

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Sue Del Mar, Cllr Julian Cleford, Cllr Sue Barrett and Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler.

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

373/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Olwen Sales - work

Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

373/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

373/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

373/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2023

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

373/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Progress Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Environmental Maintenance Grant

The Broxap bins will be delivered tomorrow. Their invoice did not include the fixing kits so the supplier has been asked to ensure the fixings are sent or to amend the invoice.

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

There were reports of a suspicious vehicle at Old Station Business Park and also at Newhouse Farm, Tenbury Road on 13th April.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff.

No further Environmental Maintenance work has been carried out but Cllr Ratcliff will arrange a work party to install the new litter bins once they have arrived. It was noted that Environmental Maintenance work under the grant scheme needs to be carried out in a timelier manner. Cllr Tomkinson reported that Highways have repaired the worst holes on the road from the Nash crossroads via Nethercott to Detton but not all have been fixed. The jetting work has not been done either but all reports on Fix My Street have been removed so Cllr Tomkinson will add the potholes and jetting requirements again. The Parish Council will look at undertaking the jetting using the Environmental Grant if this is not done soon. There are a lot of reported issues on the Shunesley Road on Fix My Street which need attention by Highways but we can clear the ditches and gullies again which will help keep the water off the road.

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

A new hedge to replace the conifers has been planted. After much deliberation on the best location, the elm tree, in memory of Andy Vanderhook, has been planted in a cleared area to the rear of the Parish Hall where it will have room to grow. It is planned to have a small dedication during the Coronation Event on 7th May. The gates to the car park have been removed for refurbishment. A Bring and Share Coronation Lunch will take place on Sunday 7th May at 1pm. The Scarecrow Event will be held on Saturday 15th July.

373/06 Financial Matters

i) Council reviewed and confirmed the updated Asset Register.

ii) Council reviewed and confirmed the updated Risk Assessments.

373/06 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:

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

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

iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's quarterly admin expenses - £82.00 (Cheque).

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

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373/08 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Decisions (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):
 - 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 rooflights, works to repaint the outer part of the whole rooflight in stain black finish and addition of a vertical bar in same colour affecting a Grade II Listed Building
Decision: Grant Permission
 - ii) Reference: 22/04601/FUL (validated: 10/10/2022)
Address: Proposed Barn Conversion SE Of Titford, Catherton Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire
Proposal: Conversion of a former piggery building (originally a cart shed) into a dwelling (Class C3), installation of package treatment plant
Decision: Grant Permission
 - iii) 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)
Decision: Grant Permission.

373/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors. Cllr Butler stated that the planning application for polytunnels and a mobile home opposite the Old Barn was withdrawn and is being revised due to the complexity of it being part-residential and part-business. Cllr Butler and Cllr Harris are both still chasing up officers regarding the Ford CIL project and the Highways issues. The Highways contract is being reviewed but no details have been released yet. It is recognised that the condition of unclassified lanes is a huge problem. There is more water draining onto roads from agricultural land than previous years, vehicles are getting larger and heavier as well as there being an increase in the numbers of traffic generally all of which increases the rate of deterioration of the roads. Mains drainage is not feasible on all unclassified roads either. Cllr Ratcliff felt that if field drainage went into maintained ditches this would not be such a problem but it is difficult to get Highways to work together with communities on these improvement projects. Cllr Tomkinson stated that the section between Nash crossroads and Clump Cottage is a typical case. Cllr Butler confirmed he is taking up the Highway funding issues with our MP. Cllr Butler stated a planning application has now been submitted for a new sewage treatment plant in Cleobury Mortimer, between Townsend and Newbridge. This may well open up the remaining land here for residential development in the future. Cllr Butler felt it would be useful for parishes to highlight the requirement of Voter ID for future elections. Cllr Del Mar will put something in the next Vital Link.

373/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Cllr Del Mar stated that the Vital Link is being published in a new format including on a new website and asked whether Parish Council meeting extracts are still needed. It was agreed that there should be some reference to our meetings in the Vital Link, as not everyone has access to the Notice Boards or the internet, but the content will be reviewed.
- ii) Highways issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- iii) There has been no response from either the Police and Crime Commissioner's office or from the local police team about attending our Annual Parish Meeting being held on 31st May. The Clerk will chase them up as the Agenda needs to be posted in the next few weeks. Cllr Ratcliff and the Clerk will organize the refreshments for the Meeting.

373/11 Future Agenda Items

There were no items raised for future meetings.

373/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th May 2023, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.18pm

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 374/06) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Signed.....Arthur Ratcliff.....Chairman.....Date.....24th May 2023.....