

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th July 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, Cllr Julian Cleford and Cllr Olwen Sales.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July Parish Council meeting.

366/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Unitary Cllr Simon Harris – no reason given.

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – on leave.

Cllr Del Mar – holiday.

366/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

366/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

366/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

366/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Place Plan and Ford CIL Project

Cllr Harris and the Clerk have been chasing Ffion Horton for a response to the request for the highway reports undertaken by WSP. The Clerk met briefly with Ffion Horton and Vicky Turner on 4th July. Once the lengthy reports have been checked for the CIL Internal Infrastructure Group's Highway's projects they will be sent to the parishes. The Ford is a separate, prior-approved project and should be a simple stand-alone job but they are not ready to meet and discuss any proposals yet. The Place Plan update is with Shropshire Council departments.

Community Led Plan Review

The adopted Review has been published on the website and sent to neighbouring parish councils, Unitary Councillors and Shropshire Council Officers.

ii) CrimeWatch WhatsApp Group Report.

Cllr Sales reported no major incidents. A car had been found abandoned on the Tenbury Road and rubbish had been dumped near Mawley Farm.

iii) Environmental Maintenance report

Cllr Tomkinson reported a lot of work had been carried out on Baveney Lane and half the potholes have been filled on the Nash – Nethercott Road. He has given updates to Fix My Street that a lot of potholes have been missed. The road edge has been improved at the junction between Clump Cottage and Nethercott where previous gravel had washed out. There has been some work from Reaside to Goesland but nothing further on towards Detton. Cllr Tomkinson has spoken with Mr Harman and agreed to undertake more ditching work this autumn. Cllr Ratcliff and Cllr Tomkinson will attend to the setts in the Ford. Cllr Ratcliff, Cllr Cleford and Cllr Tomkinson had an evening strimming and tidying Pike Common. It was noted that the railings at the bottom of Ron Hill have still not been replaced. The Clerk will chase this up with Shropshire Council as a safety concern. More trees have fallen into the river on the Paper Mills side. The Clerk will write to the landowner and ask that they are removed.

iv) Parish Hall Committee Report

Cllr Sales reported on a very successful Scarecrow Convention and Party which was well attended and raised £577. There has been further discussions and research into the land on which the Parish Hall sits. Mr Hurley has received legal advice that the Parish Council should not show this as an Asset as they are the custodian trustee and hold it for the charity. This could be changed and the land could be held by the official custodian of charity land which would remove any individual responsibility. This is easy to do but a solicitor is required to action this and work through the issue of not having deeds which may be due to the land previously being church land.

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Cllr Cleford took no part in the following discussion.

The ongoing issue regarding the maintenance of the Parish Hall's roadside hedge was raised. The hedge has been the subject of some disagreement with neighbours and has not been maintained. It is no longer manageable and some trees need to be removed and some replanting is required. Unfortunately, the neighbours disagree with this work and solicitors' letters have been exchanged which are proving very costly. The Council's opinion on this matter was sought informally.

The Parish Council members had no knowledge or evidence regarding the management of the hedge but felt the Parish Hall should be maintaining the hedge as it is their responsibility. The condition of the overgrown hedge and dying trees looks very poor and the appropriate work needs to be done to ensure the hedge is manageable into the future.

366/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council resolved to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation to 30th June 2022. As there is money available for environmental maintenance it was agreed to replace the kickboards on the footbridge at the Ford, evaluate other work on the footbridge near Reaside and install a pipe to replace the broken one on Picklebatch bank.
- ii) Cllr Ratcliff is awaiting costings for steel but if this proves too expensive a wooden bench will be made to replace the one stolen from Six Ashes.

366/07 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (July) - £207.20 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (July) - £51.80 (Cheque)
- iii) Mrs D McBride - Clerk's quarterly admin expenses - £109.15 (Cheque)
- iv) Shropshire Council – May 2021 election fee - £100.00 (Cheque)

366/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors were not present but had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors.

366/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no other parish matters raised.
- ii) There were no further highway matters raised.

366/10 Future Agenda Items

There will be an update on the Parish Hall at the next meeting.

366/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman read the following statement:

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under Item 12 the public and press shall be excluded under S1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

366/12 Baveney Wood Common

The widening of an entrance from a small field onto Baveney Wood Common was discussed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.13pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 367/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Arthur Ratcliff
Signed.....Chairman

28th September 2022
Date.....