

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 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 and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris.

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

379/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Sue Barrett – family commitment.

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler.

379/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Tomkinson declared an interest in Agenda Items 379/08/a (i) and (ii) - Planning Applications for Nethercott Cottage.

379/03 Public Participation Session

There were two members of public present.

379/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th October 2023

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th October 2023 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

379/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Ford Drainage Project

The Clerk has informed Shropshire Council that we accept Option 4 for the Ford Drainage project plus Safety Signage. This was acknowledged with an assurance that Highways would be in touch. There has been no update yet.

The road from the Ford to Nethercott junction is to be surface-dressed next summer.

Rights of Way network issues

The Local Footpath Officer raised further concerns regarding footpaths and bridges following Storm Babet. The Clerk has informed her that the issues have been reported to Shropshire Council and that it will take some time for all the repairs to be carried out. Cllr Sales noted that whilst Walford's Bridge has been cleared of debris and pedestrians can use the bridge, it is still not accessible for horses. This bridge is on a key bridleway route. The Clerk confirmed that Shropshire Council is aware of the issues but will report this again if the bridge is not fully opened again in the next few weeks.

The Local Footpath Officer raised further concerns regarding the accessibility of the footpath at Coneybury and was informed that we were contacting the landowner about the issues. It is noted that the path has been opened up now.

The flooded path at Wyre Common was reported to the Outdoor Access Team. They sent an officer out but he could not identify any cause of flooding nor see what can be done to improve the path. It was noted the excess water may be due to a spring.

ii) CrimeWatchWhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

Three incidents have been reported since the last meeting. Cannabis plants were found discarded on a road; a tractor was stolen from Curdale Farm and there was a lamping incident off Catherton Road. The police were informed of all incidents.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff

Cllr Tomkinson stated there was nothing to report. Cllr Ratcliff noted there is a lot of work to do in the New Year.

iv) Parish Hall Report - Cllr Sales

The next Parish Hall Committee Meeting and AGM is on 12th December. The Christmas Event is being held on Friday 22nd December.

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379/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council briefly reviewed the draft budget for 2024-25. Council is awaiting a formal request for funding towards the proposed extension from the Parish Hall Committee. Neighbourhood Fund and other ear-marked reserves will be reviewed again prior to a final decision on the budget in January 2024.

379/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (November) - £227.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (November) - £56.80 (Cheque)
- b) Council RESOLVED to approve the following S.137 payment:
 - i) Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreaths - £40.00 (Cheque)

379/08 Planning Matters

- a) New Planning Applications:
 - i) Reference: 23/047322/AGR (validated: 31/10/2023) FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Address: Detton Hall, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire.
Proposal: Erection of extension to field barn.
Applicant: Mr Steinmetz.
Outcome: It was noted that Shropshire Council has determined that Prior Approval is Not Required for this proposal.

At 7.49pm, Cllr Tomkinson left the meeting and took no part in the following two items.

Mr and Mrs Freeman spoke about the need for substantial restoration and improvements to Nethercott Cottage.

- ii) Reference: 23/04672/FUL (validated: 07/11/2023)
Address: Nethercott Cottage, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8LA
Proposal: Demolition of single storey extension and outbuildings and repairs, upgrading and extension to dwelling, installation of sewage treatment plant, ground mounted solar PV array and erection of 3 bay detached garage with office above, including change of use of land
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Freeman (Rock House, Ironbridge Road, Broseley, TF12 5AJ)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support this application.
- iii) Reference: 23/04673/LBC (validated: 07/11/2023)
Address: Nethercott Cottage, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8LA
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Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Freeman (Rock House, Ironbridge Road, Broseley, TF12 5AJ).
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support this application.

At 8.00pm, Cllr Tomkinson rejoined the meeting.

- b) Planning Decisions (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):
 - i) Reference: 23/03362/FUL (validated: 11/09/2023)
Address: Coneybury, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8LW
Proposal: Erection of agricultural building and formation of access track and concrete apron.
Decision: Refuse.

379/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their monthly report which had been distributed to all councillors. Cllr Harris highlighted the importance of responding to the consultation regarding dogs (Agenda Item 379/10) due to the increase in complaints of dogs being loose in public open spaces. Responses to consultations are read and considered. The Environment Agency is speaking to residents at Pinkham in Cleobury who were flooded during Storm Babet. The cattle grid at Doddington is now due to be replaced on February 24th. The delay is due to supplier issues. Cllr Harris is at an Audit Committee meeting tomorrow and noted that Shropshire Council is in a good financial position currently. Cllr Harris noted the poor condition of the road from Six Ashes to the Church. Cllr Tomkinson informed Cllr Harris that there has been no update on the drainage plans for the road from Nash Crossroads to Clump Cottage. The Clerk will follow this up with the Highways Team. The road near Goesland was badly damaged during Storm Babet, with tarmac being ripped out. Concerns were raised that Cllr Butler has mentioned Shropshire Council may consider unadopting remote roads which only serve a few residents as they are unproportionally costly to repair. Cllr Harris will follow up on this with the Portfolio Holder.

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379/10 Consultation Review

Council considered the proposals in the Dog Fouling and Stray Dogs:Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation. It was agreed that Council supported the proposals but wished to raise a point that if the legislation was strictly enforced in urban areas, dogs may be taken out of their local area to let them run loose. The Order should be considered in conjunction with other legislation and codes of practice in rural areas ie recommended protocols for walking dogs in fields of livestock. Council also felt that there would need to be sufficient staffing to ensure compliance but also that existing fines of £100 have not been enough to deter breaches and that Shropshire Council should consider raising the levels.

379/11 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no further highway matters raised.
- ii) There were no other parish matters raised.

379/12 Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items raised.

379/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th December 2023, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 381/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Arthur Ratcliff

24th January 2024

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....