

Neen Savage Parish Council



Minutes of the last full Council meeting held on Monday 16th September 2013 at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

Members in attendance of the meeting were:

Councillors: M. Windridge, Julian Cleford, Jane Cleford, S.Spragg, C.Butterworth, Olwen Sales

279-1, To witness Cllr Sales sign the declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr Sales signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk and those Council Members present.

An unexpected but welcomed attendance by Mr Williams from Shropshire Council to provide and present an update about SAMDev.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To bring agenda item 13 forward in order to allow Mr Williams the opportunity to deliver and present a brief overview and update about SAMDev, This would avoid Mr Williams any inconvenience to his time.

279-2, IT WAS RESOLVED:

To move into public participation session:

Question> When will the 4th June and 11th July 2013 minutes be approved.

Response: The Council will be considering the minutes appertaining to the 4th June and 11th July 2013 at their next meeting of full Council.

Cllr Shingleton and some of the former Neen Savage Parish Council members became disruptive and argumentative over the matter. It must be formally recorded that no respect was afforded to the Council's procedures and despite the chairman's efforts to minimise the disruption, the said attendees continued with their unreasonable oppressive behaviour. Unfounded accusations of illegal practice and offensive abusive allegations against Council Members to include: quote: "tell the truth" were shouted out and witnessed; this is recorded in the public interest. The disruptive group shouted that the minutes including confidential matters should be released for public viewing.

The Clerk advised the Council and informed the disruptive group that confidential business may be exempt subject to data protection laws, under such circumstances it may not be in the public interest to release those parts of the minutes.

Cllr Shingleton shouted at the Clerk saying "the chairman should be answering", she continued to say, that the item within those minutes was before the confidential matters in any case".

The Clerk summarised by saying the Council were being misled, that it appears the approval of the minutes is not the issue, he clarified that, Cllr Shingleton appears to have inadvertently revealed that the issue was one item within the minutes and the approval of the said item appeared important to her and the other parties present. The Clerk offered Cllr Shingleton the opportunity to reveal the item, but, she declined the offer. The matter rapidly subsided when questions were asked surrounding the item to which she referred to in her statement.

The chairman expressed real concern about the time wasted by the unnecessary disruption, this was supported by other members of the public present at the meeting who were angered and outraged by the un-necessary disruption and wasted parishioner's time.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

Despite continued disruption the Council moved on to the next agenda item 3.

279-3, To receive apologies and reasons for absence from Council members.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

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To accept and approve the apology and reason received for absence from Cllr Mike Hurley, due to work commitments.

279-4, Declarations of interests- Disclosable pecuniary interests.

No declarations of interests were received from Council Members in attendance regarding any matter on the agenda.

279-5, The minutes for 2nd July meeting were not approved. The item 277/04 was asked to be removed from the minutes, it was not resolved to remove this item from the minutes.

279-6, To receive chairman's announcements.

The Chairman of the Council expressed concern that the recent election costs appertaining to the recent by election will be paid for by the electorate. Whilst we recognise the merits of the democratic process, at a time when Councils should be demonstrating austerity measures and cuts to services and jobs are regularly witnessed, we feel un-necessary expenditure such as this should be avoided. It is inconceivable that out of attempts to undermine the Council a minority group of local residents called for the election instead of allowing the Council to appoint through co-option, this process would not have cost the electorate anything. To date Shropshire Council cannot confirm the true overall cost of the election, but, we do know that it will exceed the Councils budget, the excess may be paid for by Shropshire Council, either way, and this will still come out of the public purse and is considered an outrageous waste of public money.

The Chairman intends to visit other Parish Councils in the locality in order to develop working relationships and to consider the opportunity of brokering partnership arrangements.

