

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 3rd August 2022
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors M Coulon, A Swindale, N Evans, I Wilson and, P Shepley, Unitary Councillor P Wynn also J Evans (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors P Nash and L Dowley

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologies** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd June 2022** - 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 records of proceedings.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters:**
The following updates were advised to the Council:
 - a. The Clerk explained that unfortunately the diameter of the post that held the broken finger pointer, which the Parish Council were hoping to replace, was too wide. The finger pointers previously purchased had been attached to newer, narrower posts but the post at the top of Green Bank on the A529 was very old and much wider. The Clerk will continue to try to find a company that can provide a replacement finger.
 - b. Following her letter to the landowner the Clerk asked if any of the Cllrs were aware if the metal in the hedge on the A529 had been moved, no-one knew and the Clerk will try to ascertain this when she is next travelling that way.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn spoke about the 'temporary traffic light' on the A529 and the discussion is detailed under agenda item 11a.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – Reports were received from:
 - Footpath Meeting – Cllr Nash had spoken to the Clerk prior to this evening's meeting and reported that at the meeting of Shropshire Council Rights of Way Officers and land owners the route of the footpath was outlined. The landowners were not happy and, after the footpath has been opened, they may apply for its re-direction.
 - Chairman's Meeting – Cllr Coulon reported on this meeting detailing the topics discussed: Village Hall use during wintertime; Neighbourhood Plans; and Solar Farms in Parishes.
 - Helicopter Liaison Meeting – Prior to the meeting Cllr Swindale had circulated the draft minutes from this meeting and suggested that the video and map could go on the website, the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Nash to take this forward.
8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and **comments agreed:**

22/02998/FUL - To erect an oak framed garage/Carport on a concrete raft under a slate roof - Cobscott Hey, Rectory Lane, Adderley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3TJ - **Support**

Determination of Planning

22/01444/FUL - Erection of a two storey 66-bed Care Home (Use Class C2), associated outbuildings with access and parking, including the demolition of existing buildings - Sych Farm, Adderley Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3SW – **Permission refused**

9. **a. Expenditure** – For the Council to accept and approve the below detailed expenditure

Payee	Details	Chq no	Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
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N Power	Energy for street lights	DD	£84.50	£4.22	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Paint and stopper	Int Bk	£245.62	£49.12	PHAAA 1907 s 76 (1)
Tony Seabridge	Grass cutting, hedge cutting & weed spraying	Int Bk	£910.00	£182.00	HA 1980 s 96
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - August 2022	Int Bk	£336.15		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£1,576.27	£235.34	

It was resolved by the Council that these expenses were paid. The Clerk explained that since the agenda had been compiled further invoices had been received from the External Auditor PFK Littlejohn for £240, their fee for the Audit, and Cllr Nash for £101.46 relating to the website. The Council resolved to pay these further invoices so that the recipients were not having to wait.

b. Bank Reconciliation – For the Council to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward	£ 7,816.86
Income to date	£ 16,405.28
Expenditure to date	£ 5,776.52
Balance to be carried forward	£ 18,445.62

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2022:

Current Account	£ 21,611.91
Interest Account	£ 0.00
Adjustment for unpresented cheques & wages	£ 3,166.29
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 18,445.62

10. Report from Speed Concerns Committee – Prior to the meeting Cllr Wilson had circulated the latest data from the Speed Monitoring Device and this was discussed. Cllr Wilson suggested that he write a small report for the website to accompany the information, all agreed.

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

- a. Temporary Traffic Lights on A529 – There was a discussion about the frustration regarding these traffic lights which has been in situ for 3 ½ years costing around £50,000 and inconveniencing 2,000 drivers per day! Cllr Wynn was urged to find out what exactly Shropshire Council were doing to resolve the situation as recent information received from them seems to contradict previous information received. The Council also instructed the Clerk to write a formal complaint to the Chief Officer at Shropshire Highways, detailing the above, and copying in the North Shropshire MP.
- b. The dog poo bins on the canal towpath by bridges 72 and 69 – Despite various emails to the Canal and Rivers Trust offering to pay for the bins to be emptied and pay for the installation and emptying of a second bin for general waste, no replies have been received and the problem is getting worse in the hot weather. The Council instructed the Clerk to get quotes for emptying the bins every 2 weeks during April to September and every month October to March. It was suggested that the Cllrs agreement to this expense be sought via email so that the bins could start being emptied as soon as possible as they were hazardous, all agreed.
- c. The weed spraying around the village – Email correspondence had been received from a resident and this matter was discussed and a response agreed by the Council.

12. Street Lighting – It had been reported that street light number 17 was coming on at 9.30 pm, there were no further issues identified so the Clerk will report this to the street light maintenance contractors.

13. Playground Report – The Clerk advised that the paint had not yet been delivered but the work required would be undertaken as soon as possible once this was received.

14. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – The up-to-date position is: Shropshire Council asked if they could review a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan before it went out to public consultation and this was sent to them in May. Since receiving the N P, Shropshire Council have been unable to review it due to workloads and staffing and so,

unfortunately, the process has been delayed. Shropshire Council are now saying that it will be September before they are able to review and comment on the N P. The Clerk asked Cllr Wynn to see if he could speak to Shropshire Council Officers to move this forward.

15. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Evans has also been forwarding all information, as he gets it, regarding any issues in the area and there are currently no issues from the WhatsApp group.
16. **Market Drayton Boundary Review** – The Clerk advised that no further updates have been received.
17. **Adderley Heritage Project** – Cllr Nash had advised the Clerk that a decision on this grant application should be received in 6 weeks.
18. **Village Planters** – These had been delivered to Cllr Wilson and he will liaise with Cllr Downey, Barry and the Clerk regarding their installation.
19. **The Queen’s Green Canopy** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an email from Royal British Legion detailing plaques for commemorative trees that they are supplying. The Council agreed that the A5 version of this plaque, costing £120, would be most suitable and Cllr Coulon will try to find out if a similar plaque could be obtained for the WI Tree. The Council agreed that the tree needs to be a native British tree which will grow no larger than 30 ft. There was a discussion regarding the fruit trees that were to be purchased and given to residents for the Queen’s Green Canopy and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Nash regarding an article to go on the website so that numbers can be obtained.
20. **Village Hall Booking System** – Cllr Wilson explained how an automated system for viewing availability, and booking, the Village Hall would be beneficial and the Council agreed to pay for this as it would benefit the residents of the parish.
21. **Shropshire Council’s draft Empty Homes Strategy Consultation** – It was agreed that this consultation did not apply to Adderley Parish.
22. **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.
23. **Parish Matters** – No further matters were mentioned.
24. **Agenda Items** – It was agreed that the next meeting would be **Wednesday 28th September** as not enough Cllrs could make the one scheduled for mid-September to be quorate. The Clerk will include an agenda item relating to grant requests as it is understood that 2 or 3 requests will have been received by then.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 3rd August 2022

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 28th September 2022

Signed by the Chairman

