

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 7th December 2022
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 6.00 pm

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

Apologises: Councillors A Swindale and N Evans

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologies** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Coulon declared an interest in item 9a.
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th October 2022** - Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received copies of these minutes. The Clerk had also forwarded an email from a resident regarding these draft minutes and this was discussed. It was resolved by the Council that the draft minutes that they had received were a true and accurate records of proceedings.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters** - The Clerk advised that she had reported the solar sign that was not working by South Lodge again and also emailed the Shropshire Highways officer for this area about it.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised the Council that the 20 mph outside school's initiative was currently being trailed at six schools around the county. He also advised that there was a full Shropshire Council meeting next week at which they would be discussing a different way of working, which along with natural waste and redundancies, would hopefully save Shropshire Council some money. There was currently a £36m overspend and with the precept capped at 4.9 % and expenditure rising at an estimated 20% this was only going to get worse.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Swindale had circulated the minutes of the Helicopter Liaison meeting to all Councillors with a video of flying training which he has requested to be placed on the Adderley Parish website.
8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and *comments agreed*:
 - 22/04977/OUT** - Outline application for the erection of 2No. dwellinghouses, with provision of garages and associated works to include access - Land adj The Sidings, Green Bank, Adderley, Shropshire - **Support**
 - 22/05270/FUL** - Erection of a commercial building for use classes B2, B8 and E(g) and associated development - Land at Western Way, Adderley Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire - **Support**

Determination of Planning

 - 22/03791/ADV** - Erect and display five sponsorship signs on the A53/A529 Adderley Road roundabout - Roundabout Junction A53/A529 Adderley Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Permission granted**
9. **a. Expenditure** – For the Council to accept and approve the below detailed expenditure

Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
MC re 123 Reg	Website charges	Int Bk	£28.78		LGA 1972 s 142
Hales Sawmills	Christmas Tree	Int Bk	£362.50	£72.50	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Adderley Village Hall	Additional meetings in 2022	Int Bk	£45.00		LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Hunter Bevan	Printing for NP Consultation	Int Bk	£703.00		Neighbourhood Plan Exps
JE re Post Office & Amazon	Stationary & postages for NP Consultation	Int Bk	£212.48	£19.37	Neighbourhood Plan Exps
Clerk's expenses quarter end Dec 22	Postages and printer ink	Int Bk	£16.77		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Salary adjustment payment	Int Bk	£216.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - December 2022	S/O	£363.15		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)

	Total		£1,947.68	£91.87
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It was resolved by the Council that these expenses were paid. The Clerk also advised that since publishing the agenda she had received the last invoice from Tony Seabridge relating to the grass cutting, for £828, and the Council resolved that this invoice should be paid instead until the next meeting in six weeks' time.

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

Balance brought forward	£ 7,816.86
Income to date	£ 17,131.37
Expenditure to date	£ 12,199.44
Balance to be carried forward	£ 12,748.79

Bank Balances as at 30th November 2022:

Current Account	£ 12,748.79
Adjustment for unpresented cheques & wages	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 12,748.79

b. Financial Request from Adderley School – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had received a letter from the Head Teacher at Adderley School requesting general financial support for an outside area which they hoped to develop. The Clerk had advised the Head Teacher that the Parish Council were unable to give grants to schools but if they could specify a certain item that they would like the Parish Council could consider buying this item and then gifting it to the school. As the Head Teacher had not yet replied to the Clerk this item will be added to the next agenda.

c. Bus Shelter Library – A request had been made to put more shelving into the bus shelter to accommodate more books and also install a protective Perspex cover over the side making the bus shelter more weather prove. The Council discussed this well used community assets and agreed in principle to these improvements.

d. Budgets for 23/24 – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a draft budget proposal for the next financial year. These figures were discussed and some amendments agreed and the Clerk will re-draft this budget for the January meeting at which the Precept will also be agreed.

e. Appointment of the Internal Auditor – The Clerk had received an expression of interest from the Internal Auditor in respect of the Year Ending 31st March 2023 accounts. The Council agreed to appoint this Internal Auditor again.

10. Report from Speed Concerns Committee – The Clerk advised the Council that she had been liaising with Shropshire Highways who had now confirmed:

- In line with the Shropshire Council initiative, the speed limit by Adderley School would be reducing to 20 mph and some street lighting would be installed in this area.
- There would be no further street lighting installed along the A529 through the village as the cost was prohibitive.
- As speed calming measures like speed bumps or chicanes required street lighting these were no longer being considered.
- In light of the above, no further consultation would be undertaken regarding this issue.

The Clerk suggested to the Council that a statement should be made on the website advising residents of this information. She went on to advise that, as vehicles speeding through the village was still a concern to the Parish Council, she was now liaising with both Shropshire Highways and WSP to see if there were any traffic calming measure that could be introduced which did not require street lights, eg white 'village gates' or road markings and as soon as she had more information about this she would let them know.

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

- a. Temporary Traffic Lights on A529 – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an update from Andy

Moreton, Shropshire Highways, regarding this matter and this was discussed. The Council are unanimous in their frustration regarding the time these lights have been in place without a resolution, meaning that a very large amount of public money has been spent and a great many road users inconvenienced. The Council asked the Clerk to continue putting pressure on Shropshire Highways to resolve this matter as soon as possible and keep them updated.

- b. Planters – Cllr Wilson has spoken to Barry about the installation of the new planters and it has been agreed to wait until the spring time to do this.
- c. Trees near the disused railway line – The Council has received correspondence from the owners of the land confirming that the overhanging trees will be cut back over the Christmas break.

- 12. Street Lighting** – No issues were reported.
- 13. Playground Report** – All the play equipment is working well.
- 14. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Nash reported that the Regulation 14 consultation to all residents in the Parishes is out now and the closing date for comments is 9th January 2023.
- 15. Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Evans has been circulating the information he receives from the Police, and Neighbourhood Watch contacts, as he receives it.
- 16. Market Drayton Boundary Review** – Nothing further has been received concerning the Market Drayton Town Boundary but the Clerk has circulated information to the Councillors regarding a consultation on division boundaries for Shropshire which is now being run.
- 17. Adderley Heritage Project** – Cllr Nash advised that the Heritage Lottery Grant was moving forward. The website designs have been approved, the maps are being compiled for the information boards and each item in the 3,500-piece collection needs to be transferred to bleach-free plastic wallets.
- 18. The Queen’s Green Canopy** – The 18 dwarf fruit trees, that had been requested by residents, have now been given out. The Clerk has received notification regarding the cherry tree, ordered through Shropshire Council’s feathered tree scheme, and Cllr Coulon agreed to go and collect this from Press Heath Nurseries when it was available.
- 19. Home Upgrade Grants** – Cllr Shepley had done some research into this scheme for upgrading residential heating systems. The scheme is postcode based and unfortunately the parish of Adderley is not in the area that can apply for this grant.
- 20. 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.
- 21. Parish Matters** – Everyone agreed that the Christmas switch-on event went very well again and thanked all those involved in this initiative. Cllr Coulon expressed his thanks to all Councillors for their hard work and support through the year.
- 22. Agenda Items** – At the next meeting on **Wednesday 18th January 2023** the budget will be further discussed along agreeing the Precept.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 7th December 2022

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 18th January 2022

Signed by the Chairman