The Parish Council are still delivering comments on local planning matters, however, it is apparent that the comments are being side stepped through Shropshire Councils process, if an application is subject to delegated powers (officers decision) and the local Shropshire Councillor want the application to succeed then the matter is moved to committee, from experience it is our opinion that the process then becomes subjective.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

For the Chairman to investigate Shropshire Councils procedures regarding the planning process and report back his findings.

Cllr Shingleton said, " we offered you training but very few of you attend" Cllr Windridge responded by saying " Some Cllrs have attended training others have difficulties attending because of work commitments, he could not recall Cllr Shingleton having offered training and asked for clarification about who do you refer to as we?"

The chairman offered to provide a press release regarding the Parish Councils directives and process. It was considered too dangerous on the grounds of the possibility of miss-representation of the Councils activities.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

Not to take up the offer of a press release/story about the Council.

279-7 To receive reports from Council members regarding updates from outside bodies and duties assigned to them.

7.1, Flood wardens, Cllrs, Jane Cleford and Chris Butterworth, both Councillors are prepared to erect signs identifying flood waters and crossing points that become dangerous when water is at a high level such as the ford crossing. To investigate how to obtain the signs for this purpose, it was considered that Shropshire council should assist with this matter.

Coping stones at the ford have been repaired; Chris will chase up the flood warning sign which was previously requested from the Shropshire Council highways department.

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- 7.2, Tree warden, Cllr C.Butterworth, Cllr Butterworth will provide a report for the Parish magazine and the new web site covering sub communication.
- 7.3, Community led Parish Plan, no Council member has yet been designated this job.
IT WAS RESOLVED
That Cllr Olwen Sales would coordinate CLP progress reports.
- 7.4, Road lengthsmen scheme coordinator, No information appeared to be available regarding the duties expected of this position. Cllr Butterworth will find out before the next meeting. Risk assessments must be provided. A brief overview of the responsibilities was provided by Cllr Shinton, she said we expect to see, monitoring of drain covers, notification of pot holes, drainage problems, clear signage, and clear long grass at junctions? Keep a record of what has been done.
IT WAS RESOLVED:
To provide a report on issues in the vital link.
- 7.5, Pike common: Cllr Julian Cleford, Nothing to report.
- 7.6, Baveney Common, Cllr Hurley, An overview provided in an email from Cllr Hurley about this matter, all is in good shape.
- 7.7, Emergency plan, Cllr Spragg, management plans previously displayed. It is appropriate for Cllr Spragg to attend training through Shropshire Councils emergency plan if she can be placed on it. She will find out the process for this.
The Council needs a representative for the Parish hall committee.
IT WAS RESOLVED
That Cllr Olwen Sales should represent the Council.
- 279-8, To consider planning matters:
Application: 13/03425/FUL
The application was approved in principle with the following comments.
Separate comments sheet provided.
- 279-9, IT WAS RESOLVED
To delegate powers to the Clerk to manage the Councils financial matters as RFO and to forward a letter to the bank notifying them of the temporary arrangements to include change of contact details and update the bank mandate accordingly.
- 279-10, To approve payments:
IT WAS RESOLVED
10.1, To approve payment of the Clerks salary for Two weeks of July and all of August.
10.2, Noted that no PAYE stubs have not been previously stamped by the bank showing payments. Payments were Made to HMRC.
IT WAS RESOLVED:
to accept this recent SALC invoice 6196, to approve payment of £40.00, for training.
10.3, To write to the former Clerk Mrs McBride to establish that all overtime due has been paid.
- 279-11, Quality Parish Council:
IT WAS RESOLVED:
That Cllr Julian Cleford is to be the watching officer.
That the Clerk writes to NALC clarifying the effects of Localism on this scheme.
- 279-12, Parish matters: Highway issues:

