

# NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Olwen Sales, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Julian Cleford, Cllr Sue Barrett and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

The Chairman, Cllr Arthur Ratcliff welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

372/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Michael Tomkinson – holiday

Cllr Sue Del Mar – personal commitment

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – work commitment.

372/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

372/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

372/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

372/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Council Deeds

Two new applications for deeds for the Parish Hall grounds and Baveney Wood Common have been submitted to Land Registry.

BT broadband at Parish Hall

The bills will be increasing by 14.4%. It is estimated that the monthly bill will rise by £5.18.

Environmental Maintenance Grant

Our application has been confirmed. Shropshire Council will pay the next grant once they have copies of all the invoices for the current year. The grant balance for 2021-23 is £333.12, of which 166.56 may need to be paid back to Shropshire Council. The two litter bins from Broxap will be delivered towards the end of April.

ii) CrimeWatch WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There had been a shed burglary at Clump Cottage in February.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson.

No further Environmental Maintenance work has been carried out. A work party will be arranged to install the new litter bins once they have arrived.

iv) Parish Hall Committee Report – Cllr Sales

There was a Parish Hall Committee meeting in March. A Bring and Share Lunch is planned on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Coronation. A new hedge has been planted near the entrance gates to the Parish Hall grounds. A tree to commemorate Andy Vanderhook will be planted soon – location to be confirmed.

372/06 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:

i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (March) - £227.40 (Cheque)

ii) HMRC – PAYE (March) - £56.80 (Cheque)

iii) Broxap Limited – Two litter bins for Environmental Maintenance - £881.88 (Cheque).

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

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## 372/07 Planning Matters

- a) New Planning Application:
  - i) Reference: 23/00866/LBC (validated: 27/02/2023)  
Address: Proposed Barn Conversion SE Of Titford, Catherton Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire  
Proposal: Works to enable the conversion of a former piggery building (originally a cart shed) into a dwelling (Class C3)  
Applicant: Mr A Harlow (Titford, Catherton Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 0LH)  
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
- b) Planning Decision (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):
  - i) Reference: 22/04693/FUL (validated: 08/12/2022)  
Address: The Old Barn, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8JU  
Proposal: Erection of four polytunnels, siting of mobile home to provide temporary worker's accommodation, and installation of septic tank (retrospective)  
Decision: Withdrawn

## 372/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors. Cllr Harris stated he has raised his concerns about Fix My Street with Shropshire Council and will take this further with the Highways Portfolio Holder Richard Marshall. Andy Wilde has been given the task of sorting Fix My Street out. There is an item on the Agenda for full Council tomorrow regarding the county's digital strategy which makes very interesting reading. There is also a motion being proposed to work towards improving the quality of our waterways. Cllr Harris hopes that the Task and Finish Group will be re-started and see the matter progressed. The three main issues are farming and phosphates, sewage and road run-off. Cllr Ratcliff stated that river bank erosion should also be added as an issue as some river banks are not maintained properly. Cllr Sales commented that Severn Rivers Trust can help landowners to enhance the local river and streams.

## 372/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Cllr Ratcliff has advertised the Spring Litter Pick and has litter-picked the road from Shunesley to Detton Bank. The grit bin on Detton Bank has been badly damaged and needs replacing. The Clerk will report this to Shropshire Council.
- ii) There have been fewer cars parked outside Belle Vue Garage but no-one has been to visit the proprietor yet from the Parish Council. The Chairman will speak with the proprietor about the concerns raised by our parishioners and those from other areas. There has been no progress with repairs to the road from The Nash, past Nethercott to Detton. Some pot holes were marked six weeks ago and the markings have now faded away. The Clerk will send a letter to the Highways Officers about this road.
- iii) Cllr Ratcliff will keep Pike Common strimmed and tidy with emphasis on removing the docks and nettles and encouraging more wild flowers. A work party is not needed yet but may be required at a later date.
- iv) The local policing priorities were agreed as thefts from outbuildings, organized crime ie thefts of Landrovers, quad bikes etc and wildlife crime ie poaching and hare coursing.

## 372/10 Future Agenda Items

The Clerk will invite the local police officers as well as the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Annual Parish Meeting being held on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

The Environmental Maintenance work needs to be carried out in a more timely manner. More work including a headwall is needed to further improve the drainage beside Picklebatch Bank.

## 372/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.32pm.

**It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 373/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-**

Signed.....*Arthur Ratcliff*.....Chairman Date.....*26<sup>th</sup> April 2023*.....