

MINUTES
CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held in Cardington Village Hall
on
Tuesday 2nd November 2021 commencing at 8pm

Present:

C'llr Tonks (Chairman); C'llr Norris (Vice Chairman); C'llr Maydew; C'llr Davies; C'llr Pennington; C'llr Boulton; C'llr Watkins.

1. Public Session. Limited to 15 minutes

No members of the public attended the meeting.

2. Acceptance of Apologies

C'llr V Rogers and Shropshire C'llr D Morris

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th September

It was proposed by C'llr Norris, seconded by C'llr Watkins and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Clerk forwards all correspondence by e mail the day it is received.

The Clerk reported the following correspondence at the meeting:-

The Clerk told the meeting that she had received a reply to the letter which was sent to The West Midlands Ambulance Service which had been circulated to Councillors.

The Clerk had received details of the Shropshire Council Tree Scheme which had been circulated to Councillors on 12th October. The Clerk agreed to check if trees were still available and if so, put details on the web site.

The Clerk had received details of the Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party to be held in June 2022. The Parish Council could nominate volunteers who served the community in the pandemic. It was suggested that Mrs Jackie Watkins could be nominated. C'llr Watkins agreed to speak to her and report back to the Clerk.

6. Broadband Update

The Chairman told the meeting that he had not heard anything further from SWS. He agreed to ask them for an update before the January meeting.

7. Planning:

a. Decisions on previously discussed applications:

20/04288/FUL- Proposed local needs dwelling – Cardington Moor. Approved 7.10.21
21/02738/FUL – The Fold Yard, Wilstone – erection of single storey extensions, erection of new garage, conversion of existing garage into annexe, conversion of existing car port into bedroom. . the Parish Council commented neither objecting nor supporting. Granted 9.9.21
21/03619/FUL – The Barracks, 17 Cardington – erection of car port extension to existing workshop building. Circulated to Councillors on 16.8.21. The Parish Council commented on this application. This is shown as Pending Consideration

21/04011/HRM – Court Farm, Gretton – remove length of hedge totalling 130m to improve workability of fields. Circulated to Councillors 21.8.21. Granted 4.10.21

b. Applications considered between meetings using delegated powers

21/04134/FUL The Barracks, 17 Cardington – erection of Orangery extension. Circulated to Councillors on 8.9.21. The Parish Council supported this application. This is shown as Pending Consideration

21/04425/LBC – Plaish Hall – amendment to previously agreed LBC regarding replacement windows to Listed Building. Circulated to Councillors on 27.9.21. The Parish Council did not comment on this application. This is shown as Pending Consideration

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

21/04412/FUL Waterloo, Cardington – Erection of side and rear extensions and erection of detached garage. Circulated to Councillors on 5.10.21. Extension agreed for comment until after this meeting. Councillors had attended a site visit. It was unanimously agreed that the application did not impact on any neighbouring properties and the Parish Council would support the application

21/04334/FUL - Broom Hall Farm, Church Preen - Installation of 2 No. ground mounted solar panels. Circulated to Councillors on 27.9.21. It was unanimously agreed that the solar panels would not be visible from the highway or neighbouring properties and the Parish Council would support this application.

21/04818/FUL – Proposed Exception Site Dwelling south of Alderwood Caravan, Wilstone. The application had been circulated to /councillors who had carried out a site visit. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support the application and would make the following comments:-

“Councillors ,carried out a site visit and the application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 2nd November. The Parish Council support the application for a local needs dwelling. However, they are concerned about the choice of building materials. The Parish Council would prefer the property to be more in keeping with surrounding properties and at least the elevations facing the public highway to be stone with brick edging or timber clad. The same comments would apply to the garage but recognising the cost implications of incorporating stone it was felt that timber cladding would be preferable to brick and more sympathetic to the surroundings.

The Parish Council had also received a Planning Enforcement Notice dated 1.10.21 relating to an Alleged Breach of planning control. This was sent to the Parish Council for information and circulated to Councillors 2.10.21. This was not discussed at the meeting.

8. Highways

a. Highways Maintenance scheme: update.

