

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd October 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 and Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler (in-part).

338/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr George Haywood – work.

Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton sent apologies as Cllr Gwilym Butler is attending.

338/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Tomkinson declared an interest in Agenda item 338/08 (a) i) Hedgerow removal north of Baveney Lane.

338/03 Public Participation Session

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

338/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2019

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

338/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) **Clerk's Progress Report**

Highways

The mirror opposite Hillfields has now been replaced.

Ford – written to highways regarding improving signage as road used as diversion especially when Cleobury main road is closed. Asked if they will support this and also our drainage project in light of being the diversion route. Also written to police expressing concern that mixed information was given to drivers when they were called out to a recent accident at Newbridge. Some drivers were directed to Neen Savage and went through the flooded Ford.

Highways confirmed they are monitoring the Severn Trent job on the Bagginswood Road and will inspect again when works complete. It will not be resurfaced but will be fully reinstated and work guaranteed for two years, so if road fails in that time the contractors must put things right. Severn Trent also confirmed they will backfill and replace all road markings. Council asked Clerk to ask Severn Trent to ensure they fully restore the ground at Six Ashes when they clear up the site works.

The next Litter Pick is on Sunday 17th November – posters have been prepared to go out this week.

Broadband to Parish Hall

Order placed with BT for adsl broadband, including line rental, at £24.99 for 2 years (fibre not yet available here). Installation fee of £125 subject to survey, plus £8 for delivery of router. Installation due to be carried out on Wednesday 6th November between 8 am and 1pm.

Pensions Regulator

Redeclaration of compliance for Pensions Regulator completed.

Police invitation to Annual Parish Meeting

Invited Police and Crime Commissioner to our APM but he may not be able to attend as it will be during the PCC elections purdah period. The local police sergeant has been in touch and willing to attend local parish council meetings.

SALC reminders

The Clerk is attending the Web Accessibility Guidelines on Wednesday 30th October.

SALC 70th/AGM on Friday 15th November – no councillor attending event but will sell draw tickets.

ii) **Councillor Reports**

Cllr Vanderhook attended a Housing Event yesterday which looked at affordable housing needs in smaller parishes and upcoming changes in policy.

Cllr Vanderhook attended the Cleobury Crime Group meeting on Monday. The new Chair is Kevin Lane and the group discussed recent anti-social behaviour and parking problems/obstructing paths.

Cllr Tomkinson has received an estimate and proposals for works at the Ford. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with Highways, Drainage and Structures so that we can progress this matter further.

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338/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation to 30th September 2019.
- ii) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the six-monthly risk assessments review.
- iii) Council noted the changes and RESOLVED to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

338/07 Approve Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (October) – £187.80 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (October) - £45.60 (Cheque)
- iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's admin expenses - £84.70 (Cheque)

At 8pm Cllr Tomkinson explained that sections of three hedges to be removed are on the west side of the Bagginswood Road between Nash and Shutley to enable Severn Trent to replace the water main up the fields. Cllr Tomkinson then left the meeting and took no part in the following discussion.

338/08 Planning Matters

- (a) New Planning Application
 - i) Reference: 19/04363/HRM (validated: 04/10/2019)
Address: Land North Of, Baveney Lane, Neen Savage, DY14 8LQ
Proposal: To remove 3 sections of hedgerow totalling 20m on land north of Baveney Lane, Neen Savage, to allow for the undertaking of maintenance works on an existing clean water underground pipeline.
Applicant: Mr Michael Tolley (One Supply Chain West, Shifnal , TF11 8SD).
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support this application providing that the hedge is replanted with local native species once the works project is complete.

At 8.04pm Cllr Tomkinson rejoined the meeting.

- ii) Reference: 19/04550/FUL (validated: 16/10/2019)
Address: Pioneer Centre, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JG
Proposal: Construction of a 'Giant Swing' and associated works at existing activity centre
Applicant: Northamptonshire Association Of Youth Clubs (NAYC) (Kings Park Conference Centre, Kings Park Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6LL)
Outcome: Cllr Ratcliff, Cllr Del Mar and the Clerk attended a site meeting earlier and had no issues with the proposals. Council RESOLVED to support this application.
- (b) Planning Decisions (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):
 - 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
Decision: Grant Permission.

338/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler's report.

Potholes – Following a department restructure and a new system of working the number of potholes needing repair on a rolling basis has fallen from 3,600 to 700. There have been issues recruiting staff due to a lack of skilled people in the market but they do now have more quality staff in-house.

Community and Rural Strategy – An invitation will be issued soon to attend a workshop on 14th November to look at the disparity in delivery of services across the county. A full consultation will follow in January.

Boundary review – Shropshire had asked the Boundary Commission to consider a review due to the population changes following housing growth – this is unlikely to happen before the 2025 elections. Town and Parish boundaries may be reviewed after the 2021 election due to housing expanding across parish boundaries.

Library at Cleobury Mortimer and funding for Cleobury Country Centre – Cleobury Mortimer Town Council have been asked to look at precepting £9,000 to support the Cleobury Country Centre and delivery of the Library.

