

## ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm.

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

**Apologises:** Councillor N Evans

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Coulon expressed 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 on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024** - 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 thanked the Council for their responses to her email relating to the alternative quote for the work on the pavement to the church and all agreed that this work should be done as soon as possible.
  - b. The Christmas Tree has been bought and delivered to the Village Recreation Area.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Wynn advised the meeting:
  - Shropshire Council have been working very hard to ensure that the Council does not go into special measures and it looks like it will be ok for the moment.
  - Two members of Shropshire Council belonging to the Conservative Party have resigned and so the balance of the Council has changed and Cllr Wynn is unsure if he will remain Chair of the North Shropshire Planning Committee.
  - The Shirehall building is being closed and the next full Council meeting will be at their new premises of the Guildhall.
  - Whitchurch Swimming Centre is due to open again at Easter
  - The committee looking into the options for Whitchurch Civic Centre are considering either re-roofing the building or completely rebuilding it.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – Cllr Coulon reported on the SALC AGM which he had recently attended.
8. **Planning** – The following Planning Applications were considered and **comments agreed:**  
**24/04395/LBC** - Replacement of rotting and ill-fitting pine front door and frame with Accoya wood framed and full glazed replacement to improve the weather tightness of the building and to improve security - 2 Church Farm Court, Adderley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3TD - **Support**  
**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
Adderley Village Hall	Final Neighbourhood Plan meeting	Int Bk	£25.00		Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
J E reimbursement	Expenses re final N P meeting	Int Bk	£27.46		Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5

MC re website	Domain renewal for 2 years	Int Bk	£23.98	£4.80	LGA 1972 s 142
Tony Seabridge	Grass and Hedge Cutting	Int Bk	£980.00	£196.00	HA 1980 s 96
Adderley Village Hall	Council meetings for 2025	Int Bk	£180.00		LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Hales Sawmills Ltd	Christmas Tree	Int Bk	£362.50	£72.50	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly bank charges		£6.00		LGA 1972 s 111
Jane Evans	Wages Adjustment payment	Int Bk	£75.76		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - December 2024	S/O	£377.00		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,057.70</b>	<b>£273.30</b>	

The Clerk advised the Council that since the agenda had been published an email had been received to advise that the Defib pads needed to be replaced and the Council resolved that all the above-mentioned expenses, and the new Defib pads, should be paid for.

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

Balance brought forward	£ 8,749.16
Income to date	£ 17,983.55
Expenditure to date	£ 10,043.05
<b>Balance to be carried forward</b>	<b>£16,689.66</b>

**Bank Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024:**

Current Account	£ 704.45
Funds held in Int Earning A/c	£ 15,985.21
Adjustment for unrepresented cheques & wages	£ 0.00
<b>Total of Reconciled Bank Balances</b>	<b>£ 16,689.66</b>

**c. Budgets for 2024/25 –** Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a draft budget for the next financial year and this was reviewed. The on-going costs relating to the Adderley Heritage Trail were considered and it was agreed to increase the amount of the Localism Act expenses by £600 to cover this. Cllr Wilson advised the Council that the Village Hall were due to undertake a consultation on the refurbishment of the Hall and may seek financial support from the Parish Council. All agreed that if correspondence was received from the Village Hall committee, seeking financial support, this could be discussed at the next meeting ahead of the agreement of the Precept for 2024/25. Cllr Nash proposed that the budget before them be agreed in principle, Cllr Swindale seconded this and all agree.

**10. Highways & Environmental Health –** The following was discussed:

- Speed restrictions on the A529 – The Council discussed the speed restrictions, detailed in the email from Paul Savil at WSP, and agreed that it would support them as this will hopefully mean that traffic will pass slower through the village, something that has been requested by the residents and the Council for some years.
- The sign south of South Lodge on A529 – This sign is not working again and Cllr Shepley summarised that if this solar sign does not have sufficient battery back-up to work during the duller Winter months, then it was not fit for purpose, all agreed. The Clerk will mention this to Mr Savill when she responds to the previous item as this sign was installed when the road surface was upgraded through the A529 improvement works.

**11. Street Lighting –** Cllr Nash was very happy to report that the street light outside Willow Lodge was still working. A resident has requested that a shade be fitted to a street light in Green Bank and the Clerk will investigate if this is possible.

**12. Playground Report –** Cllr Shepley advised that the boundary fence was back up and he had replaced the two caps in the play equipment. Cllr Coulon advised the meeting that at the recent SALC AGM, there was a presentation by Ray Parry Playgrounds, a firm from Shrewsbury, regarding the playground equipment they

provided. The Council asked the Clerk to investigate what sorts of play equipment could be purchased from this company to replace the broken balance beam.

13. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Evans continues to circulate any issues to the Council, Neighbourhood Watch members and the WhatsApp group.
14. **Correspondence** – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings.
15. **Parish Matters** – No further matters were raised.
16. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. There were no additional items suggested for the agenda for this next Parish Council meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Signed by the Chairman .....  
