

# NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Olwen Sales, Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Andy Vanderhook, Cllr Stephen Hinton and Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton.

329/01 To receive apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

There were no apologies.

329/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ratcliff declared an interest in Agenda item 329/07 (a) (ii) Payments – reimbursement.

329/03 Public Participation Session

There were two members of public present. Pig netting at the side of the road near Stonehouse has still not been removed despite being reported to Shropshire Council. Cllr Ratcliff will remove it.

329/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

329/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

**HMRC**

There is £140.40 showing overpaid on our HMRC Business Tax PAYE account. This is due to them changing tax codes for the Clerk after paying PAYE. We may well be due a refund at year end but will keep eye on this to ensure correct amounts paid to all parties.

**Ford**

Mr Treves has replaced the seat at the ford. It is solid wood and on a large sound concrete base but will need treating as part of maintenance. Thanks to Dr & Mr Treves for their efforts with this. The Clerk will ask Mr Treves about the treatment and how much it should be insured for so that we can check with our insurance and update the Asset Register accordingly.

- ii) Cllr Ratcliff has mended the fence at Six Ashes. Unfortunately, the detached rail has been removed so a new one had to be purchased.
- iii) Cllr Ratcliff said SmartWater distribution has gone well. A meeting to decide how many more packs we need to order is in hand. Every household will be visited.

329/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council members went through the revised draft budget for 2019/20. Council RESOLVED to approve the budget as presented with a precept of £5,411 which is the same as the current year. Based on Shropshire Council's taxbase figures of 153.17 this should mean a very slight reduction to residents – Band D will be £35.33 (per year).

Cllr Tomkinson took the Chair for the following item.

329/07 Approve Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (December) – £215.70 (Cheque)
- ii) A Ratcliff – reimbursement for Phone Box parts and Ford post - £191.59 (Cheque)
- iii) Neen Savage Parish Hall – room hire for meetings 2017-2018 - £160.00 (Cheque)

Cllr Ratcliff resumed the Chair.

(a) S.137 Grant Application

- i) Cleobury Mortimer Men's Shed requested £250 towards their project set up costs. Council discussed the merits of this project to our parishioners, noting budget restraints and agreed a payment of £100.00. (Cheque).

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## 329/08 Planning Matters

### (a) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- i) Reference: 18/04792/PMBPA/FUL (validated: 17/10/2018)  
Address: Agricultural Building to east of Baveney Lane, Neen Savage.  
Proposal: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use.  
Applicant: Mr T Poyner (4 Withies Bank, Oretton, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 0TB)  
Decision: Withdrawn
- ii) Reference: Reference: 18/04786/FUL (validated: 17/10/2018)  
Address: 6 Detton Hall Farm Barns, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8LW  
Proposal: Erection of a detached garage and log store  
Applicant: Mr Chris Andrews (6 Detton Hall Farm Barns, Neen Savage, DY14 8LW)  
Decision: Grant Permission.

## 329/09 Place Plan review and consider projects for CIL Local and Neighbourhood Fund.

Council reviewed the discussions from the last meeting. The main issues we have in the parish which could fall under infrastructure priorities are road safety at Six Ashes and the issues at the Ford. The Clerk will check with the CIL Officer at Shropshire Council whether the following proposals are acceptable:

- The installation of a telephone pole for the Parish Hall phone line – paid by Neighbourhood Fund money. The remaining money to be used at the Ford and perhaps on footpaths.
- The installation of visibility fencing at Six Ashes – paid by CIL Local money. (Cllr Tomkinson will speak to the landowner first as it would be preferable to keep the hedge but have it cut more often during the summer which the Council could pay for.)
- Refurbishment of the Ford bridge – paid by CIL Local Money. The infrastructure at the Ford is Shropshire Council's responsibility but due to their lack of priority for this area, our concern for its safety and it's local importance we would be willing to use some of our CIL money here.

It was suggested that we unofficially ask other parish councils if they have suggestions for some meaningful joint projects such as work on the Catherton and Bridgnorth Roads. Mr Hardy stated that the roads are the only infrastructure we need and rather than using CIL for other things why don't we lobby Shropshire Council and the Government to use CIL on the highways. Re-laying roads is capital expenditure (whereas surface-dressing and filling potholes is revenue expenditure). This could give strength to the application for CIL money for this work.

## 329/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Madge Shineton supported the Parish Council's decision to ask Shropshire Council for CIL advice but also regarding the cost of the work at the Ford culvert. There is a lot of CIL money at Shirehall so discussions need to be had on this. There is a series of Health meetings coming up and a decision is awaited over the PRH A&E department; all meetings are open to the public who are given time to ask questions. The Neighbourhood Plan in Cleobury links all surrounding areas and we need to feed into it. Cllr Shineton is disappointed in how little of the extra £7.3m for road repairs is coming to us in South Shropshire. Cllr Shineton is in discussion with the Portfolio Holder regarding the reporting system being overly bureaucratic and the long time it takes from reporting issues to them being actioned. The Highway Officers are being side-lined over prioritising work. The Co-op crossing is proposed to be installed mid-February but no details on the road closures have been given yet. The work could take 8-10 days so it is imperative that residents and businesses are informed in plenty of time.

## 329/11 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) The Clerk will chase Highways for an update on the proposed scoping meeting with Kier to discuss requirements at the Ford and also chase up the return of the Highway maps to Cllr Tomkinson. The benches have still not been supplied for Six Ashes. The Clerk will chase again but if not ready by end of January, Council will seek an alternative supplier.
- ii) Cllr Del Mar will be asked to put another article in the next Vital Link asking about broadband issues.

## 329/12 Future Agenda Items

- i) Quarterly budget review for 2018/19.

## 329/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The meeting closed at 9pm.

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It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 330/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Correction made 329/05 i) 'sea' to read 'seat'

Arthur Ratcliff

Signed.....Chairman

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

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