

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Olwen Sales, Cllr Andy Vanderhook, Cllr Sue Del Mar and Cllr Stephen Hinton.

332/01 To receive apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr George Haywood – work commitment.
Cllr Michael Tomkinson – another meeting.
Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – another meeting.
Council RESOLVED to accept these apologies.

332/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

332/03 Public Participation Session

There were two members of public present. No matters were raised.

332/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

332/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

Place Plan/CIL Application

CIL application has been submitted and acknowledged. Have been chasing Graham Downes for support with the Ford project work – no response since 6th March so asked our Unitary Councillors to help provide some answers on a way forward with Highways.

Highways staffing restructure will hopefully bring about improvements in communication.

Benches for Six Ashes

Benches delivered to Shunesley. They are ready to install once a work party has been arranged – proposed for next week.

Land Registry Documents

Application forms are ready to send to register Baveney Wood Common and the land around Parish Hall. Council confirmed these should now be sent and follow up any queries Land Registry may have.

SmartWater

Final figures are that 98 packs have been delivered to 138 households. All households have been visited. We have some packs left if anyone still wants one. A lot of signage has been put up around parish and there are some spares if replacements or additional signs are required.

At 7.45pm Cllr Stephen Hinton arrived.

- ii) Cllr Ratcliff reported on the Highway Maintenance work carried out by Cllr Tomkinson, Mr Harman and himself. Work has been undertaken on the roads from Woodend to Six Ashes, Six Ashes to the Ford and Nethercott to Detton. Around 40 gullies have been cleared and at least 20 channels cut into ditches to remove standing water from the highway. The entrances to seven letterbox gullies were also cleared. The culvert by Old School House was cleared and the flow has improved. Jetting of some gullies is required and further investigations where gullies could not be found. There is a lot more to do over the next month. Cllr Vanderhook and Cllr Haywood have also undertaken work which will be added into the report required under the terms of the Environmental Maintenance Grant. Litter picking, strimming and safety work at Nash Crossroads, Six Ashes and the Ford will also be reported. The Highway maps have still not been returned. They would help identify the gullies and problematic areas in future. Overall, a good start has been made and with regular monitoring the areas opened up will work more satisfactorily.

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332/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council RESOLVED to approve the supplied Asset Register subject to the following amendments:
Neighbourhood Watch and Parish Watch signs will be taken down and written off the Asset Register. The phone box will be shown as being at the Parish Hall. The projector, which has been gifted to the Parish Council, will have a replacement value of £700.00. The Risk Assessments were approved as being correct and adequate for our purposes.

332/07 Approve Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (March) – £215.50 (Cheque)
 - ii) T Preece – 2 x picnic benches - £288.00 (Cheque)
 - iii) SALC – audit/year-end training - £54.00 (Cheque)
 - iv) A Harman – highway maintenance - £580.00 (Cheque)

332/08 Parish Profiles

Council discussed whether there was a benefit to be derived from asking Shropshire Council to produce a Parish Profile for Neen Savage. Many other parishes have profiles available on Shropshire Council's website based on information from the 2011 Census. Council agreed it would be interesting and useful for when the Parish Plan is reviewed – perhaps in the next 12 months. Council RESOLVED to ask Shropshire Council how long it would take to extract the data and if there was any cost.

332/09 Communications into Vital Link

Council discussed the future of Council contributions to the Vital Link. Cllr Del Mar has put extracts from Council Minutes into the Vital Link in recent issues to mainly cover planning matters. Unfortunately, there is little room and we are only allowed one page, hence covering one meeting in the latest issue. Council noted that a full summary of both meetings is more work and that a note needs to be put with the 'extract' to say that full Minutes are available on the website and Notice Boards.

332/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

There were no Unitary Councillors present.

332/11 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There had been some repairs done recently on Bagginswood Road but not to a good standard.
- ii) Following a letter from a parishioner, Council discussed and agreed to formally request warning signs and improved depth gauges for the Ford to improve safety.

332/12 Future Agenda Items

- i) Cllr Hinton asked about whether there had been any new issues regarding broadband service in the parish following the article in the Vital Link. There had been no additional reports but Open Reach have now acknowledged the location of Detton Barns. Philip Dunne MP is coming out to the parish in the Easter recess. Where fibre broadband is not planned residents can consider Airband instead. The Chairman will raise this issue at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th May as part of his report.
- ii) There have been reports of dumping and rubbish left at Baveney Wood Common. Cllr Hinton and Cllr Vanderhook will look into this.

Everyone was reminded of the Litter Pick Event on Saturday 13th April - meet at Parish Hall at 10am. Also, the launch of the refurbished Telephone box and parish book review on Saturday 20th April at 3pm.

332/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The meeting closed at 8.37pm.