

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 17th January 2024
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors M Coulon, P Nash, A Swindale, P Shepley and L Dowley, also J Evans (Clerk)

Apologises: Councillors I Wilson, N Evans, and Unitary Councillor P Wynn

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Nash declared an interest in agenda 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 6th December 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 although she had confirmed to Benbow Bros that they could undertake the tree work when they could, between other jobs, she was not aware of any work being started, and had emailed them to chase this.
 - b. Cllr Coulon had met the electrician who is getting a switch so that he can complete the service of the Defib.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn was unable to attend the meeting unfortunately.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives:** Paul Nash reported on a Freedom Fibre updating meeting he had attended and suggest that this group be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Coulon reported on the North SALC meeting.
8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and *comments agreed*:

23/05344/ADV - Display of Interpretation Board - HRE Bridge MKT/499, Station Road, Adderley, Shropshire - *Support*

Determination of Planning

None received

The Clerk advised that since the publication of the agenda she has received the following advice:

23/04917/ADV - Display of Interpretation Board - Land Adj Raven House Barns, Station Road, Adderley, Shropshire – **Permission Granted**

9. Accounts

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

Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
Adderley Village Hall	Hire of hall for meetings for 2024	Int Bk	£135.00		LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
N Power	Electricity for street lights	DD	£146.95	£7.35	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Shropshire Council	Planning App for interpretation Board	Int Bk	£289.00	£64.00	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - January 2024	S/O	£390.15		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	Total		£961.10	£71.35	

The Clerk advised that since the publication of the agenda she had received invoices from Cllr Nash, totalling £163.40, relating to the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan website that he wished to be reimbursed

for. 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	£ 17,389.55
Expenditure to date	£ 15,527.07
Balance to be carried forward	£ 10,623.46

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2023:

Current Account	£ 1,395.85
Funds held in Interest Bearing Account	£ 9,617.76
Adjustment – Payments awaiting authorisation	£ 390.15
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 10,623.46

- c. Quarterly Financial Review –** Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the financial information for the quarter ending 31st December 2023, the Council resolved that this should be agreed and Cllr Shepley initialled the Bank Statement to agree the above Bank Reconciliation
- d. Interim Audit Report 2023/24 –** Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an Interim Audit Report received from the Internal Auditor, which the Council accepted and agreed.
- e. Budget and Precept for the Year 24/25 –** Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an amended draft budget for the next financial year, further to the discussions at the last meeting, and the Council agreed this budget and the Clerk will publish this on the Adderley Parish website. The Clerk advised the Council of the information she had received from Shropshire Council regarding the Precept. The Council discussed their Precept requirement, considering the agreed budget, and resolved to request £16,040 which represents a 0% increase in the Council Tax on a band D Council Tax charge.

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

- A529 – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an update from Paul Savill, of WSP, regarding progress on the A529 through Adderley but this update detailed the prohibitive cost of street light, and therefore any speed reducing measures on the highway, which the Council had be advised before, and the introduction of the 20-mph speed limit by the school, which is a Shropshire County initiative. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Mr Savill and ask about the possibilities of red paint on the approach to the 30-mph speed limit in the village and village gates.
- Cllr Shepley advised the Council that as the Canal and River Trust had not been emptying the dog poo bins, he had been doing this when he could. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the Canal and River Trust about this again.
- The bird scarer at Bawhill Farm was discussed as, since before Christmas, it has been going off very frequently which causes a lot of noise and echoes around the Village. The Clerk will write to the Farmer again about this.

11. Street Lighting – No issues were reported

12. Playground Report – Cllr Shepley reported that everything was fine in the playground.

13. Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Nash advised that Shropshire Council had forwarded an initial report from the Inspector, Dr Brooke-Smith, which asked for more background information to be put on the Neighbourhood Plan website, which is being done. Shropshire Council also asked if the Steering Group wanted to continue completing the Neighbourhood Plan even though Shropshire's Local Plan has not yet been agreed. After reference to members of the Steering Group from all three Parishes, the Clerk has advised Shropshire Council that it has been agreed to continue with this Neighbourhood Plan. With reference to timescales, until

the final inspection report has been received Shropshire Council cannot say which Full Council meeting this Neighbourhood Plan is going to be discussed at.

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 that this project was moving forward with 3 planning applications approved and 4 more pending, outcome due by mid-February hopefully. The Railway Heritage Society had been very supportive and were doing a sign for one of the old bridges. Cllr Nash added that next week it is hoped that the rest of the data from the collection will start to be uploaded to the website and the school project has started.
16. **Town and Parish Boundary Review** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had forwarded information from Shropshire Council regarding this matter and this was discussed. The Council agreed that although they could see the reason behind dividing areas so that there was a more even spread of electors to Unitary Councillors, they could not see that splitting Adderley would have much of an effect as it only concerned 5 or 6 electors. The Clerk will make this comment to the Boundary Review.
17. **Shropshire Council's Budget Consultation** – After a short discussion the Council decided not to comment on this consultation.
18. **Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors and since publishing the agenda a letter had been received from Crane Counselling in Shrewsbury asking for a donation. The Council normally only gives grants to local charities and groups and so decided not to support this group at this time.
19. **Parish Matters** – No further matters were discussed.
20. **Agenda Items** – The Clerk asked Councillors to please bring their diaries to the next meeting to be held on **Wednesday 28th February 2024** so that a date for the Annual Parish Meeting, normally in April, could be decided, no other issues were raised.

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

Approval of the Minutes held on 17th January 2024

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 28th February 2024

Signed by the Chairman

