

# NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 using the Zoom on-line facility 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 Stephen Hinton and Cllr Sue Del Mar.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

351/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

There were no apologies.

351/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

351/03 Public Participation Session

There were three members of public and two PCSOs present. Mr Simon Harris introduced himself as he is standing with Gwilym Butler in the forthcoming elections. PCSO Dunne-Brown reported that there had been no more shed break-ins and the crime rate is very low in this area. The police are starting a monthly newsletter and will send this to the Clerk to disseminate. Please send them any issues which could be included in the newsletter. Cllr Madge Shingleton asked PCSO Dunne-Brown about a car in Cleobury, which has been parked near Mortimer Gardens for months and blocks visibility onto the main road. PCSO Dunne-Brown said they can look into this. Cllr Tomkinson raised concerns about the number of vehicles parked near Belle Vue Garage which causes vehicles to overtake coming up to the Six Ashes junction. The police will check this too. This area is hazardous for those turning into the road from the B4363 as there is a huge pot hole on the corner at Six Ashes which has been marked with a cone and forces people further across the road. Cllr Gwilym Butler said Council could put some suggestions into the CIL/Highways redesign consultation for Six Ashes. There are also issues with vehicles being parked long-term at Six Ashes car park. Cllr Butler commented that further to issues regarding reference numbers given by customer services not showing on the My Shropshire app, Kier will soon be on the same system as Shropshire Council. Cllr Hinton commented on fly-tipping of builders' waste in Baveney Lane which has occurred 3-4 times recently. Also, farm produce for sale and the honesty box had been stolen. PCSO Dunne-Brown asked that this is reported to the police on 101 or the web-site.

351/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be ADOPTED. Minutes to be signed as soon as practicable.

351/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

**Highways**

The terrible condition of the road near Goesland as well as other issues have been reported. Issues with Wall Town Bridge reported last month have been inspected and repairs have been noted and will be included in the council's future programme of work. Whilst the condition appears very poor the bridge itself is unaffected and the repairs are not considered urgent. As funds are hard pressed at the moment and it is likely to be some time before the work is completed. Flooding near the Old School House, mostly due to blocked drains, has occurred several times in the past month and been reported to Highways to get the culverts and road drains jet washed out. Issues reported to Customer Service generate a reference number but do not all show in the My Shropshire Account. Queries raised regarding the work notified for the Newbridge junction due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> March have not been answered. Confirmation of the proposed work and diversion route was requested due to concerns of directing vehicles through the Ford. There has been no response despite telephoning and leaving messages.

**Pike Common**

The damage to the river bank on the Rose Hill side of the river gets worse every time the river is in spate. Madge and I have been chasing this matter up with Shropshire Council. The only update from Shropshire Council is that following Land Registry checks they were arranging a site visit with the land owner. The wooden footbridge from above Reaside is still wedged in a tree approx. 100 yards upstream from Walfords Bridge. Cllr Shingleton commented that she has taken the Drainage Officer round the site and is awaiting his report. She is shocked at the damage to the river bank and is also talking to the Environment Agency about this. Cllr Ratcliff commented that he has spoken with James Griffiths from Natural England who may be able to help.

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## ZOOM Meetings

Zoom meetings are permitted to continue until the election under current legislation. Council may wish to consider when/how to hold the Annual Parish Meeting. It should be held between March 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> and could be held on Zoom before the election or in person after 7<sup>th</sup> May. Council felt the Annual Parish Meeting would be better held in person.

- ii) Cllr Sales reported on the NeenSavageCrimeWatch WhatsApp Group. There have been no incidents reported since the last meeting.
- iii) Cllr Vanderhook reported on the Parish Hall meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February. The Parish Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for their contribution of £50 towards the cost of the Christmas Card (total £115.58). The Parish Book has now covered its costs so any further sales will make some profit. Sales have been slow since lockdown. A keysafe will be installed in the Hall porch for ease of access for users.

## 351/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council confirmed the internal audit requirements from D M Payroll Services Ltd.

## 351/07 Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
  - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages – (February) - £199.60 (Cheque)
  - ii) HMRC – PAYE – (February) - £50.00 (Cheque)
  - iii) SALC – Annual Affiliation fees - £190.21 (Cheque).

## 351/08 Planning Matters

- (a) New Planning Application:

- i) Reference: 21/00363/PMBPA (validated: 25/01/2021)  
Address: Proposed Conversion Of Agricultural Building To The East Of, Baveney Lane, Neen Savage.  
Proposal: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to form one residential unit.  
Applicant: G And T Poyner (4 Withies Bank, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 0TB)  
Outcome: Following a site meeting and queries raised with the applicant regarding the planning history of the site Council felt that the submitted proposals for the existing building are acceptable and RESOLVED to support this application.

At 8.04pm there was a short break in the meeting. Meeting re-convened at 8.08pm.

## 351/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Cllr Shinton and Cllr Butler's reports had been forwarded onto all council members prior to the meeting (copies attached with Minutes). Further points raised by Cllr Butler regarding the boundary review coming about because some parishes struggle to fill councillor vacancies. Terms of Reference will be issued soon on the process and ask if any parishes wish to merge. Any changes will come into effect from May 2025. Cllr Sales asked what we need to do if we are happy with the current boundary. Cllr Butler said the Task and Finish Group will probably put out a proforma of questions to help the process. An issue around the major market towns is where development takes place outside the town boundary in the neighbouring parishes who then get the CIL money. It is being proposed that these parishes could become a ward of the market town. Information regarding the elections will be coming out soon. Cllr Tomkinson asked about the proposed re-design of Six Ashes junction and if the parking and speed issues will be addressed. Cllr Butler said the re-design is part of a CIL award and he will speak to the Place Plan Officer about this. The work at Newbridge is to improve the surface and redesign work. There should be a consultation on the speed limits soon. Cllr Del Mar asked if the area where the removal vans are regularly parked will go. Cllr Butler was not sure as they don't know who owns it. Perhaps we can ask Cleobury Council to use their Land Registry account to establish ownership?  
Cllr Shinton stated there will be an update on Covid numbers for March. There are a rising number of pockets of Covid in the county and urged people to be careful even if they have been vaccinated. We have a low infection rate compared to the West Midlands but are not out of the woods yet. Courses in nursing and social care are available at the Shrewsbury branch of Chester University. There is a skills gap in the county so please encourage people to train and consider apprenticeships. Cllr Shinton is horrified at the infestation of ivy in Cleobury Park and asked everyone to cut any ivy back so it will die off over the summer. Cllr Tomkinson asked if there was any news on the Care Home opening in Cleobury Mortimer. Cllr Shinton said there have been over 150 faults identified through Building Regulations and all furniture has been removed for remedial work to be carried out. It is currently unknown when the Home will actually open.

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351/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Cllr Tomkinson has met with Mr Harman today and provisionally booked him for two days ditching work in early March from the Ford to Bank Top and Stonehouse to Picklebatch. Some soil will be used to re-instate the verges; other soil will need to be taken away. Cllr Tomkinson and Cllr Ratcliff will do some work between Nash crossroads and Goesland tomorrow.

351/11 Future Agenda Items

Cllr Vanderhook asked whether Council would wish to acknowledge Cllr Shingleton's many years of service in some way. Item to be put on the next Agenda. Cllr Sales asked if we could discuss the election at this point but as it was not on the Agenda the Chairman moved on to the next item.

351/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

**It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 352/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-**

<p style="text-align: center;">Arthur Ratcliff</p> <p>Signed.....Chairman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p> <p>Date.....</p>
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