

Shrewley Parish Council

CLERK: MRS E CHOUDRY
CROSSWAYS, SHREWLEY COMMON
NR WARWICK
CV35 7AU

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held at Shrewley Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R Wesbury
Cllr H Darwen
Cllr D Lawrie
Cllr E Forty
Cllr S Lowe
Cllr J Cleary
Cllr S Underwood
Cllr R Hinton

Chairman

Clerk Eleanor Choudry
Members of the Public: 9

100/23 APOLOGIES – WDCs Cllr Aizlewood, Cllr Hales.

101/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None declared.

102/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:- Parish Council Meeting – Monday 8th January 2024 - approved and signed as a true record.

103/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

104/23 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – Residents attended the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the land behind their properties in Antrobus Close, Hatton Station. A spokesperson represented residents from 9-15 Antrobus Close. They had received letters from both Marons and Turley regarding their proposals for developing land east of Hatton Station. Residents have used the land for storage and have been told that they can have no further access from the 29th March. It is unclear who now owns the land although residents have spoken to people seen on the land who said it was now owned by Piper Homes. A nature survey was carried out on the land so it is possible that the land could be offered as part of a biodiversity scheme and developed for nature rather than buildings. A noise and vibration survey has been carried out. There are reptiles, slow worms and possibly great crested newts on the site. Warwickshire Amphibian and Reptile Team have been alerted. Station Road is unsuitable for construction traffic with pinch points, high kerbs and no pavements or street lighting. The road is used by many pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists. The access to the site would be via Oakdene Crescent which is narrow with parked cars. The sewage system is currently inadequate and beyond capacity. The site was previously used as a storage depot for ammunition and shells and hand grenades have been found previously. Development would put pressure on wider facilities such as dentists, doctors etc. There is noise from the M40 and also Network Rail who carry out work next to the houses. Residents vigorously oppose any development.

Cllr Wesbury discussed the history of the Local Plan and when the consultation opens again in September 2024. Cllr Armstrong said that the mechanism on how to approve the sites that have been put forward for development is about to be approved. Residents were asked to contact WDC Cllr Armstrong if the erected fence is higher than 2 metres. The Clerk will forward any details that are received by the PC to the resident's spokesperson.

105/23 PLANNING

W/23/1648 Glenthorne, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HZ SPC OBJECTS 28/12/23. Refused 15/2
W/23/1730 10 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG SPC NO OBJECTION 9/2/24.
W/23/1740 The Woodlands, Shaws Lane, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7JA SPC has NO OBJECTION 18/2/24
W/24/0097 The White House, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HT SPC has NO OBJECTION 9/2/24.
W/23/1723 The Cottage, Croft Lane, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7H SPC has NO OBJECTION 12/2/24.
W/24/0089 Ketsoc Lawns, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green, Warwick, CV35 8NA SPC has NO OBJECTION 15/2/24
W/24/0033 LB Pools Cottage, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HZ
APPEALS
APP/T3725/W/23/3324807 Land at Ward Hill , Warwick Road , Norton Lindsey, Warwick , CV35 8JD

106/23 WCC REPORT – C Cllr Jan Matecki

The County Council share of the council tax has increased to 4.99% with 2% for social care. Eligible people are being encouraged to get 2 doses of the MMR (mumps, measles and rubella) vaccine. The county's aspirational Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) could help the county meet their net zero target. The Multiply Program is available for people aged 19+ who do not have GCSE maths to enable them to better their career prospects. Details can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk. The Rights of Way consultation closes on the 10/3 details can also be found on the WCC website.

107/23 WDC REPORT – WDC Cllr David Armstrong sent report via email.

Council Budget set

On February 21st Council approved the budget for the next year. This included raising the District Council part of the tax by 2.99%, equivalent to £5.29 per year, or 11p per week, for a Band D dwelling. Although any raise is unwelcome, this is below inflation and was seen as necessary to keep the Council's budget balanced in the long term. Part of the budget is allocated to contract an additional fly tipping response team, which will reduce response times and counter the increase in fly tipping across the district. Other key elements of the budget include improving the energy efficiency of Council buildings, supporting renewable energy generation projects, such as rooftop solar, in the District where they will deliver a return on investment, and maintaining service provision for core services.

