

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr P Waters, Cllr K Newby, Cllr Mrs S Planton, Cllr D Cintas, Cllr. R. Wright, Cllr Mrs L Bearman and Cllr K Beardmore.

Clerk: Mr G Bould.

In Attendance: RAF Shawbury - Flight Sergeant Matthew Fearon, Janet Cobb and John Higson, Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (part).

14 Parishioners

52.22. Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project – Presentation.

Janet Cobb, Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to present the work of the project. She spoke about how the Parish Council and the Community could become involved with the improving verges, hedging and planting. Councillors and those in the public gallery watched a video promoting the benefits of the project. Ms Cobb also circulated leaflets about the project and other initiatives including the 'Caring for God's Acre' project. Members agreed several actions could be developed particularly focusing through the Community Champions programme, the engagement of a botanist to survey local Parish verges and reporting back on which could be 'rewilded' first. The potential of sites like the Old Tip at Wistanswick, and the Millennium Green. Including the potential of the cemeteries at Stoke on Tern and Wistanswick engaging the support through 'Caring for God's Acre' project.

53.22. Welcome, Public Session and Partner updates.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and thanked Janet Cobb for the presentation on verges. Flight Sergeant Matthew Fearon was then asked to present his report from RAF Shawbury. The Sergeant highlighted the community project process and indicated he would forward details for circulating to members on night flying within the Parish in due course. The Chairman raised a direct concern over military medals the details of which would be raised directly. The Chairman further agreed under standing orders to bring the forward the agenda item on Community Speed Watch due to the public interest shown.

54.22. Apologies for absence.

Members agreed the following apologies for Cllr D Moore, and Cllr Mrs S Bartram (illness), Cllr.P.Butters (work commitments) and Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill (holidays).

55.22. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest.

None.

56.22. To approve the minutes of the meetings of the 18th May & 28th June 2022: Cllr K Newby moved and Cllr Mrs S Planton seconded the minutes of the meetings held on the 18th May & 28th June 2022 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

57.22. Community Speed Watch.

The Parish Council was taken through the report that had been circulated from Mr Bob Orgles with reference to the community speed check initiative. Central to the recommendations in the report is the focus on a costed proposals know as Auto Speed Watch. The suspension of standing orders by the Chairman allowed many Parishioners to talk of their disappointment that the original scheme had not been allowed to go forward because of health and safety grounds ruled by the Police. This new proposal would enable the data to be collected automatically. Many Parishioners urged the Parish Council to allocate the resources for the scheme up front prior to any project plan, permissions or agreements are in place from Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police. The Parish Council agreed five votes to one that the two public authorities are contacted first to secure their agreement for a pilot project within Rosehill Road, Stoke Heath that allows for the development of an Auto Speed Watch. Members further agreed the faulty school signage be reported to Shropshire Highways.

58.22. Clerk 's Report.

The Clerk highlighted several items for noting with some actions from the report. Cllr Mrs L Bearman's membership of the Audit Working Group and SALC Northern Area Committee; plus Cllr K Beardmore's Planning Committee place were all agreed. The potential for the Red Lion at Wistanswick to be registered as a Community Asset has agreed to be taken forward with Cllr R Wright acting as the lead to complete a draft of the form.

The following recommendation was unanimously agreed as part of the Town and Parish Boundary reviews across Shropshire; that the Parish Council adopts a single ward for the parish and is open as part of the review by Shropshire Council to amalgamations with neighbouring parishes across Divisional Boundaries particularly in terms of the Strategic Development Site at Tern Hill. This is to be advertised within the newsletter.

The recent bus survey discussed as part of a recent zoom meeting with parish representatives has been delayed. Cllr D Cintas agreed to bring forward a formal motion to the next meeting having discussed the potential of alternatives with representatives from Child's Ercall, Cheswardine and Hinstock.

59.22. Glebe Field – update from the RAF.

This project has joined a 'long list' of community projects held by RAF Shawbury. Once the project moves up the priority list Flight Sergeant Matthew Fearon will facilitate an on site meeting with Cllr K Newby to develop the scheme of environmental works.

60.22. Dutton Close Street Lighting project update.

A site visit has taken place with both Western Power and the Parish Councils term contractor, Highline Electrical Ltd . Initial on site findings have indicated a slight alteration to one of the positions of the new street lights, although the overall package remains at ten. Due to material delays and demands there is also likely to be an increase in the cost of the project which can be accommodated from within the Neighbourhood Fund CIL reserve held by the Parish Council. A slight complication and delay has arisen with start of the programme in that the Prison as the last provider of street lighting on Dutton Close need to provide the Parish Council with an MPAN number to allow Western Power to connect to the electricity supply. This has been requested but not provided yet.

61.22. Task Force update Clive Barracks, Tern Hill.

There have been no formal meetings of the task force since the last meeting. However, the new Rural Dean for Hodnet in the Church of England has been in conversations with the Clerk in the context of social and community infrastructure at this Strategic Development Site at Tern Hill. Some presentations will therefore be made to local Churches over the next few months about potential developments for social and community infrastructure at the site now and in the future. This will be reported in the Clerks report in due course.

62.22. A41 Campaign Group update.

A post Covid face to face meeting had been organised which took place recently at Hinstock, the main outcome was the proactive engagement with the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia. Shropshire's full Council meeting also supported a motion promoted by local members for a safety review of the A41, details of the press coverage will be circulated to the Parish Council.

63.22. Cemetery Developments.

No items to report.

64.22. Ollerton Pound.

Cllr K Newby has visited the site which is now a wilderness, he has contact Dr Andy Wigley at Shropshire Council raising several concerns, that twelve months have passed since the ivy-removal (which is now all dead), but no progress has been made by the landowner and in view of this Shropshire Council previously indicated they have specific powers of persuasion that could be applied in these circumstances. A request has been made that they are applied.

65.22. Newsletter.

The sponsorship agreement remains outstanding to be resolved with AR Richards by Cllr P Waters and Cllr Mrs S Bartram .

SP/Lot

66.22. Planning Committee reports.

All outstanding planning applications have been resolved prior to this meeting.

67.22. Highway matters.

Members received an update on highways under the Clerks report taking forward with Shropshire Council the highways 'hotspot' survey across the parish after a recent teams meeting with officials, updates will be reported in due course. One of the outstanding items remained with Councillor Paul Gill to resolve via a joint meeting with the Portfolio Holder and Head of Highways.

68.22. Financial matters .

☐ Members approved and the Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the bank reconciliation report and attached bank statement for audit purposes.

☐ Progress on opening of a Lloyds Bank Account are progressing with one signature remaining on the paperwork for signing-off at the next meeting

☐ The payments for approval were tabled, members agreed the amounts set out below.

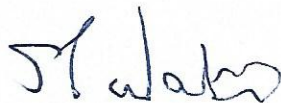
Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
100784	Shropshire Council (elections)	£200.00
100785	Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (donation)	£31.95
100786	Highline Electrical Ltd (street lighting)	£9,415.20
100787	Allsorts Design &Print Ltd (newsletter)	£229.40
100788	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£94.50
SWALEC	May (2022)	£142.01
SWALEC	June (2022)	£146.71

Items for future meetings: Verges – grass cutting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.33pm and thanked everyone for their contributions

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 7.30pm**

Signed:



Chairman

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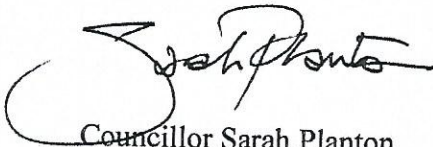
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Minutes of Meeting held online to Consider Planning Applications in the Parish

in August 2022

1. Attendance online
Councillors K Newby, S Planton, S Bartram and K Beardmore were in attendance
2. Apologies
None were received
3. Declaration of Interest
None were received
4. Matters Considered
 1. 22/02960/FUL – Construction of Wood Storage and Composting Area at Peplow –
Object. Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to this development in principle, the fact that the Applicant does not acknowledge or address the potential impact on an adopted Public Footpath, FP9, which passes immediately adjacent to this site, means that the Application cannot be fully considered. The Parish Council would request that the Applicant be asked to address this aspect before the Application is determined.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 on 18th August 2022.



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Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee

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