

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 6th December 2023
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologises: Councillors A Swindale, N Evans, and L Dowley and Unitary Councillor P Wynn

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the public present who made comments relating to agenda item 9g Remembrance Soldiers and explained the problems experienced with the wind on these temporary features.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th October 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 Shropshire Council's Place Plan Officer had now replied regarding feasibility Studies for Village Halls with details of possible grants available to pay for this work and she had forwarded this on to Adderley Village Hall Committee Chairman.
 - b. The Clerk had circulated the correspondence from Cheshire Councillor Bailey when she received it a few weeks ago and the subsequent work done at Swanbach seems to have sorted the flooding issue.
 - c. The Christmas Tree has been delivered and everyone agreed it was a lovely shaped tree.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn had sent through an email prior to the meeting to advise that he had taken forward the issue from the last meeting, the matter now rests with the resident involved. Cllr Wynn went on to wish all the Councillors a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives:** Paul Nash reported on a Freedom Fibre zoom meeting he had attended. Freedom Fibre are installing a fibre ring network in North Shropshire and are planning to connect 60,000 houses in that area, and a further 12,500 houses in hard-to-reach areas, with a target date of 2026. Cllr Nash suggested that a representative for Freedom Fibre be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting next year, all agreed.

8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and **comments agreed:**

23/04917/ADV - Display of Interpretation Board – Land adj. Raven House, Station Road Adderley, Shropshire - **Support**

23/04916/ADV - Display of Interpretation Board – Land adj. Bridge 70 Wems Bridge, Adderley, Shropshire - **Support**

Determination of Planning

23/04530/ADV – Erect and display of two Interpretation Boards – St Peter's Church, Adderley, Shropshire TF9 3TD – **Permission Granted**

9. **Accounts**

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

Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Shropshire Council	Planning App x 2 for Interpretation Boards	Int Bk	£462.00	£128.00	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Tony Seabridge	Grass and Hedge Cutting	Int Bk	£930.00	£186.00	HA 1980 s 96

Jane Evans	Adjustment payment re NALC Inc	Int Bk	£216.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - December 2023	S/O	£390.15		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£1,998.15	£314.00	

The Clerk apologised that the expenditure of £362.50 plus vat for the Christmas Tree, agreed at the last meeting, had been omitted from this schedule and since the publication of the agenda for this meeting Cllr Wilson had purchased the additional Christmas lights, also agreed at the last meeting, and required reimbursement. 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	£ 17,304.38
Expenditure to date	£ 12,030.80
Balance to be carried forward	£ 14,034.56

Bank Balances as at 31st October 2023:

Current Account	£ 1,001.97
Funds held in Interest Bearing Account	£ 13,032.59
Adjustment – Payments awaiting authorisation	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 14,034.56

- c. Tree Work Report** – The Clerk read through the detailed report from Benbow Bros relating to the trees on land that the Parish Council maintains. Three trees needed work doing within the next 3 months totalling £465 plus vat while the other four trees needed work doing over the next 12 months totalling £1035 plus vat. The Council considered this report and unanimously agreed that the tree work needed doing within the timescales suggested.
- d. Ground work by the Bus Shelter Library** – A second quote had been obtained for this work and the Council discussed the issue and costs involved. The Cllrs present had been to look at the Bus Shelter Library and while agreeing that the work would improve the area, they did not consider there to be a trip hazard at present and agreed to leave this matter for the time being.
- e. Defib Cabinet Service Costs** – Cllr Coulon explained that an electrician was required to undertake this service and a couple of names will be supplied to the Clerk so that this can be taken forward.
- f. Bowling Club Grant Request** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an email from Adderley Bowling Club requesting a grant for £500 to pay for the hedge to be cut. The Parish Council considered this request and agreed not to assist with this expense this year.
- g. Remembrance Solider groundwork** – Prior to the meeting Cllr Swindale had emailed the Council asking them to consider drilling out a couple of holes to support the Remembrance Soldier silhouette by the church. The member of the public had explained that these features are getting blown about and bent now and if two pieces of drain pipe were sunk into the ground and capped off at ground level it would stabilise them while still allowing the grass to be cut. The Council considered this proposal and agreed to do this work up to the value of £100.
- h. Budget for the Year 24/25** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a draft budget for the next financial year and this was reviewed by the Council. After a couple of small amendments, it was resolved to agree the budget in principle and a further discussion will be held at the January meeting when the Precept will be agreed.

- 10. Highways & Environmental Health** – The Council discussed the update on the A529, through Adderley, which was received from Paul Savill who works for WSP, contracted by Shropshire Highways. It was generally felt that

the details of work to be done from Paul Savill was not clear and seemed to contradict previous information. The Council asked the Clerk to invite Mr Savill to the next meeting so that some clarity could be sought.

11. **Street Lighting** – Cllr Nash reported that the light outside his house was still working well and there does not appear to be any other issues.
12. **Playground Report** – Cllr Shepley reported that everything was fine in the playground.
13. **Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Nash advised that the Inspector, Dr Brooke-Smith, was currently reviewing the information that she had requested and the Clerk had supplied. Should the Inspector have any queries these will be dealt with by the Steering Group but it is hoped that we can get to the Referendum stage by the Spring.
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 planning applications are going through the planning system, item 8, and the Railway Heritage people had agreed to pay for the installation, and cost, of the Interpretation Board in Station Road.
16. **D-Day Commemorations in June 2024** – Cllr Nash advised that the Heritage Group would like to do a display as they had a lot of Second World War memorabilia. Cllr Coulon advised that it is hoped to have a 1940s Dinner Dance in June next year with people encouraged to dress the part.
17. **Recruitment of New Councillors at the 2025 Elections** – Cllr Nash suggested that Cllrs do a small, 2-minute, explanation of what it means to be a Councillor and the Clerk suggested that this would go on the website prior to the Annual Parish Meeting to encourage more people to attend.
18. **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.
19. **Parish Matters** – Adderley Christmas Lights Switch On event is Friday 8th December 2023.
20. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th January 2024** – There were no further agenda items suggested at this point.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 6th December 2023

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 17th January 2024

Signed by the Chairman