SWLP update

The key discussion at the moment is around the overall number of houses to be built. The consultant's current advice is for a significantly higher number of houses than the Standard government formula, while the joint Green-Labour administration's view in the corporate strategy is that we should minimise the use of greenfield sites where possible. We remain constrained by the very tight rules that the government impose, but recognise that having a sound plan is better than the chaos of 'anywhere' development that no plan would bring. These discussions are entering a critical phase so now is the time to contact us with any views or input.

Leisure Centres and Paddling pool Renewal

There are multiple updates on leisure centres in the district this month. Castle Farm held its official opening on 24th February. Abbey Fields Pool has been approved to continue with construction expected to commence in March. Councillors have also approved funding to refurbish and upgrade the paddling pool at Victoria Park, stopping a cycle of repairs and increasing costs. The new pool is planned to have improved seating, shaded areas, and far less maintenance downtime. Construction will begin in the Autumn.

Finally, Garden Waste permit renewals are open, covering 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. See www.warwickdc.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Your councillors for Abbey and Arden are:

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David Armstrong – David.armstrong@warwickdc.gov.uk

Richard Hales – Richard.hales@warwickdc.gov.uk

Please feel free to contact us with any issues.

108/23 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

- Community Emergency Plan / Workshops – Cllr Forty and the Clerk attended the Emergency Planning Workshop. The workshop covered many aspects of the Plan. A separate Working Group was agreed consisting of Cllr Forty, Cllr Hinton, Cllr Lowe and Cllr Lawrie. They will organise a meeting to discuss how the Plan can be moved forward and finalised and report back to the PC.
- Parish Council website and email addresses – Cllrs unanimously agreed to Parish Online designing the new website. It was agreed that a member of the Village Hall Committee will update the details on the website concerning the Hall and events etc. Cllr Forty agreed to update pages on the website for the WI. Cllrs Forty, Lowe and Hinton will gather the contacts for the organisations and societies that want to have details on the website. The Clerk will contact them regarding the website training. The Clerk to contact Parish Online.
- Newsletter holder at Shrewley Stores – The old holder was broken and therefore Cllr Wesbury purchased a replacement.
- Climate Action Plan/SWEAT / Thermal imaging camera – Kenilworth Town Council have agreed to loan their thermal imaging camera to Shrewley Parish Council to lend to residents. The camera would need to be advertised and a Cllr take responsibility for organising the lending of the camera.
- Biodiversity Policy – The Clerk had circulated a draft model Biodiversity Policy prior to the meeting. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the Annual Assembly.
- Shrewley Common village green maintenance contract Mar – Nov Review – Cllrs were happy with the contractors work. Cllr Underwood to contact the contractor about leaving the side of the crossroads adjacent to the bus shelter side unmown to encourage wildflowers/plants to grow. The Clerk to contact the tenants of Shaws Lane land that is owned by the parish council and ask if they would object to the planting of some fruit trees.
- TPO's north side Shaws Lane – not yet confirmed.
- TPO request – 2 oak trees south end of Shrewley Common – Cllr Darwen requested the TPO's but is awaiting a response.
- Parish Assembly Agenda – A draft agenda was circulated and agreed. The Clerk to print and distribute the flyers to Cllrs. Cllrs will deliver the flyers to all parish residents by the 14th March if possible. The local organisations reports will be displayed on the boards at the Village Hall. Cllr Wesbury will be at the Hall from 3pm to set up and any helpers would be most welcome. Cllr Darwen will present the Rights of Way item. Hatton Estates will deliver their presentation. The Clerk to update the distribution list to include Cllr Lowe.

109/23 ONGOING ACTION ITEM

- Shrewley website update/ Statutory publication of documents on website – over the last two months there has been 270 individual users making 464 views including 192 to the PC page.

110/23 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- WCC Fault Reporting System: Register to track and report highway problems – The system is live with the facility to upload photos and receive continual feedback on the progress of the job.

Broken Fire Hydrants at Shrewley Common crossroads and Stoney Lane were not on the agenda but were reported by Cllr Forty and have been repaired promptly.

- Highway fault reports
 - Flytipping Stoney Lane – Flytipping was cleared promptly.
 - Faulty VAS – WCC Cllr Matecki will chase Lee Ragg, Assistant Lighting Engineer.
 - Broken sign on B4430 near Barn Close lay-by – This was repaired.
 - Metal posts on B4430 near lay-by – Cllr Cleary to investigate.
- Footpath fault report
 - Broken step when walking from the railway bridge down to the canal. Cllr Darwen to chase Network Rail.