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- 12.1 Flood water and road surface damage between six ashes and Elcott.
Cllr Chris Butterworth expressed deep and sincere concern about this and other unresolved highway matters/ issues. He continued to say, that despite the best efforts of the Parish Council nothing had been done by Shropshire Council to improve the condition of the local roads, the issues have been going on for a long time, the roads are in an appalling condition and considered a danger to the road users, he is fearful they will result in some one being killed.
Shropshire Cllr Madge Shingleton said, "The Parish Councils had missed their opportunity to report the road problems at the last LJC meeting, it's too late now, "I could have hit the Councils over the head for not doing so".
Cllr Butterworth said in response, "the issues had been reported to her as the local Shropshire Council representative and she has done nothing to resolve any of the them".
The Parish Council has already written to the highways department requesting some action on the flood and road surface issues between six ashes and Elcott, some remedial action has been taken, but, the Parish Council feel it is not enough or good enough.
IT WAS RESOLVED:
For the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the highways department, Cllrs C.Butterworth and Martin Windridge.
- 12.2, Cllr Windridge and his wife cut the hedge at six ashes junction, this was done, but, was found to be a dangerous location for working, oncoming traffic showed no regard or respect for their personal safety despite wearing high visibility clothing.
- 12.3, The Parish Council expressed concern about speed on the B4363 and wished to make a representation to Shropshire Council over the matter. Cllr Shingleton said "the Police would not support it so it will not happen". The Clerk was given permission to respond, he said, the Police may not support it but this does not stop speed limits being introduced, the Police did not support the Kinlet speed limit because they said they did not have resources to enforce it, but it did not stop it being introduced through and beyond the village.
IT WAS RESOLVED
To make a representation to Shropshire Council.
- 279-13, SAMDev update
This item was moved forward to the start of the meeting where Mr Williams gave an update.
- 279-14, Correspondence:
A letter of complaint from Mrs E.Griffiths about a local Shropshire Councillor has been received.
IT WAS RESOLVED
- 14.1, that the Parish council did not have the powers to investigate the complaint and would forward it on to the appropriate body.
- 14.2, The Parish Council support non closure of the day centres in Shropshire and wished the Clerk to write offering support in the form of a letter to the senior forum campaign group.
- 279-15, To consider implementation of a community strategy plan to determine community engagement.
IT WAS RESOLVED:
That a steering group get involved with the Parish plan and engage with it.
Cllr Chris Butterworth was asked to engage with the plan.
The Clerk is to formulate a strategy for developing a plan.
Cllr Olwen Sales to report back to Council on Parish Plan matters.
- 279-16, To consider a complete overhaul and review of existing policies and procedures
IT WAS RESOLVED:

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That the temporary Clerk is to develop and make new policies available as soon as possible for consideration and subsequent adoption.

279-17, Market Town Revitalization funds and Local Joint Committee funding.

The issue of outstanding s106 funding was discussed; Cllr Windridge believed that funding may be available from new development within the area.

Cllr Shinton said "There were no s106 funds available and CIL only applied if affordable development had taken place in the locality, which it had not.

Cllr Windridge responded, "He believed the upper Baveney development was subject to a s106 agreement, we have heard nothing about this since planning was approved?"

It is understood that £45,000 had been awarded to Cleobury Council under the MTRP scheme. This funding should support a scheme that will develop employment opportunities in accordance with the scheme criteria for the local area. NSPC would like clarification on what the money is being used for.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

That the Clerk investigates the matter and writes to Shropshire Council for clarification about the MTRP funding.

That the Clerk writes to Shropshire Planning to establish the position regarding s106 agreements and to find any outstanding funding resulting from any such agreements.

279-18, To consider any projects that may benefit the Parish of Neen Savage.

Council Members will consider this matter and establish local priorities when the Parish Plan is finally available.

279-19, To consider delegated powers to the temporary Clerk.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To delegate financial powers and as necessary powers to enable him to pursue his work as proper officer of the Council.

279-20, To agree a date and time of next meeting:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

To have unfixed dates until further notice over the next twelve months. Cllr Butterworth to fix a date for the next meeting, the 8th October 2013 was suggested as an appropriate option.

The Council concluded its business.

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