners and report back to the Council when an area is suggested.
17. **Adderley Heritage Project** – Cllr Nash explained that he had met Mr Butter, a former Adderley Resident, who has an incredible amount of archive matter relating to the history of Adderley from 1066 – 1996. As this was a big topic Cllr Nash gave the Council a brief introduction and handed out more information for the Councillors to have a look at and this will be on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.
18. **Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings and no additional correspondence had been received.
19. **Parish Matters** – No further matters were raised.
20. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** In addition to those items already raised Cllr Wilson asked if Christmas lights could be put on the agenda.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Signed by the Chairman .....