

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th October 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 Olwen Sales, Cllr Julian Cleford, Cllr Sue Del Mar, Cllr Sue Barrett and Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler.

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

378/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apology:
Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

378/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

378/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

378/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

Council brought forward the following two items.

378/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors. Cllr Butler highlighted the proposed changes to the electoral division areas which is due to go through the House of Commons by April 2024 so that it will be in place for the May 2025 election. The parish boundary review will be next. Shropshire Council is aware of a number of issues around dogs and are undertaking a consultation regarding proposed Public Space Protection Orders. Cllr Butler urged the Parish Council to respond to this consultation and raise areas of concern. Cleobury Mortimer's Neighbourhood Development Plan is going to Referendum and if passed it will become part of the Local Plan.

Cllr Butler updated the Parish Council on a recent meeting regarding a number of Place Plan area projects. The Clerk had also forwarded notes from the meeting and recent correspondence on proposals for the various projects. Cllr Butler confirmed that Shropshire Council is keen to move forward and has confirmed they will cover the total cost of the Ford Drainage Option 4 and some safety signage, providing the Parish Council agrees to this. Other options are not feasible cost wise and WSP will monitor the effectiveness of Option 4 and will look at the area again if more work is needed. For our Place Plan area, Shropshire Council's priorities are to implement the 50mph speed limit over Clee Hill Common, get WSP to look again at the feasibility of a pavement adjacent to Cleobury Medical Centre and complete the Ford project. After that they will review the Six Ashes junction, look at the speed limit between Wall Town Bridge and Kinlet Bank as well as speed management measures in Wheathill. Cllr Butler confirmed that Shropshire Council's and WSP's attitudes to the parishes has changed on these projects since we started pushing back and he supports our efforts to get these projects implemented.

378/11 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Council discussed the update regarding the Ford drainage project and RESOLVED to accept Option 4. The Clerk will ask for confirmation on the length of ditch which will be dug out (culvert removed) and timescales so that we can keep everyone informed. The Parish Council feel that Option 4 will help relieve the drainage issues and it shows the community that we are trying to improve the Ford area.

378/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

- i) Clerk's Report

Land Registry

There has been no further update from Land Registry regarding the registration of land at Baveney Wood and around the Parish Hall.

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Streetscene update

We have been informed that grass cutting is now mostly under control and Shropshire Council will be weed spraying until end October. They will then concentrate on sweeping carriageways, weed clearance etc to help keep roads clear and improve drainage throughout November and December, as well as hedge-cutting.

Rights of Way issues

The local Footpath Officer has asked if we can clear paths and footbridges following Storm Babet on Friday. The Parish Council has concerns that structures may be unsafe but will work with the Access Team on reporting all issues. It was noted that Walford's Bridge has been cleared of debris today and then taped off to prevent access. Further concerns regarding the accessibility of the footpath behind the proposed shed at Coneybury have been raised as another section of this path is blocked. There are a number of objections recorded against this planning application now regarding the footpath. The Clerk will speak with the landowner to try and work on a solution to the concerns.

- ii) CrimeWatchWhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales
There have been no incidents reported.
- iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff.
Cllr Tomkinson stated that little work has been done on the roads since the last meeting. Shropshire Council have not come back with a plan yet on resolving the drainage issue between the Nash Crossroads and Clump Cottage. Cllr Ratcliff noted that since Storm Babet most gullies are full of grit and gravel and need cleaning out. Cllr Tomkinson has sent a list of jetting to Shropshire Council and asked to be notified when the work will be done so that he can show them the locations. Mr Harman will be contacted to help clean out gullies and clear some of the mud and debris off the roads, especially as Shropshire Council will be inundated with such requests after the recent storm.
- iv) Parish Hall Report - Cllr Sales
Mr James Barrett has been co-opted onto the Parish Hall Committee. Plans for the Christmas Event on Friday 22nd December are continuing. The Hall extension could cost around £28,000 and Cllr Sales asked if the Parish Council could help with some funding towards this community venue.

378/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council reviewed the second quarterly budget review and agreed to move £1,000 from the Six Ashes ear-marked fund to the general reserve as there will be no major speed management project in the near future at Six Ashes. Council RESOLVED to approve the updated budget review and corresponding bank reconciliation. Council would consider a formal request for funding from the Parish Hall Committee. It was noted that the car park lights have not been repaired. Cllr Sales will raise this with the Parish Hall Committee.
- ii) Council considered and approved the six-monthly review of the Council's risk assessments.
- iii) Council considered the updated quotes for an interactive screen for the Parish Hall and agreed to purchase a LG Smart TV including installation at a net cost of £866.66. Money has been ear-marked for this for a few years and Council are keen to get this project completed.

378/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (October) - £227.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (October) - £56.80 (Cheque)
 - iii) Mrs D McBride - Clerk's quarterly admin expenses - £135.99 (Cheque)

378/08 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Decisions
 - i) Reference: 23/03620/FUL (validated: 25/08/2023)
Address: Upper Baveney Farmhouse, Baveney Lane, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8LF
Proposal: Erection of a domestic garage with first floor office
Decision: Grant Permission.

378/10 Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review

Council considered the Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review and confirmed they were happy with the current arrangements with using Neen Savage Parish Hall.

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- i) The Ford drainage project was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- ii) The Autumn Litter Pick is currently underway with all roads being 'picked' this week. The Parish Council is most grateful for all the volunteers for their efforts.
- iii) There are a number of Rights of Way which have been deteriorating and made worse during Storm Babet. These will be reported to Shropshire Council.

378/12 Future Agenda Items

The Parish Hall Committee will be asked to make a formal written application to the Parish Council for funding towards the extension. This will be discussed at the next appropriate meeting.

378/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.12pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 379/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Arthur Ratcliff

22nd November 2023

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....