

MINUTES
CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held in the Village Hall
on
Tuesday 7th September 2021
Commencing at 8pm

Present:

C'Ilr Tonks (Chairman); C'Ilr Norris (Vice Chairman); C'Ilr Maydew; C'Ilr Davies; C'Ilr Pennington; C'Ilr Boulton; C'Ilr Watkins; C'Ilr Rogers

Shropshire C'Ilr D Morris

1. Public Session. Limited to 15 minutes

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

The Chairman had drafted a letter of concern to the West Midlands Ambulance Service on behalf of the Parish Council. This followed concern that members of the public had expressed after a walker had fallen and injured herself and after 5 ½ hours 4 ambulances had attended to what was not a life-threatening accident and the person was admitted to hospital. The letter had been circulated to all Councillors. A vote was taken one Councillor objected to the letter being sent all other Councillors agreed that the Clerk send the letter to the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

C'Ilr Maydew asked on behalf of the public if the Village Hall Committee could confirm that the Defibrillator had been serviced and ask if a further course could be arranged for members of the public on its use.

2. Acceptance of Apologies

All Councillors were present at the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

When item 7 Planning was discussed C'Ilr Norris left the room when the application for the hedgerow removal at Court Farm was discussed

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021

It was proposed C'Ilr Watkins, seconded by C'Ilr Boulton and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following correspondence.:-

- West Mercia Police had apologised that they were unable to attend the meeting tonight but would attend the November meeting.
- The Clerk had circulated the notice regarding Footpath 102A (part) Cardington Gretton Mill. C'Ilr Watkins agreed to contact Shropshire Council regarding the closure.
- The Clerk had been contacted by a family who wish to spread ashes on a family grave in the Churchyard. The Clerk had given the family the Churchwarden's contact details.
- All other correspondence had been forwarded to all Councillors as it is received.

6. Broadband Update

The Chairman told the meeting that SWS had confirmed that they have submitted Cardington's PRP (project plan) to DCMS for consideration. This covered 4 business premises and 46 residential premises.

7. Planning:

a. Decisions on previously discussed applications:

- 20/04288/FUL- Proposed local needs dwelling – Cardington Moor. The Parish Council commented on this application. Shown on the Planning Portal as “Awaiting a Decision”
- 21/02232/FUL - Garden Cottage, Plaish – erection of detached home gym and storage building, and replacement of garden shed. The Parish Council had no objection and supported this application. The application was granted on 24.6.21
- 21/02823/COU – Holly Cottage, Gully Green – change of use of ancillary domestic outbuilding to a holiday let unit. Validated 23.6.21. C’lIr Pennington expressed an interest in the application as this is a neighbouring property. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The application was granted on 30.7.21
- 21/02738/FUL – The Fold Yard, Wilstone – erection of single storey extensions, erection of new garage, conversion of existing garage into bedroom. C’lIr Pennington expressed an interest in this application as it has been submitted by a neighbour. The parish Council commented neither supporting nor objecting to the application. This application is shown on the Planning Portal as “Pending Consideration”.

b. Applications discussed at the meeting:-

- 21/03619/FUL – The Barracks, 17 Cardington – erection of a car port extension to existing workshop building. .This application had been circulated to all Councillors on 16th August. The application was discussed It was proposed by C’lIr Boulton, seconded by C’lIr Seabury that the Parish Council would support the application. A vote was taken with 4 Councillors agreeing to the proposal, 1 against and 3 Councillors abstaining. Therefore, by a majority vote the following comments were posted on the planning portal.
The application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September. The majority of Councillors supported the application. Concern was raised that the proposed car port is in close proximity to listed buildings and expressed surprise that the current historic workshop and the Barracks are not listed buildings and the application did not also require a listed building application.”
- 21/04011/HRM – Court Farm, Gretton – to remove length of hedgerow totalling 130m to improve workability of fields. C’lIr Norris explained that the hedge removal was to allow better access into this field and a replacement hedge totalling 100m would be replanted elsewhere in the field. C’lIr Norris then left the room when the application was discussed. It was proposed by C’lIr Maydew, seconded by C’lIr Boulton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application. The following comments were posted on the planning portal:-
“This application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September. The Parish Council support the removal to make improvements to the access to the field and understand that the 130m of hedge being removed will be replaced by 100m of new hedging”.

c. Clerk to report any other planning matters including any new planning applications received just before the meeting.