111/23 CORRESPONDENCE –

- Development of site on Back Lane, Rowington. Cllr Hinton attended the meeting held at

Lowsonford Village Hall regarding a possible traveller's site. The erected fence was approved by WDC. Poisonous trees had been planted on someone else's land but they were moved after being asked. All Cllrs agreed that Shrewley Parish Council supports Rowington Parish Council regarding the site.

- Digital Voice – February drop-in sessions were advertised and the details available on the website.

112/23 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE –

Our plans to extend part of the hall and upgrade the hall are progressing towards a detailed design and a planning approval application – and further financial assistance. The Hall will cooperate with the PC with content for their new website. A new programme of movies is being followed by the Social Club, and a Quiz night has been announced for 26th July. Further live events will be announced during the year. An independent horsebox coffee trailer has been setting up in the car park on Wednesdays and Fridays for a trial period.

113/23 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

- Community Emergency Planning – Cllr Forty and Clerk

114/23 FINANCE - New NALC advice on church funding. Guidance has changed and church funding is allowed. The PC to consider when setting the next budget.

- 114.1 Quarterly accounting checks to 31st December have been completed by Cllr Forty. To be noted.
- 114.2 Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2024. Page 4. To be noted.
- 114.3 Budget to date as at 31st January 2024. Page 5. To be noted.
- 114.4 Permission for items listed below to be paid proposed by Cllr Forty, seconded by Cllr Lowe and unanimously approved.

Date	Payee	Amount £
05/03/24	Clerk February Salary(Net),Postage £0,	333.45
05/03/24	HMRC February Income tax	83.30
05/03/24	Clerk March Salary, Mileage £0, Postage £0	333.45
05/03/24	HMRC March Income Tax	83.30
05/03/24	Clerk attendance at Emergency Planning workshop 3 hours	40.01
05/03/24	HMRC Income tax	10.00
05/03/24	Clerk Homeworking Allowance	60.00
05/03/24	Gardening Maintenance James Ltd Inv 5112	245.00
*05/03/24	WALC Councillor Introduction Course Fee Cllr Lowe 13.3.24	12.00 36.00
05/03/24	Reimbursement Cllr Wesbury Newsletter Dispenser Holder	6.69
05/03/24	Reimbursement Cllr Wesbury Website Secure Hosting	45.43
05/03/24	CPRE Membership Renewal	36.00
	Total	1,288.63
	Amended Total	1,312.63

*WALC Councillor Introduction Course Fee Cllr Lowe 13.3.24. Apologies the invoice is for £36 not £12 as stated. The payment has been amended.

115/23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Meeting Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7pm.

116/23. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2024

		£
Cash Book Balance b/f		9,716.29
Receipts		
First half precept 28.4.23	3,586.00	
Shaw Lane Rent 26.6.23	52.00	
WDC Kings Coronation Grant	1,250.00	
HMRC VAT Reclaim 17.10.23	335.02	
Second Half Precept 29.9.23	3586.00	
Total Income		18,525.31
May payments	3,301.98	
July payments	1,031.71	
Sept payments	926.49	
Nov Payments	971.48	
Jan Payments	2,008.45	
March Payments		
Total Payments		8,240.11
A TOTAL CASH BOOK BALANCE		10,285.20
Balance as at 31 st January 2024		4,785.20
Reserve Account as at 31 st January 2024		5,500.00
B TOTAL BANK BALANCE		10,285.20

Budget as at 31st January 2024

	BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
	2023/24	as at 31/01/24
Salary	4,185.00	3,780.45
Expenses	285.00	62.81
Website	145.00	139.58
WALC	328.00	298.00
Digital Mapping Online	76.80	64.00
CPRE	36.00	-
Insurance	264.00	241.00
Grant Kings Coronation / All grants	-	2,321.00
Ferncumbe YC	100.00	-
Hatton PCC	-	-
British Legion	30.00	28.98
Hire of VH	137.15	160.00
Purchases	-	-
Upkeep, incl phonebox maintenance	-	-
Training (net of bursary)	150.00	10.00
Internal Audit	100.00	100.00
Election Costs	-	300.00
Information Commissioners Office	35.00	35.00
Ferncumbe News March edition	300.00	-
Shrewley Common crossroads grounds maintenance	1,000.00	495.89
Totals	7,171.95	8,036.71

VAT 203.40

VAT claimed 17.10.23 335.02

8,240.11

Notes

Reserves at 31.01.2024 were £5,500.00