

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr P Waters, Cllr K Newby, Cllr D Moore, Cllr Mrs S Bartram, Cllr R Wright and Cllr P Butters

Clerk: Mr G Bould.

In Attendance: Shropshire Council - Councillor Paul Gill and RAF Shawbury - Flying Officer Joshua Chrich

One Parishioner

68.23. Welcome, Public Session and Partner updates.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Flying Officer Joshua Chrich updated the Parish Council on activity from the Station. Night-flying would commence again during October 2023, details of the Hi-Viz for horse riders campaign can be found below and Aries Magazine can also be found on the following links SHY-BeseenBeSafer@mod.gov.uk, <https://www.rafmags.co.uk>. The policy on drone flying can also be found with links on the Station's web site. Any members with ideas for community projects are to raise them at the next meeting.

The Parishioner present raised concerns about the flooding caused from a field on Rosehill Road. Councillor Paul Gill agreed to follow up the issue with Shropshire Council. The Parishioner then asked if there has been any up date from the Police with reference to the Speed Watch proposal for Rosehill Road and Wistanswick. The Police have reported back this week to indicate they do not support Speed Watch and are awaiting the outcome of their own project research at Hanwood. Members were also of the view that since the introduction of the 20 mph zone around Stoke on Tern Primary School that Shropshire Council would need to resolve any localised speeding. So, at present the Parish Council would take no further action in terms of the speeding concerns in this location but would concentrate on a VAS sign for Eaton upon Tern subject to local consultation with the Community Champions group to run as a pilot project collecting the speed data.

Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill updated the Parish Council on the continued financial challenges faced by Shropshire Council with the target of 51million pounds worth of reductions to be found within 23/24. To date 34 million pounds of reductions have been achieved. There is however a 25 million pound pressure already building within the system for 24/25 that will also need addressing.

There being no further items the Chairman thanked the Parishioner present, Flying Officer Joshua Chrich and Councillor Paul Gill for their input and moved onto the next item of business.

69.23. Apologies for absence:

The apologies were received and agreed from Cllr K Beardmore, Cllr Mrs S Planton and Cllr D Cintas (holidays) Cllr Mrs L Bearman (illness) to which members agreed a six month leave of absence and PC Iain McIntosh and A/Sgt Liam Heathcote (duty rotas)

70.23. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest: None.

71.23. To approve the minutes of the meetings of the 19th July 2023.

Cllr K Newby moved and Cllr Mrs S Bartram seconded the minutes of the meetings held on the 19th July 2023 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

72.23. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk updated members on a series of projects and suggested initiatives. The knotweed contract at Wistanswick tip has been completed, the next stage is to draw up and have costed the amenity project for the site. Local feedback from Dutton Close is that new contractors are on site and who have opened the play park. Members agreed the item becomes an agenda item again to give the possibility of dialogue with the new landowners. Four ideas have been brought forward after the recent article in the newsletter for Eaton upon Tern and the Community Benefit grant. They are a wild flower meadow, linking to rights of ways and an outdoor gym for adults a combined fund with Child's Ercall for a tennis court, improved rights of ways particularly for dog walking. These came via email. The fourth item via letter related to mains

water for properties on bore holes. The above items would be actioned and reported through the next report on progress. One agreement for the Community Champions programme has been signed and the other two have meetings scheduled for next month. In terms of the Neighbourhood Plan update members agreed that the plan , which runs till 2033 should be discussed again in five years time to consider whether or not to review and update the plan. Members further agreed that a Neighbourhood Project be submitted for the Clive Barracks Strategic site for the development of self build plots.

73.23. Update on potential changes to the land registry document for Stoke on Tern Parish Hall.

Cllr K Newby has submitted the changes for the document for the Parish Hall to the Land Registry. A response is awaited although there is currently a twenty month waiting list.

74.23. Cemetery Developments.

Hybrid site update: A site visit has been arranged to the Natural Burial site within Newport Town Council's Cemetery to explore the 'practical' application of natural burials for the 21/09/23. The Parish Council have also received two inquiries for natural burials at the site. A briefing will be prepared for the next meeting setting out the way forward.

Management of the site: The hedge has been cut, the working party is meeting on Thursdays undertaking various maintenance activities and a local agreement is in place for cutting around the headstone.

75.23. Ollerton Pound.

Cllr K Newby indicated some progress is likely due to the intervention of Councillor Paul Gill in terms of the Pound, with an imminent email agreeing a way forward .

76.23. Newsletter.

Cllr Mrs S Bartram thanked those who have helped with the newsletter.

77.23. Planning Committee reports.

Members agreed the planning committee report circulated for the 8th September 2023.

78.23. Highways.

A41: Members expressed their concern that no progress has been made from the actions agreed on site. Members further agreed that Councillor Rob Gittins the lead for the local campaign be asked for an update on actions.

Fix my street reports: Agreed for a review on inspections and reporting at the next meeting.

79.23. Financial matters.

1. Members agreed to continue with Hugo Fox's web site at £9.99 per month (plus VAT) for the Bronze Service.
2. Members further agreed the annual risk assessment and asset register.
3. The Bank Reconciliation was presented and agreed.
4. The payments for approval were tabled and members agreed the amounts set out below.

Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
1007839	Keith Newby (land registry costs)	£64.35
1007840	PKF (external audit)	£252.00
100841	HMRC (PAYE)	£339.00
100842	Clerks Salary Q2 (salary)	£1,744.00
100843	Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (plants, seeds & travel)	£116.00
100844	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£108.28

100845	Balfours/Glebe (rental)	£67.50
100846	Allsorts Design &Print Ltd (newsletter)	£229.40
SWALEC	August (2023)	£142.01
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80.23. Items for future meetings: Items raised by a Parishioners for discussion at the next meeting. Parish Council small grants policy, promoting Parish Council matters through social media and follow up actions on 'fix my street' reports.

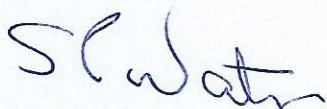
81.23. Resolved that in pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960, as amended by S.100 LGA 1972) that the press and public are asked to leave the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the remaining items of business to be transacted, which include discussion on employment matters.

Members noted that the national pay increases have not been agreed yet for 23/24 and unanimously resolved that the Clerk's scale be increased by an increment due to additional responsibility for the increase in project management from SCP17 – LC1 to SCP 18 – LC2 and back dated to the 01/04/23.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting: 15th November 2023

Signed:



Chairman

15th November 2023