No other applications had been received.

8. Highways

a. Highways Maintenance scheme: update.

The Clerk told the meeting that the application for the £1,500 Environmental Maintenance Grant, with £1,500 matched funding from the Parish Council had been approved Shropshire Council had paid the £1,500 on 9th July. C'llr Norris agreed to liase with the contractor to carry out the maintenance work. ,

b. Progress on Highway Matters reported

The Chairman had written a letter on behalf of the Parish Council, on 7th July, addressed to the Deputy Leader, C'llr Steve Charmley. However, to date no reply had been received, C'llr Dan Morris agreed to chase a reply.

The Chairman told the meeting that C'llr Steve Charmley did put out regular press releases on work being carried out and some progress appeared to be being made to improve the state of the roads in Shropshire.

The Chairman told the meeting that he had been invited to take part in a Zoom meeting the next day to discuss the highways projects that would receive the additional £40m being put into the highways budget. It is hoped that this extra money will be spread throughout the county. .

At the July meeting the Clerk was asked to contact officers at Shropshire Council to request that the grass verges were cut as a matter of urgency. By coincidence this work was carried out the following day.

c. Any further highway matter to report

C'llr Pennington reported the overgrown hedge on the road from Holly Bank to Shootrough. It is understood that the owners are deceased, and the Executors are dealing with the estate. However, this overgrown hedge is proving a danger to road users and needs cutting back. Cllr Boulton agreed to provide C'llr Dan Morris with the exact location and C'llr Morris will follow up with Shropshire Council. Cllr's Davies and Pennington agreed to meet Shropshire Council Officers on site.

9. Finance

a. Invoices to pay:

Darren Hall 2nd grass cut to churchyard £230. Paid 9th July cheque No 100348

Clerk salary June/July plus expenses £349.70 Cheque No. 100349

HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £84.20. Cheque No. 1003505

It was proposed by C'llr Watkins, seconded by C'llr Boulton and unanimously agreed that The above accounts be paid.

b. Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk told the meeting that the £1,500 EMG money had now been paid by Shropshire and HMRC had paid the VAT claim for £649.48. The Clerk then circulated the bank reconciliation showing a balance held at bank totalling

£16,042.29 after payment of the accounts above. This is made up as follows:-

£2,906 Burial fees

£ 293.12 Transparency funds (£210 to ICT Vision had been taken from this fund)

£1,599.16 CIL

£1,555.46 Neighbourhood Fund received May 2021

£1,500.00 Matched funding for Environmental Maintenance Grant

£1,500.00 EMG

£6,688.55 remaining PC Funds

The Clerk also had the latest bank statement up to 27th August. The Bank reconciliation was approved and the Chairman signed a copy of the reconciliation and the bank statement.

10. Shropshire Council Report.

C'Ilr Dan Morris reported the following:-

- Shropshire Council are bidding for money from the “Bus Back Better” funding. There is a survey on-line and C'Ilr Morris encouraged everyone to access and comment on the survey to improve the bus service in Shropshire.
- The Northwest Relief Road had been amended to decrease the environmental impact and as a result the budget had been reduced from £87.1m to £80m. It is hoped the project will be signed off by the end of this year and work will commence in 2023.
- The Local Plan was agreed by a majority vote at Full Council and has now gone to the Planning Inspectorate for approval.

12. Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Before the meeting closed it was agreed that the Clerk would download any planning applications to be discussed on to her personal laptop and planning applications could be projected on to a screen at the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm