

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 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 Chris Hardy, Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Julian Cleford, Cllr Sue Del Mar, Cllr Sue Barrett and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

358/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apology:

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – not required as Cllr Harris is present.

358/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

358/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

358/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

358/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Progress Report

Policing

The Clerk confirmed that Graham Donaldson has dropped off the 10 SmartWater packs. The Clerk will pass some to Cllr Del Mar for the Welcome Packs.

Planning concerns

The Clerk has been chasing up a response from the Case Officer regarding the Lakeside Country Park (Planning Ref 21/04239/CPL to have unlimited numbers of holiday lodges on site). The Officer is seeking legal advice and was to let us know the outcome last week but there has been no update yet.

Litter Picking

The Litter Pick event is on Sunday 31st October. Everyone to meet at the Parish Hall at 10am to collect equipment and instructions. Cllr Del Mar gave her apologies for this event.

- ii) Cllr Sales stated that there had been no incidents reported on the NeenSavageCrimeWatch WhatsApp Group since the last meeting. Cllr Ratcliff said that there had been a theft last night from a farm at Bagginswood where a quad bike and other items were taken.
- iii) Cllr Ratcliff / Cllr Tomkinson – Highway Maintenance Report.
Cllr Tomkinson confirmed they have reviewed prospective work under the Environmental Maintenance Grant. The initial priorities will be the ditches from Bagginswood to the Oreton turn and emptying all the drainage pots noted for jet washing. Other councillors were keen to help and will be notified once a date is set for the work. Other work required to be done by Shropshire Council is to insert another grid into the culvert between the Nash crossroads and Clump Cottage to get the water off the road so that it can be repaired; repair the broken pipe on Picklebatch Bank and improve the road surface from Nash crossroads through to Detton which has deteriorated further. Cllrs Ratcliff and Cllr Sales will show Unitary Cllr Harris this section of road tomorrow morning.
- iv) Cllr Sales stated the Parish Hall Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting but there had been a review of the risk assessments and it had been agreed to continue with the advisory limit of 30 people in the Hall for the foreseeable future.
- v) Cllr Hardy reported on a very constructive first meeting to review the Community Led Parish Plan. They focused on the action points and considered how various groups have completed their actions. There will be another meeting on 16th November to complete this review and then report back to the Parish Council. Once the findings of the review are written up and publicized the level of comment from the public may determine whether the Parish Plan needs revisiting. This may mean issuing questionnaires to gain views and opinions on the various topics again.

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358/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council resolved to approve the six-monthly review of the Council's risk assessments.
- ii) Council resolved to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation to 30th September 2021.
- iii) Council resolved to approve the appointment of DM Payroll Services as internal auditor for 2021-22.

358/07 Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages – (October) - £199.60 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE – (October) - £50.00 (Cheque)
 - iii) Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreaths - £40.00 (Cheque). Cllr Del Mar declared an interest in this item as a member of the PCC.
 - iv) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's quarterly admin expenses - £94.14 (Cheque)
- (b) Council RESOLVED to approve the following S.137 payment in support of the many parishioners who contribute to the Shoebox Appeal:
 - i) Mrs J Vanderhook / Teams4U – Christmas Shoebox Appeal - £100.00 (Cheque).

358/08 Planning Matters

- (a) New Planning Applications:
 - i) Reference: 21/04592/FUL (validated: 23/09/2021)
Address: The Larch Barn, Six Ashes Nursery, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JF
Proposal: Erection of an extension to the existing building to form additional kitchen facilities
Applicant: Mr P Underhill (Landscape Plants (Cleobury) Ltd., The Larch Barn, Six Ashes Nursery, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JF)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support the proposals.
- (b) Application for Lawful Development Certificate (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):
 - i) Reference: 21/04471/CPL (validated: 06/08/2021)
Address: Walfords Cottage, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer
Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed siting of a caravan for ancillary use to the existing dwelling.
Applicant: Mr Daniel Bills.
Council noted that despite asking for further information the Planning Officer has stated that the information in the application is sensitive and will not be shared. It is a legal assessment in relation to general permitted development and we are not invited to comment.
- (c) Planning Decisions (for information only):
 - i) Reference: 21/03132/FUL (validated: 06/08/2021)
Address: Unit 16, The Old Station Business Park, Neen Savage, DY14 8SY
Proposal: Erection of 1No. Flour silo and change of use to include use classes E(g)(iii), B2 and B8.
Applicant: Evans Building & Construction Ltd (Mr B Evans, Ryland, Westgate, Bridgnorth, WV165BL).
Decision: Grant Permission.
 - ii) Reference: 21/02552/FUL (validated: 16/08/2021)
Address: Old School, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JY
Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension to the rear.
Applicant: Mr. J. Lloyd (The Old School Hall, Neen Savage, DY14 8JU).
Decision: Grant Permission.

358/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Cllr Harris commented on the challenges of producing Kinlet's Parish Plan but it was successfully completed if anyone wants to look at it. Cleobury Youth Partnership are still looking for a new Chair to replace Mrs Madge Shingleton. The group was set up to co-ordinate youth groups and access funding but needs fresh people to move things forward. Cllr Harris agreed to ask Mrs Shingleton for an article to advertise the Chair's job and the role of the Partnership. Cllr Harris is on the Audit Committee and has been reviewing Shropshire Council's 20-21 accounts.

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358/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports (cont'd)

Following an article in the Shropshire Star about the murder of an MP Cllr Harris was shocked at the awful comments on Facebook. Cllr Harris commended the work of Debbie Brown and the Cleobury Food Bank. The Food Bank is open to all and is very well used. More people have accessed the Food Bank already this year compared to the whole of last year. Cllr Tomkinson asked about the resignation of the Portfolio Holder for Highways. Cllr Harris commented that Steve Charmley had resigned due to amount of abuse he and his family had received on social media. The role has been filled by Dean Carroll. The new Assistant Director for Highways, Steve Smith is progressing highway improvements now that more money has become available.

358/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) The Clerk has received an update on the CIL funded drainage project at the Ford. Shropshire Council Highways and Drainage officers are reviewing options which may include de-culverting the highway ditch and put screens on the inlets or install leaky dams on the watercourse to slow the flow of water.
- ii) Highway issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- iii) The Environmental Maintenance work was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- iv) There are many ways to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 including lighting beacons and holding parties. One proposal, which will be considered at a later date, was to install benches around the parish and organize a walk round them all.
- v) There is no official service on Remembrance Sunday but there will be an informal gathering at 10.50am to remember the fallen and lay wreaths.

358/11 Future Agenda Items

No other matters were raised.

358/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. Cllr Ratcliff gave his apologies for this meeting as he will be away.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.01pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 359/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Michael Tomkinson

24th November 2021

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....