

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Sue Barrett and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the June Parish Council meeting.

365/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Julian Cleford – holiday.

Cllr Olwen Sales – personal commitment.

Cllr Gwilym Butler – Cllr Harris is representing them both.

Cllr Del Mar – no reason given.

365/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

365/03 Public Participation Session

There were three members of public present. A resident raised concerns about groundworks at a small field following the widening of an access onto Baveney Wood Common and resultant issues with the mains water supply. There are concerns of development which may be taking place off the single track lane and encroachment onto the common which belongs to the Parish Council.

365/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2022

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

365/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Audit 2021-22

Audit is complete and everything published as required (under Transparency Code and Audit Regulations) on the website. The Exemption Certificate has been submitted to PKF Littlejohn and the VAT reclaim made.

Community Governance Reviews

The Council's response has been submitted and duly acknowledged by SALC and our Unitary Councillors.

Environmental Maintenance Grant

The Clerk has requested that we carry over last year's balance rather than re-apply this year. The current balance remaining is £947.50 each (Shropshire Council and Parish Council). The Shropshire Council officer has confirmed that this will be acceptable providing we send evidence of the availability of the match funding for this year (this is in our ear-marked reserves) and also a copy of any meeting minutes where this decision has been discussed. As per the grant conditions the Clerk will send in copies of all receipts / invoices for these funds. Council acknowledged this and will utilise the remaining Grant money this year.

ii) Mrs McBride read Cllr Sales's CrimeWatch WhatsApp Group report.

Graham Donaldson reported that a number of chain saws had been recovered and asked for people to send him serial numbers of any that might have been stolen. No matches were reported on the WhatsApp group but some people may have communicated with him directly. There have been no other incidents.

iii) Cllr Tomkinson noted some good work has been carried out on the road from Goesland to Reaside but nothing near Clump Cottage. Cllr Tomkinson has been chasing up a number of jobs which have been reported as complete but the work has not all been done. Other jobs reported on Fix My Street have been actioned. Cllr Tomkinson urged everyone to report highway issues on Fix My Street.

iv) Mrs McBride read Cllr Sales's Parish Hall Committee Report. A very successful Big Jubilee Lunch was held in the hall on Sunday 5th June with everyone bringing a contribution to lunch. It was a slightly wet, cold day but everyone fitted inside the hall and had a very sociable lunch. Over 50 people attended. Plans are now ongoing for the next event - the Fete and Scarecrow Convention on 16th July. A work party is meeting on 9th July to tidy up the grounds. All parishioners invited to both events.

Initials.....**AJR**.....

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365/06 Financial Matters

- i) The Parish Council has two accounts with Lloyds Bank and the recent change to the Banking Mandate was eventually approved by Lloyds in February. Council was satisfied with the current banking arrangements.

365/07 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (June) - £207.20 Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (June) - £51.80 (Cheque)
- iii) JW & AJ Barrett Ltd – Jubilee bench plaque - £60.00 (Cheque)

365/08 Planning Matters

- (a) Planning Decisions (For Information Only):
 - i) Reference: 22/01615/LBC (validated: 04/04/2022)
Address: Detton Hall Farm, Neen Savage, Shropshire, DY14 8LW
Proposal: Repairs to exposed timber framing across solar and hall affecting a Grade II* listed building
Decision: Grant Permission

365/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report prior to the meeting. Cllr Harris has been chasing for an update on what is happening regarding the Ford CIL project. He has also been requesting an update on the Highways staffing structure. Andy Keyland has taken over from Graham Downes for this area and Heathcote Bartlett is the new Highways Technician. Cllr Butler and Cllr Harris have participated in a peer review of rural Council finances in an effort to obtain fairer funding for Shropshire. Cllr Ratcliff asked about the new fly-tipping team; issues can be reported via 03456789006 or on Fix My Street.

365/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) The concerns of residents at Baveney Wood Common raised earlier this evening were discussed. Council agreed to undertake a site visit in the first instance.
- ii) There were no further highway matters raised.

365/11 Community Led Parish Plan Review

The Chairman reiterated his thanks to the Community Led Plan Review Working Group. As there had been no further comments received Council RESOLVED to adopt the Review. The Clerk will send a copy of the Review to officers at Shropshire Council, neighbouring town and parish councils, Unitary Councillors, Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association and the county Access Team. The next step will be a Place Plan meeting with all parish councils in the Place Plan area to discuss and share projects and issues.

365/12 Future Agenda Items

It is hoped to have some designs and costings for a replacement bench at Six Ashes for the next meeting. There will also be an update on Baveney Wood Common.

365/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 366/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Arthur Ratcliff

27th July 2022

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....