

MINUTES
CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting which followed the Annual General Meeting
held via Zoom
on
Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Present: C'Ilr Tonks (Chairman); C'Ilr Roberts; C'Ilr Seabury; C'Ilr McMillan, C'Ilr Norris,
C'Ilr Rogers, C'Ilr Pennington

Shropshire Councillor D. Morris attended from Item 7 on the Agenda.

The Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a very happy new year.

1. Public Session. Limited to 15 minutes

No members of the public attended the meeting

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were accepted from C'Ilr Maydew and C'Ilr Davies

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2021

The Clerk had circulated the Minutes prior to the meeting. It was proposed by C'Ilr Rogers,

seconded by C'Ilr Seabury and agreed that the Minutes provided a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to sign a copy of the Minutes and forward to the Clerk..

5. Correspondence

All correspondence is forwarded by e mail the day it is received.

6. Broadband Update

The Chairman told the meeting that he had, today, received an update from SWS who confirmed that they were pleased with the amount of expressions of interest they have received from residents within the environs of the village. The Chairman urged any residents who had not expressed an interest to do so if they wished to obtain faster speeds. C'Ilr Roberts told the meeting that he is an existing customer of SWS and after expressing an interest his speeds had increased significantly with no extra charge.

7. Planning:

a. Decisions on previously discussed applications:

- 20/01280/FUL Gilberries Lane – static caravans - the Parish Council commented on this application. On 2.3.21 the application is shown as pending consideration.
- 20/04288/FUL- Proposed local needs dwelling – Cardington Moor. The Parish Council commented on this application. On 2.3.21 the application is shown as pending consideration.
- 20/04733/FUL – Chatwall Lawn – Erection of two storey rear and side extensions. The Parish Council had no objection. Application granted on 11.1.21 and the approval notice circulated by e mail to all Councillors.

b. considered between meetings using delegated powers:

- 20/05412/Ful – Grove Farm, Cardington. Erection of single storey rear extension. Sent to Councillors 12.1.21. The Parish Council had no objections to the application, On 2.3.21 the application is shown as pending consideration. C'Ilr Pennington declared a personal interest.

c. Any other planning matters including any new planning applications received just before the meeting.

20/01733/FUL Land at Gutter Farm, Wall under Heywood. Erection of a building to house stables, tack room and store. Formation of a 20 x 40 riding menage with boundary fence. On 18th February the Clerk received confirmation that this application, which was validated on 6.5.20 had been granted. The Clerk forwarded the notice of permission to all Councillors on 18th February, together with a note saying the original application (20/02279/FUL) had been withdrawn on 24th March 2020. The Parish Council did not object to the original application. They were not consulted when the application, now approved, was resubmitted for approval. C'lr Seabury told the meeting that the second application was just over the border into Wall Under Heywood and that would appear the reason the Parish Council were not consulted when the application was re-submitted.

8. Highways

a. Highways Maintenance scheme: update.

Mr K Parry had now completed the 2020/21 Environmental Maintenance work. The invoice amounting to £3,584.88, including £597.48 VAT, had been paid prior to the meeting. The Clerk submitted the application for the 2021/22 Environmental Maintenance Grant in the sum of £1,500 with the Parish Council offering £1,500 matched funding as built into the precept. The deadline for applications is 12th March and the Clerk submitted the application by e mail on 22nd February. This has not been acknowledged. The Clerk has, today, e mailed to ask for confirmation that the application has been received.

b. Progress on Highway Matters reported

C'lr Norris told the meeting that he had spoken to Jonathon Stigwood from Shropshire Council and he had confirmed that the jetting machine would be revisiting the parish to carry on from the work done in 2020. He understood the machine would spend two weeks in the parish.

C'lr Roberts told the meeting that he continues to report defects on MyShropshire and monitors any response.

c. Any further highway matter to report

Councillors reported further highway matters as follows:-

- The pot hole outside Oakwood farm had been repaired on numerous occasions but had now reappeared.
- The road from the public house to Longville crossroads was in a very bad state of repair and needs resurfacing.
- The drain outside C'lr McMillans property had been reported previously but work had not been carried out.
- On the highway leading from Leebotwood to Cardington chalk has marked a large pothole just before Mr Elliot's property and had not been attended to.
- There is a deep pothole on the road from Shootrough to Enchmarsh crossroads.

C'lr Roberts told the meeting that he would drive around the parish at the weekend and would log all defects on MyShropshire.

An e mail was received today and forwarded to all Councillors, advising a temporary road closure from Lea Hill Farm to the junction opposite Gilberries Lane from 22nd to 24th June. The closure is for Severn Trent to carry out works.

C'lr Norris had told the Clerk that he was not happy with the position of the Smartwater sign in Gretton. The Clerk agreed to forward the contact details for Francis Bridgewater, the officer now dealing with Smartwater roll outs, at Church Stretton Police Station.

9. Finance:

a. Invoices to pay:

Clerk salary February/March, plus postage £344.93

HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £84.20

Mr K Parry, Environmental Maintenance paid prior to meeting £3,584.88

b. Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk had circulated the Bank reconciliation and a copy of the bank statement prior to the meeting. The total held at bank after payment of the above accounts is £7,658.05. this includes:-

Burial fees	£2,906.00
Balance transparency fund	£ 503.12
CIL Money	£1,599.16
Parish Council c/f in 2021/22	£2,649.77

The Clerk told the meeting that a claim for the refund of VAT paid during 2020/21 had been submitted to HMRC in the sum of £649.48 and when paid this sum will be added to the Parish Council funds giving a total carry forward of £3,299.25.

10. Website

Catherine Hancock now has access to the web site, with the exception of the Church and Parish Council part of the site and is now posting a copy of the “Honeypot”.

11. Shropshire Council Report.

C’lIr Dan Morris had reported to the earlier Annual Meeting but added the following:-

- The Conservative group had promised an extra £10M for highway work with effect from 21st May if returned at the elections.
- The Place Overview Report is now on line for anyone who wishes to view.
- Shropshire Council have announced new grants for Easter Holiday activities and Business grants will close. However, if any business meets the criteria and have not applied they can make a retrospective application.
- There will be a 3.99% rise in Council Tax, resulting in £1,501 for a Band D property.
- C’lIr Morris reminded the meeting that the election process commences in two weeks. The closing date for nominations is 8th April.

12. Date of next scheduled meeting

The date of the meeting should be Tuesday 4th May. However, as elections will take place on 6th May it was agreed to delay the meeting until **Tuesday 11th May**

The Clerk reminded all Councillors that she had forwarded an e mail from the election Office advising Councillors that they could download the election packs. The Clerk has to advise the election office by 5th March if she wishes to receive election packs for distribution to Councillors. The Clerk has to list the Councillors that she is requesting packs for and those on the list will then not be able to obtain duplicate packs direct from the election office. It was agreed that the clerk would apply for all the pack and distribute to Councillors. The Clerk reminded Councillors that nomination forms have to be delivered by hand before 4pm on the closing date 8th April 2021. The Clerk understood that nominations could be delivered by a trusted person and she is willing to make one journey to the Shirehall to deliver nominations if Councillors so wish.

All Councillors will have to contact the Clerk for the electoral roll number of an proposers and seconders.

C’lIr McMillan told the meeting that he did not intend to re-stand.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm