

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 13th September 2023
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors M Coulon, P Nash, and A Swindale, and Unitary Councillor P Wynn, also J Evans (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors I Wilson, N Evans, P Shepley, and L Dowley

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologies** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Coulon declared an interest in item no 9a.
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the public present who discussed the Government's initiative to stop the installation of new oil boilers in the future and how this would affect rural areas not connected to the gas network. The member of the public had received a reply from Helen Morgan MP which he will share with the Council and the Clerk advised that SALC were now aware of this issue and the matter was gaining interest in the rural areas of the county.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd August 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 following updates were advised to the Council:
 - a. The Clerk advised that the Utility Company had completed their work on the beech tree on the corner of Green Bank and Rectory Lane, so she had meet Ken Benbow yesterday and he was going to complete a report on the work that needed doing on all the trees that were on ground that the Council maintained. The report would cost approx. £150 and the Council agreed to pay this once the invoice was received and review the work required at the next meeting.
 - b. The Clerk has chased Shropshire Council's Place Plan Officer regarding the feasibility study on the Village Hall but had no response, she will continue to chase.
 - c. Shropshire Council had advised the Clerk, under the Freedom of Information Act, that the total amount spend on the temporary traffic lights was £69,864.29.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised that Shropshire's North Planning Committee was due to discuss the planning application for the housing development by the A53 roundabout next week and if the Council wanted to speak at the meeting they could. The Council considered this matter but decided that as the points that they raised in their objections had been dealt with there would not be a planning reason to object to this application. Cllr Wynn went on to advise that he had been liaising with Andy Moreton, Shropshire Highways, regarding the problems of the cattle crossing the A529 north of Adderley. To take this matter further evidence is required and the Cllrs agreed to contact anyone from the Parish who regularly uses this road to try and collate evidence.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives:** No meetings had been attended.
8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and **comments agreed:**
None received
Determination of Planning
None received
9. **Accounts**
 - a. **Expenditure** – For the Council to accept and approve the below detailed expenditure



Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
MC re UK Point of Sale Group	Lockable Notice Board	Int Bk	£149.47	£29.89	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
MC re Defib Warehouse	Replacement Pads	Int Bk	£129.00	£25.80	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - August 2023	S/O	£363.15		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
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	Total		£1,004.77	£55.69	

It was resolved by the Council that all these expenses be paid.

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

Balance brought forward	£ 8,760.98
Income to date	£ 16,720.61
Expenditure to date	£ 9,263.35
Balance to be carried forward	£ 16,218.24

Bank Balances as at 31st August 2023:

Current Account	£ 16,218.24
Adjustment for unrepresented cheques & wages	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 16,218.24

c. 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 2024 accounts and the Council agreed to appoint this Internal Auditor.

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

- a. Cllr Coulon advised the Council that the Defib cabinet needed servicing and he could get a price for the from the company that installed it, all agreed.
- b. It had been reported to the Council that the grass in front of the four bungalows in Rectory Lane needed cutting but someone has since cut this area – no cost to the Parish Council.
- c. Cllr Swindale reported that there has been a leak at Park Farm and water had been running down the farm drive and onto the A529. The running water spread and liquified the existing slurry at the cattle crossing causing a slip hazard, Clerk will report this matter to Shropshire Council.
- d. Village Planters – Prior to the meeting Cllr Wilson had circulated an email from the Village Plant Group requesting £400 for flowers and compost and 3 further pots, total amount requested £765. The Council agreed to this request and suggested that the Clerk order the planters, as it is from the same company as used previously, but that the group order the flowers and compost, so that they get what they want delivered to where they want it, but give the Council's name for the invoice and the Clerk's email address for the pro-forma invoice which she will pay. Going forward it would be helpful if the Council could have a figure as to how much will be requested from the Village Plant Group from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 so that we can build this into the budget that the Council normally discuss at their meeting in December and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Wilson regarding this.
- e. Cllr Swindale mentioned the weeds that are around the village – It was decided that the best idea would be to get a working party of villagers together at a weekend and deal with this. Cllr Coulon will email everyone on the email network and Cllr Nash will pop this on the website.
- f. Bus Shelter Book Library – Cllr Swindale advised the meeting that he had recently been to see the area in front of this community asset and it is starting to be a trip hazard for people not quite as steady on their feet. The Council are reluctant to spend a lot of tax payers' money on this but the Clerk will try to get a couple of quotes to remove the current surface and put slabs down for a future Council discussion.

11. Street Lighting – There was nothing to report.



12. **Playground Report** – The Clerk advised that the Village Hall committee had done the work to the goal posts that was recommended in the annual ROSPA Report. A comment had been received from a resident regarding the dip by the fence, not commented on in the ROSPA Report, and the Cllrs agreed to all have a look the next time they were near the playground and discuss any ideas for this at the next meeting. The Clerk had got a quote for a roundabout to replace the balance beam which was £4,500, before installation. The Council decided to leave this matter for the time being.
13. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Nash advised that Shropshire Council’s statutory consultation finished on 1st September and, as nothing had been heard from them yet, the Clerk would chase to see if any comments had been received during this consultation. The next phase is for the plan to go for planning approval.
14. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Evans continues to circulate any issues to the Council, Neighbourhood Watch members and the WhatsApp group.
15. **Adderley Heritage Project** – Cllr Nash advised the meeting that he was making slow but steady progress with all the planning applications for the Heritage Trail Interpretation Boards and the Council agreed that two boards could be installed on the grass outside the church wall, village land.
16. **Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors and no additional correspondence had been received.
17. **Parish Matters** – No further matters were raised.
18. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 25th October 2023** – No additional items were raised for this next meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 13th September 2023

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 25th October 2023

Signed by the Chairman

