

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Del Mar, Cllr Julian Cleford (in part) and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the November Parish Council meeting.

369/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Sue Barrett – work commitment.

Cllr Olwen Sales – unwell.

Cllr Michael Tomkinson – holiday.

Cllr Julian Cleford – will be late due to work.

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – Cllr Simon Harris in attendance.

369/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

369/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

369/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2022

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

369/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Place Plan and Ford CIL Project

There is still no response from Ffion Horton regarding the Ford CIL Project and the WSP highway reports and recommendations for the B4363.

Parish Council deeds

The forms have been downloaded and preparation started. MFG Solicitor will check over and will advise of any changes which may be needed to ensure a successful outcome.

Electoral Register 2023

The Clerk has the new password for the electoral register and monthly updates if any councillor needs it for 2023.

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

Graham Donaldson has invited anyone interested in receiving information from the police messaging service Neighbourhood Matters to send him a private message with their details. There have been more reports of hare coursing at Southall Farm, Kinlet.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report

Cllr Ratcliff has repaired and re-installed the 'litter sign' at Six Ashes. Shropshire Council have not replaced the lids on the bins yet. Cllr Ratcliff offered to make a steel lid for the one bin. The other bin is plastic and needs replacing with a sturdier bin. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the next meeting.

iv) Parish Hall Committee Report (Mrs McBride read Cllr Sales' report).

A meeting was held on 8th November. Due to increases in electricity costs a decision has been made to increase the hiring charges from January 2023. Preparations are being made for the Christmas event to be held on Saturday 17th December from 4 – 6pm. The planning application to extend the hall has been approved and the plan now is to raise funds for the extension and source a suitable builder. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 13th December 2022.

369/06 Financial Matters

- i) As Cllr Tomkinson was absent there was no Environmental Maintenance Schedule. Cllr Ratcliff had quotes for 9" smooth bore pipes to replace the current pipes on Picklebatch Bank. Council agreed for the 25-30m of pipe required can be ordered from Thompson and Parkes. The Clerk will chase up quotes from Mr Harman to replace the broken pipes. Cllr Hardy offered to help with the work.

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369/06 Financial Matters (cont'd)

- ii) A solicitor will check the documents before submission to Land Registry. There is unlikely to be any charge as we are following their advice on the appropriate documents to complete.
- iii) Council noted some issues with the Council laptop. Cllr Ratcliff has made a temporary repair. Council resolved for the Clerk to look to purchase a replacement up to £500.00.
- iv) Council discussed the options presented for a smart TV for the Parish Hall. It was agreed that we are ready to purchase a smart TV or similar device. However, it was felt best to wait until the Hall Committee has decided the exact location of the access doors to the new extension.

369/07 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (November) - £207.20 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (November) - £51.80 (Cheque)

369/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors. Cllr Harris distributed some flyers regarding Cost-of-Living help. Cllr Harris has met the Medical Centre's new Business Manager and is encouraging them to re-start the Patients Voice Group as soon as possible as it is a statutory requirement. There have been some concerns raised following the closure of Highley Medical Centre. Cllr Harris is part of a Task and Finish Group to look at ways to clean up local rivers. He stated that whilst there is some authorised overflow from the Severn Trent treatment plant in Cleobury the main pollution in the river is phosphate run-off from agriculture. All surface water as well as sewage goes into the current treatment plant. Severn Trent are looking to build a new £10m plant.

369/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Cllr Del Mar has welcomed the new residents to the Old Forge with a copy of the Parish book and SmartWater, which was appreciated.
- ii) There has been some road verge and ditch damage due to the extra traffic through the parish when the main road in Cleobury was closed for resurfacing. The ditches can be cleaned out again under the Environmental Maintenance Scheme.

369/10 Future Agenda Items

Costings for the environmental maintenance projects will be discussed at the next meeting.

369/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

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

369/12 Employment Matters

Council reviewed the Clerk's salary scale according to NJC recommendations.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.41pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 370/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Michael Tomkinson

25th January 2023

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....