

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th April 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 Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Sue Del Mar and Cllr George Haywood.

333/01 To receive apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Stephen Hinton – no reason given.

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – on leave.

Council RESOLVED to accept these apologies but requested that the Clerk ask all members to give reasons for apologies as per the Agenda.

333/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ratcliff declared an interest in Agenda Item 333/06 (a) v. Payments – reimbursements.

333/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present at this point of the meeting.

333/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2019

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

333/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

Litter Pick on Saturday 13th April

Nine volunteers picked 16 bags of litter plus a builders' bag of car parts. Thanks to all who helped on the day and to those who regularly litter pick throughout the year.

Land Registry Documents

Application forms and supporting documents have been sent with a cheque to Land Registry to register Baveney Wood Common and land around the Parish Hall.

Finance

The accounting year-end has been completed and accounts are now ready for audit. HMRC confirmed the PAYE is in credit by £110.60 and this can be deducted from this year's payments.

Sewerage treatment plant

The Clerk has been in touch with Severn Trent's contact for Capital works for an update on the any proposals for the treatment works in Cleobury due to on-going concerns about the impact on Neen Savage. The engineering team, who look after the West area, say that no decisions have been made about the future of the treatment works in Cleobury as yet and additional environmental factors are being considered such as the tightening of environmental standards of the local water course. When the team do have more information, they will involve all local communities.

- ii) Cllr Ratcliff reported that no further Highway Maintenance work has been carried out since the last meeting. Cllr Ratcliff confirmed that he, Cllr Vanderhook and Cllr Tomkinson have installed the two new benches at Six Ashes. They also dug footings and helped lay concrete for the phone box at the Parish Hall. Overall, the renovation project for the Phone Box cost £252.22 in materials on a budget of £250 which is excellent. Around 150 volunteer hours have been spent on the Phone Box. The Clerk confirmed the Phone Box is insured for Public Liability but we can insure for loss (usually valued around £3,000 for traditional boxes) with a £250 excess. Council agreed the Phone Box is worth £3,000 and to enquire how much this will add to the insurance policy.

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At 7.43pm Cllr Tomkinson took the Chair and Cllr Ratcliff took no part in the following item :

333/06 Approve Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (April) – £180.50 (Cheque)
- ii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's admin expenses and re-imbursements - £215.28 (Cheque)
- iii) SALC – Annual Affiliation and Committee fees - £174.17 (Cheque)
- iv) A Harman – highway maintenance - £116.00 (Cheque)
- v) A Ratcliff – Materials for installing phone box and benches - £136.24 (Cheque)

At 7.46pm Cllr Ratcliff took the Chair.

333/07 Planning Matters

- (a) Planning Decision (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
 - i) Reference: 19/00723/FUL (validated: 18/02/2019)
Address: The Pound, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8LB
Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations
Decision: Grant Permission

333/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton said a decision is awaited from the Secretary of State regarding proposals for the county hospitals following Future Fit. There are no elections in Shropshire this year, but they will be held in Telford and Wrekin. The reorganisation of highways is on-going. Some jobs issued to Kier are coming back 'in house' and their contract is being updated accordingly. Local officers could be moved due to the redistribution of skill levels around the county. If we have new staff, we must be more descriptive when reporting issues to help staff identify the areas ie give grid references. Cllr Tomkinson informed the meeting that Andy Oliver returned the Highway Maps last week. Cllr Shingleton reminded everyone of the Place Plan meeting on May 9th – anyone can attend. The Barbrook sewerage issue is on-going. Shropshire Council still plan to take those who owe money to court. There are 13 other similar systems in Shropshire which need resolution. There is an Action Group in Kinlet. Central Government has given money to Shropshire Council for litter-picking grants for high streets. This may be something which rural parishes can apply to as well. Cllr Butler is back on Shropshire Council's Cabinet covering Place, Community and Planning.

333/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) During the recent Highway Maintenance work the gully outside the Vicarage was found when the verge was cleared back. This has not been seen for 20 years as it is not on the local drainage maps. Jetting of 6-8 gullies has been requested and a reminder will be sent with grid references of the locations.
- ii) People are encouraged to report any pot holes as they find them.
- iii) The benches at Six Ashes have been replaced under the Environmental Maintenance Grant. Nine hours of volunteer time saw the area cleaned, strimmed and edged around the boundaries before installing the new benches. The remaining old bench had waste oil tipped over it in the past but Cllr Ratcliff will plane it down and replace a broken plank before re-locating it.

333/10 Future Agenda Items

- i) Council will look through the Parish Profile which has been made available.
- ii) The Clerk will send the relevant reports regarding the Environmental Maintenance Grant for 18-19 and request £1,000 for 2019-20 due to the amount of ditching and maintenance work still required.

333/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th May. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 334/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Arthur Ratcliff	22nd May 2019
Signed.....Chairman	Date.....