

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 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 Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Stephen Hinton, Cllr Andy Vanderhook and Cllr Sue Del Mar.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

353/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr George Haywood – internet issues.

Cllr Gwilym Butler – election purdah.

353/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

353/03 Public Participation Session

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

353/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 2021

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 2021 be ADOPTED. Minutes to be signed as soon as practicable.

353/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

Meetings update

The Parish Hall is booked for our next Council meeting on Wednesday 26th May and is available for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 19th May – item to be discussed later in meeting.

Audit

The accounts and other requisite documents are with the auditor. The work is almost complete.

BT billing

After numerous issues the billing for broadband at the Parish Hall is currently all in order. Our account is £98.34 in credit as of 23rd April.

River bank erosion opposite Pike Common

The damage to the river bank on the Paper Mills side has still not been attended to.

Elections

Having received the Notice of Uncontested Election we will have two vacancies for the Parish Council from 10th May. We can co-opt within 35 days to fill these vacancies and the Clerk will advertise the vacancies with a view to these being filled at the next Council meeting.

- ii) Cllr Sales stated that there had been no incidents reported on the NeenSavageCrimeWatch WhatsApp Group since the last meeting. PCSO Sue Eden has left the local policing team. PC Steve Mellor had asked for the main issues affecting the parish. The Clerk had suggested theft from sheds, outbuildings and farms; fly-tipping & littering; and animal crimes ie poaching, lamping and loose dogs around livestock. Council agreed for these issues to be submitted.
- iii) Cllr Ratcliff / Cllr Tomkinson – Highway Maintenance Report.
The contractor has some ditching work to finish. The gullies all need jetting before work starts again in the autumn. The Clerk will confirm that licences are in place to cover the moving of spoil.
- iv) Cllr Vanderhook – Parish Hall Report including proposals for grounds maintenance.
Cllr Vanderhook reported on the recent Parish Hall meeting and AGM held on 22nd March. The Hall is financially sound despite the temporary closure as they had received Covid support funds. A key safe has been installed for hirers to use to save time travelling to collect and return keys. The Hall should re-open in May for hiring and a re-opening event is being proposed for 17th July. The long-running issue regarding the roadside boundary was raised. The Committee had proposed to lay the hedge ten years ago but due to local opposition from the neighbours this was not done on the understanding that they would keep the hedge maintained to a manageable height. The hedge is now very thin and scraggy and it needs attention. The Parish Council is the 'Trustee of last resort' and as such the Hall Committee are asking the Parish Council to support proposals to improve the boundary hedge as there may be some opposition to the work. The Parish Council agreed to support the Parish Hall Committee to seek advice on the various options to improve this boundary hedge.

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353/06 Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages – (April) - £199.80 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE – (April) - £49.80 (Cheque)
 - iii) Mrs D McBride – Quarterly Admin Expenses – £82.00 (Cheque)

353/07 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications:

- i) Reference: 21/01217/LBC (validated: 24/03/2021)
Address: Burrow Cottage, Baveney Lane, Neen Savage, DY14 8LF
Proposal: Demolition of existing blockwork lean-to shed to west side. Erection of single-storey side extension, replacement entrance porch, new rear door and replacement smaller window to rear, replacement low-pitch roofs to rear, roof to be rethatched, existing roof over kitchen to be enlarged as shown with ridge height raised to match adjacent roof and existing walls and windows to be refurbished and repainted as required.
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Warrilow.
Council RESOLVED to support the proposals.
- ii) Reference: 21/01216/FUL (validated: 24/03/2021)
Address: Burrow Cottage, Baveney Lane, Neen Savage, DY14 8LF
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Applicant: Mr and Mrs Warrilow.
Council RESOLVED to support the proposals.
- iii) Reference: 21/01507/FUL (validated: 24/03/2021)
Address: Unit 16, The Old Station Business Park, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8SY
Proposal: Erection of 1 Flour Silo
Applicant: Mr B Evans (Ryland, Westgate, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 5BL)
Outcome: Council had undertaken a site visit and noted the proposals to set up a business to produce stone-ground flour from locally grown wheat. Council RESOLVED to support the proposals subject to the following conditions: site screening must be in place as per previous conditions for the site, any external lighting must be appropriately sited and screened so it is not visible across the parish; the silo must be painted so as to blend in ie green or brown rather than silver steel as supplied; noise from the mill must be contained within the site through suitable measures.

353/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Cllr Butler had not sent a report due to the election purdah. Cllr Shineton's report had been forwarded onto all Council members prior to the meeting (copy attached with Minutes). Cllr Shineton added that Future Fit work is on-going. There have been a few spikes in Covid cases in the county. The vaccination roll out is going well but Cllr Shineton urged everyone to still be careful. Cllr Tomkinson asked if there was any progress on the riverbank erosion following the Environment Agency visit. Cllr Shineton confirmed the EA and other officers have been out but she has not had any follow up so will chase the officers tomorrow. There has been a lack of communications recently from some officers which is very concerning. Cllr Tomkinson stated that the owner of Rose Hill had put in a new access to facilitate work to underpin Troutpool at the bottom of Ron Hill. This access may also help facilitate the river bank work upstream. Cllr Shineton thanked the Parish Council for their courtesy in inviting her to all the meetings over the years. The Chairman thanked Cllr Shineton for her efforts in the community.

At 8.03pm there was a short break in the meeting. Meeting re-convened at 8.08pm.

353/09 Annual Parish Meeting

Council RESOLVED to set the date of Wednesday 19th May for the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm. The Hall will be set out ready to ensure social distancing. Councillors, invited guests and members of the public are asked to confirm attendance. There will be no papers issued at the meeting. Reports can be read out and copies emailed to the Clerk for the Minutes. The Clerk will prepare a Meeting Notice to cover the above points and arrange for it to be distributed across the notice boards, website and Facebook with Cllr Sales.

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