

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Andy Vanderhook, Cllr Olwen Sales, Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Sue Del Mar, Cllr George Haywood, Cllr Stephen Hinton and Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton (in-part).

337/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members
Council noted that Cllr Hinton is expected to attend.

337/02 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Vanderhook declared an interest in Agenda item 337/07 (a) Rose Cottage.

337/03 Public Participation Session
There were three members of public present. No matters were raised.

337/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2019
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

At 7.34pm Cllr Hinton arrived. Cllr Hinton is a neighbour of Rose Cottage but felt he had no interest to declare in Agenda item 337/08.

337/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

Land Registry Documents

Following rejection of our applications to register Baveney Wood Common and Parish Hall land we have obtained further information and evidence to enable us to re-apply. An informal valuation is now required to send with new application. Council agreed that a reasonable value (for Land Registry purposes) would be £5,000 for Baveney Wood Common and £1,000 for the Parish Hall land.

Highways

The mirror opposite Hillfields was reported to Shropshire Council for replacement following our last meeting. Andy Oliver had confirmed and said the job had been issued to Kier in May. It was noted the mirror has still not been replaced. Thanks were noted to Cllr Ratcliff and Cllr Tomkinson for cutting the hedge back at Six Ashes, to improve sight lines, in time for Burwarton Show.

CIL Project

We undertook a site meeting yesterday at the Ford to look at options for drainage to help put the project together. The Clerk has now received the Technical Checks form which needs completing.

Broadband to Parish Hall

Airband cannot quote as out of site of transmitter. Quotes from BT were £29.99 per month, revised to £24.99 and with a better service deal. Talk Talk offered £18/month but have poor service in this area and lack of understanding of the rural environment. Council asked the Clerk to progress BT's offer.

SALC reminders

A place is booked onto Web Accessibility Guidelines on Wednesday 30th October. SALC's 70th/AGM event is on Friday 15th November, Lord Hill Hotel. The latest Area Committee minutes are available.

ii) **Parish Hall Report**

Cllr Vanderhook reported that the external work to the Hall has been completed and looks very smart. The cost was just £60 over budget and the Parish Hall committee are very grateful to the Parish Council for their help in facilitating this work. Cllr Ratcliff asked if it was in order to put up the parish map on the external wall – this was agreed.

337/06 Approve Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (August & September) – £366.80 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (August & September) - £84.20 (Cheque)

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At 7.41pm Cllr Vanderhook left the meeting and took no part in the following item.

337/07 Planning Matters

- (a) New Planning Application
 - i) Reference: 19/03409/FUL (validated: 05/08/2019)
Address: Rose Cottage, Baveney Wood, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8JD
Proposal: Installation of a Bio-Pure sewage treatment system and soakaway to replace existing septic tank
Applicant: Mrs Lewis
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support this application.

At 7.45pm Cllr Vanderhook rejoined the meeting.

337/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton report.

Finance - There will be a reduction in the drug and alcohol team due to reducing Public Health grants.

Treatment is available by telephoning 01743 294700 or email SRPinfo@addaction.org.uk. There are continuing increases in adult social care and children's safeguarding with not enough grant money coming through and no indication of what central Government will give next year. Reserves need to be increased and be conservative in their estimates for next year. The New Homes Bonus has been extremely helpful.

Health – The 111 service is likely to be taken over by West Midlands Ambulance Service; maternity services are awaiting a response from NHS England; the two CCGs are likely to cease and create one new body. Cllr Tomkinson asked if the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital is still in special measures. Cllr Shingleton confirmed it is but hopefully it will be out by the end of the year especially if the maternity aspect is resolved.

Planning – Reviews continue on the Place Plan and SAMDev which should be out shortly for consultation.

Highways – Everyone is encouraged to set up an account on My Shropshire to report pot holes, blocked drains etc. Please let Cllr Shingleton know of any issues with this system.

337/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no new parish matters but Council confirmed that the Youth Support Consultation, Rural Bus Campaign and Post-19 Transport consultation can be put on the website and facebook. Council agreed for the Clerk to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting.
- ii) Cllr Tomkinson reported on the site meeting at the Ford yesterday with a local contractor to look at improving the drainage. It was felt that the best job would be to improve the field catchment system to keep debris out, install a new pipe in at a better angle under the road and replace the numerous pipes in the ditch with a single large pipe (to take the water from the fields/Barbrook) with a sculpted ditch above for surface water. Various options are available and these will be costed for further discussion before liaising with Shropshire Council on the way forward. Cllr Shingleton offered to check whether the main culvert is a Drainage matter rather than Highways. It was noted that since the culvert has been cleared the road hasn't flooded again but there has been no significant rain. Smaller improvements to the bridge and general area were also discussed – some of which can be done ourselves. The Clerk will write to Severn Trent regarding their current work on the Six Ashes to Bagginswood Road to ensure that it will be left in a good state when they have finished. The Clerk will also contact Highways to ask if they are monitoring the work and will check that the road will be properly re-instated.
- iii) The autumn litter pick will be held on Sunday 17th November. Meet at Parish Hall at 10am for litter picking equipment and instructions. Cllr Sales and the Clerk will advertise this event.
- iv) Council agreed that three wreaths are required to be ordered for the parish. Cllr Ratcliff will put up the Silent Soldier Silhouette near the Churchyard as Six Ashes is unsuitable due to the Severn Trent works. Nominations to attend Remembrance Service and lay wreath to be decided at next meeting.

337/10 Future Agenda Items

Progress on the Parish Hall broadband and Ford project.

337/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

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Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under Item 12 the public and press shall be excluded under S1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

337/12 Staff Review

Council RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's Personal Development Review. The Scale rate will be revised according to NALC's recommendations from 1st October and will be reviewed in March as the new rates come into effect from 1st April.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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