

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff.

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Olwen Sales, Cllr Julian Cleford and Cllr Michael Tomkinson.

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

386/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Council accepted the following apologies:

Cllr Sue Barrett – personal commitment.

Cllr Sue Del Mar – holiday.

Unitary Cllrs Gwilym Butler and Simon Harris.

386/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sales declared an interest in Agenda Item 386/06 – Payments for the Parish Hall, and abstained from voting on those items.

386/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

386/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 be ADOPTED as a true record and signed.

386/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Environmental Maintenance Grant

We have been informed, via SALC, that we will only receive 50% of our requested grant ie £750.00. This is because the value of all the applications was double that of the funding available. This money is subject to the same criteria ie work on Shropshire Council assets and match-funding by the Parish Council.

Audit

Our internal auditor has informed us that she will no longer be carrying out any internal audits due to other work. Enquiries are being made through SALC for other auditors.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There were reports of break-ins and suspicious activity at Baveney Wood, also a suspicious yellow van with a trailer on Catherton Road in the middle of the night.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff

Cllr Tomkinson informed the meeting that Mr Harman had helped to scrape back the road after the hedge was cut back and the bank was cleared between Clump Cottage and the Nash crossroads. This work exposed about one metre of road and thus enabled the full width of the road to be resurfaced. A gully was created alongside the road and another pipe was found. Since the road has now been resurfaced, rain/surface water is now going down this gully and into the discovered pipe. A section of this pipe needs replacing and a headwall creating to ensure the drainage remains effective. As the road is now wider there is room for vehicles to pass each other more easily at the passing places. As part of the resurfacing work, the contractors improved the ditches and created more gullies to drain water off the new tarmac.

iv) Pike Common Report – Cllr Ratcliff

Cllr Ratcliff has cut the grass again this week.

v) Parish Hall Report – Cllr Sales

The Committee has not met in the last month but the building refurbishment is complete. The next job is to build the external storeroom and purchase new tables and chairs.

vi) SALC Area Committee Report – Cllr Tomkinson

Cllr Tomkinson attended the SALC Area Committee Meeting on Monday 24th June at Bridgnorth. SALC committee officers were reconfirmed. Following this there was a presentation on the work of the Shropshire Lieutenancy and a talk on the broadband and mobile services in Shropshire. SALC may undertake a survey with all parishes to find out more about the accessibility of obtaining CIL funding from Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council have appointed a new Head of Streetscene who is trying to improve the functionality of Fix My Street as well as address problems with fly-tipping.

Initials.....

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386/06 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments and sign cheques:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (June) - £243.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (June) - £60.80 (Cheque)
 - iii) Clear Councils – Annual Insurance Premium - £474.95 (Cheque)
 - iv) Neen Savage Parish Hall – Hall hire for meetings - £180.00 (Cheque)
 - v) Neen Savage Parish Hall – Contribution towards building works - £2,500.00 (Cheque)

386/07 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Decisions (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):
 - i) Reference: 24/00861/CPE (validated: 24/04/2024)
Address: Avelana View, Upper Baveney Farm, Baveney Lane, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LF
Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use as an unrestricted dwelling without complying with condition limiting occupancy to a person employed in agriculture
Decision: Certificate - Not Lawful.
 - ii) Reference: 24/00746/FUL (validated: 03/04/2024)
Address: Landscape Plants Cleobury Limited, Six Ashes Nursery, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8JF
Proposal: Erection of building for horticulture and office
Decision: Grant Permission.

386/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had not sent a report due to the General Election purdah period. Cllr Harris will be kept informed of the recent highways work and proposals regarding the Ford.

386/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no other parish matters raised.
- ii) Council discussed WSP's proposals for improved safety measures/signage for the Ford. Whilst the Council support the proposed increase in number of 'Ford' signs we would also like to have more 'Deep Water' signs, signs to advise people to 'check depth before entering Ford', improved depth gauges and a 'Turning Point' created on the west side of the river to give drivers every opportunity to consider whether or not to drive through the Ford.
- iii) Council discussed options to enable the WSP Ford drainage (CIL) project to go ahead. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to WSP informing them that the pipe across the private access will be replaced locally so they can now go ahead with the rest of the project as previously agreed.
- iv) The potholes on the B4201 need to be reported to Fix My Street again.

386/10 Future Agenda Items

No other matters were raised for future meetings.

386/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th July 2024, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.39pm.