

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Michael Tomkinson

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Olwen Sales, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Julian Cleford (in part) and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Michael Tomkinson welcomed everyone to the February Parish Council meeting.

371/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Arthur Ratcliff – holiday

Cllr Sue Barrett – work

Cllr Sue Del Mar - holiday

Cllr Julian Cleford – will be late due to work.

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – Cllr Simon Harris in attendance.

371/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

371/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

371/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023

Following an amendment to Minute No 370/05(iv) to add “plan is that the” and to amend Minute 370/09 “£10” to read “£10m” it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

371/05 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 update regarding the Ford CIL Project, improvements to the Six Ashes junction or the work requested to improve the drainage of the road near the Nash. Cllr Harris has been chasing up the Highways officers regarding the road by the Nash, also the WSP reports and the CIL project at the Ford on our behalf. He has invited the Highways team to come out and look at the road between the Nash and Clump Cottage to enable them to draw up an action plan on how it can be improved.

An email had been received from Stottesdon Parish Council with their concerns about the number of vehicles parked on the road outside Belle Vue Garage and that the car park at Six Ashes is being used for the business too. They have reported their concerns to the police who have visited the garage but without double yellow lines, they could not take any action. This Parish Council is aware of these concerns which have been raised previously with the proprietor. It was agreed that Cllr Tomkinson and Cllr Hardy will visit the garage and speak with them about these concerns.

Stottesdon Parish Council also asked when the water problem, on the Belle Vue side of Six Ashes is going to be resolved. This Parish Council is aware of the water leak and that ice has been a problem too during the winter season. The leak has been reported to Severn Trent and on Fix My Street but the Clerk will chase this up.

ii) CrimeWatch WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There had been nothing apart from a suspicious van reported at a farm on 6th February.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson.

No further Environmental Maintenance work has been carried out. Highways have marked out a number of areas on Nethercott Lane, presumably for repair but they have not marked the worst areas.

iv) Parish Hall Committee Report – Cllr Sales

There has been no activity since the last meeting.

371/06 Financial Matters

- i) There is currently £1,068.02 remaining under Environmental Maintenance for the current year. Two litter bins will be purchased at £329.00 each and Mr Harman will be asked to complete the ditching on Neen Lane and the culvert cleaning near the Ford.
- ii) The Chairman signed the budget for 2023-24.

Initials.....AJR.....

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371/07 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (February) - £227.40 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (February) - £56.80 (Cheque)
- iii) Neen Savage Parish Hall – Hire for Meetings - £135.00 (Cheque)
- iv) Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee - £40.00 (Cheque)
- v) A Ratcliff – repairs to Ford setts, ditching and drainage work (Environmental Maintenance) - £146.00 (Cheque).

371/08 Planning Matters

a) New Planning Application:

- i) Reference: 23/00443/LBC (validated: 08/02/2023)

Address: Lower Neen, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8JU

Proposal: Works for the installation of 2No roof lights, works to repaint the outer part of the whole roof light in stain black finish and addition of a vertical bar in same colour affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Applicant: Mr Pete Jackson

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to comment that the proposals seem to offer an appropriate solution to the issues raised.

371/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors. Cllr Harris stated he has spoken with Andy Keyland about the road from the Nash crossroads to Detton. The whole road is under review for consideration to be resurfaced. No timescale has been offered for when this would be so Cllr Harris has asked for the first 200m to be done as soon as possible and he will keep pressing for this. Cllr Harris had met with the Council Leader Lezley Picton and expressed his concern that we have still not received the Ford CIL project report. Cllr Harris has been chasing this for a year now in addition to the Parish Council requests for an update and a site visit. Cllr Harris questioned whether the report has actually been done; yet if it has it will be very much out-of-date.

Residents using alternative fuel to mains gas or electric will receive a £200 rebate through their electricity supplier this month. On 27th February there will be an announcement on how to apply for previous Energy Bill Rebate Scheme of £400 for those who have not received this money already. This £400 was paid over six months to reduce electricity bills but some residents did not receive the money for various reasons ie farms, other businesses and those on sub-meters or pre-paid meters.

Shropshire Council will meet on 2nd March to approve their budget for 2023-24.

371/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no new parish matters.
- ii) Highways have been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- iii) Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 31st May. The Clerk will book the Hall and send the invitations out to the usual groups. Refreshments will be served. Cllr Tomkinson will provide a Highways Report and Cllr Harris was asked for a positive update for the community.

371/11 Future Agenda Items

There were no other matters raised.

371/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th March 2023, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.54pm

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 372/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Arthur Ratcliff

Signed.....Chairman

29th March 2023

Date.....