

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 29th March 2023
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm

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

Apologises: Councillors P Nash

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 1st March 2023** - 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 Clerk advised that:
 - a. Cheshire East Cllr Bailey had now contacted her to advise that the amount they received for the A529 grant was £20k but the amount estimated to sort out the problem at Swanbach was £90k.
 - b. Adderley School's Headteacher has confirmed that both the PTA and the school budget would be paying for the outdoor classroom and they were hoping to start this project at Easter. The Clerk had put the £1,500, suggested at previous meetings, on the expenditure schedule below to be reviewed and agreed.
 - c. The contractor has agreed that he will get rid of the moss on the pavement at the end of Corbett Drive when he does the first grass cut of the season.
 - d. The Clerk has been forwarding correspondence received from Helen Morgan MP to Cllrs when this has been received and will continue to update Cllrs on this issue.
 - e. The Clerk wrote to the owner of Bawhill Farm regarding the noise issue and Cllr Shepley confirmed that there has been a lot less noise recently.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Prior to the meeting Cllr Wynn had received an update regarding the temporary lights from Shropshire Highways and this was discussed in detail. Shropshire Highways advised that the options for Highways to repair were: close road and repair in July; use a convoy during the repairs; or ask the land owner for permission to access land to repair. The Parish Council dismissed the second option as impractical and could not understand why the last option was even considered as the root of the reason for the lengthy delay, and cost of temporary traffic lights, on the road is because of the refusal of the landowner to allow access to repair the road. The Parish Council thought that the first option was favourable and hoped that this would happen without further details. In the email from Highways there was also information about traffic controls planned for the gingerbread roundabout but it was not clear if this was for temporary or permanent controls and so the Parish Council asked Cllr Wynn to get some clarity on this.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Coulon reported on a Chairmans' meeting recently attending where issues relating to solar farms and playground management were discussed.
8. **Planning**

None received

Determination of Planning

None received
9. **a. Expenditure** – For the Council to accept and approve the below detailed expenditure

Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
MC re Royal British Legion	Coronation signs	Int Bk	£28.95	£5.59	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
MC re Zoll Medical UK Ltd	AED Battery pack and Pads	Int Bk	£177.98	£35.60	LGA 1972 s 137
Adderley Village Hall	Hire for Annual Parish Meeting	Int Bk	£30.00		LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Moreton Say Village Hall	N P Steering Group meetings	Int Bk	£40.00		Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Adderley School PTA	Wooden benches for outside classroom	Int Bk	£1,500.00		Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
biT (formally aPT)	Neighbourhood Plan Work	Int Bk	£1,000.00	£200.00	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
JE re HMRC	PAYE payment	Int Bk	£4.80		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerks Expenses	Int Bk	£128.73		LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - March 2022	S/O	£363.15		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£3,636.76	£241.19	

It was resolved by the Council that these expenses were paid.

b. 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	£ 14,841.29
Balance to be carried forward	£ 10,106.94

Bank Balances as at 28th February 2023:

Current Account	£ 10,106.94
Adjustment for unrepresented items	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 10,106.94

c. Bus Shelter Library Noticeboard – The Council discussed buying an additional noticeboard to advertise future events in this community asset and agreed to purchase a cheaper one than previous quotes, costing £136 plus vat.

10. Report from Speed Concerns Committee – Cllr Wilson advised that, following his report for the last meeting detailing the latest data from the speed detector device, he would shortly be moving the device to outside the Village Hall. The Clerk advised the meeting that Paul Savill, WSP, had confirmed receipt of the Parish Council's ideas for gated entrances to the village on the A529 and the specifications were now being investigated. Cllr Wilson advised that he had recently been through a village that had the sort of gated entrances suggested and he would forward photos to the Clerk to send on to WSP.

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

- a. Temporary Traffic Lights on A529 – Already discussed earlier in the meeting.
- b. The Clerk advised that she had once again received complaints regarding the cattle crossing the A529 north of Adderley, specifically: the lack of breaks in cattle crossing; the time it takes; the number of cars stopped on either side of the closed road; the lack of farmer supervision of the cattle; and the lack of acknowledgement from the farmer/or farm worker to the vehicles waiting. Cllr Wynn advised that there are guidelines that should be followed relating to cattle crossing and he would take this forward with Shropshire Highways. It was clearly understood by everyone at the meeting that this issue was entirely different from the temporary traffic light issue.
- c. Additional Litter Bin – The Clerk advised that an Area Manager from the Canal and Rivers Trust had emailed to advise that they were finding it difficult to regularly empty the bin on the tow path as they did not have an open backed vehicle currently available. The Clerk had tried to speak to the Manager further about this issue but so far this had not happened, she will continue to chase, and in the meantime, everyone agreed to continue to report when the bin needed emptying.

- d. Village Footpaths – Prior to the meeting Cllr Shepley had circulated photographs of a new footpath sign which pointed in the Pool Farm direction. The Clerk will try and ascertain from Shropshire Rights of Way Officers if this footpath is now walkable and contact the Audlem resident, who previously emailed about this matter, to see if he had now walked the route.
- e. Grit Bin – Cllr Coulon advised that he had recently drilled some holes into the bottom of the grit bin, located on Rectory Lane towards the canal, in the hope that the accumulated water would drain away and Cllr Shepley advised that this looked to have worked but he would double check.

12. Street Lighting – No issues have been reported.

13. Playground Report – Cllr Shepley advised that all the play equipment looked fine.

14. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk advised that bIT (formally aPT) were now compiling the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan incorporating comments received from the Regulation 14 consultation.

15. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Evans has been circulating the information he receives from the Police, and Neighbourhood Watch contacts, as he receives it and confirmed that he is able to get some free Neighbourhood Watch stickers which can be given out with the smart water kits to new residents.

16. Adderley Heritage Project – Cllr Nash was unable to attend this meeting to give an update on this project but it was understood that the launch had been postponed due to illness.

17. Annual Parish Meeting – This annual event, due to be held on Tuesday 11th April, was discussed and Cllr Coulon will email the various village groups to confirm those wishing to attend to give a report on their projects. Cllr Wynn advised that unfortunately he was unable to attend but said that he would write a report and let the Clerk have this ahead of the meeting. The Clerk will purchase the items for refreshments and it was suggested that it would be good if a couple of volunteers could help with this. Cllr Coulon will circulate an email to all his contacts to promote this event and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Nash to get information on the website.

18. Shropshire Council Customer Service Centre Opening Times Consultation – The Council agreed it did not wish to take part in this consultation.

19. The Communities Prepared Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Community Emergency Planning Programme – Cllr Coulon advised that he had registered an interest in this initiative and everyone agreed with the suggestion that he take this forward on behalf of the Council. As this programme was not exclusively for Parish Councils it was suggested that details of this be put on the website for anyone to take forward.

20. Royal Voluntary Service Coronation Champions Award – This initiative was discussed and a name suggested for nomination. Cllr Wilson will liaise with the Clerk to take this forward.

21. Correspondence – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings. The Clerk advised that she had today received an email suggesting that the PCC John Campion wanted to attend Town and Parish Council meetings, it was agreed to invite him to a future meeting.

22. Parish Matters – There were no further matters were raised.

23. Agenda Items – No further agenda items were raised for the next meeting on **Wednesday 10th May 2023**.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 29th March 2023

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 10th May 2023

Signed by the Chairman