No work had ben carried out and it was envisaged that work would commence in January 2022.

b. Progress on Highway Matters reported

The Clerk told the meeting that she had spoken to the Executor concerning the overgrown hedges on the highway leading to Shootrough. The hedges had now been cut back.

c. Abandoned Vehicle

The Clerk had spoken to Shropshire Council and reported the abandoned vehicle which is in a layby on the road leading from Broome to Kenley. Shropshire Council had checked the vehicle registration and the vehicle had a current MOT which would expire on 13th October. They could not remove the vehicle until the MOT expired and would arrange collection of the vehicle after 13th October. This had not been removed and the Clerk had spoken to Shropshire Council again. Councillors told the meeting that the abandoned vehicle had still not been removed. The Clerk agreed to speak to Shropshire Council once again.

d. Any further Highway Matters

Following the recent survey on Highway Maintenance. The Chairman told the meeting that he had spoken to C'llr Charmley, the portfolio holder for highway. The Chairman told the meeting that he felt encouraged that action would be taken on highway issues. However, unfortunately, C'llr Charmley had now resigned the position.

9. Finance:

a. Invoices to pay:

D. Hall 3rd cut of the churchyard grass had been paid on 26th October. Following agreement by the Chairman and Cllr Norris. Cheque No 100351.

Clerk Salary and Expenses Oct/Nov. Cheque No. 100352 in the sum of £348.95

HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary, Cheque No 100353 in the sum of £84.20

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Cheque No. 100154 in the sum of £50

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

b. Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation showing a balance of held at bank after payment of the above accounts. This showed a balance of £15,503.14 which included the following:-

£3,030.00 Burial fees

£ 293.00 balance in the Transparency fund

£1,599.16 CIL Money

£1,555.46 Neighbourhood Fund

£1,500.00 SCC EMG

£7,4745.40 PC Funds (including £1,500 Match Funding EMG)

It was proposed by C'llr Boulton seconded by C'llr Davies and unanimously agreed that this was an accurate record of the financial position. The Chairman then signed the bank reconciliation and the bank statement.

10. Churchyard

It was agreed that the contractor had made an excellent job of cutting the churchyard grass and the churchyard had looked very tidy all summer.

The annual clean-up of the churchyard ahead of Remembrance Day would take place on Saturday 13th November

11. Shropshire Council Report.

C'llr D Morris was unable to attend the meeting tonight. He supplied the following report:-

- Covid Booster jabs update already sent, in short, they are aware that access in the south is difficult and so two new pharmacies will be coming online and also it looks like vacc centres could be started in fire stations as well.
- Site meeting was set up with SC regarding the dangerous hedges and overhanging trees etc – did that meeting go ahead as planned and is there any further follow up needed from me?
- Shropshire Council has launched bid for £98 million to transform bus transport. The council has submitted a bid to the Government as part of the Bus Back Better programme, with green buses, Sunday services, real time passenger information and more affordable fares all part of the programme. A number of ambitious and forward-thinking requests have been made as part of the bid, which has been backed by Shropshire MPs Owen Paterson, Daniel Kawczynski, Philip Dunne and Mark Pritchard. The council wants to deliver a service which makes bus travel a real option for people across Shropshire – especially in rural areas.

- More than £800,000 will be spent on extending the provision of free school meals into the holidays and setting up a new warm clothes initiative through the county's schools. The money allocated from the Government will help to keep children fed and warm and alleviate some of the financial concerns and pressures which many are expected to experience after the closure of the furlough scheme and the Universal Credit uplift ending this autumn. Children in Shropshire who receive free school meals or are from disadvantaged families will continue to benefit from support with food costs during holiday periods, as they did last Christmas, spring half-term, Easter, Whitsun half-term and in the summer holidays. Around 8,000 children in schools and pre-school settings will receive support with food costs equivalent of £15 per week during October 2021 half-term, the Christmas holiday, and spring half-term 2022. To ensure this valuable support continues through to the Easter 2022 holidays, Shropshire Council has requested that the period covered by the grant is extended to include the holidays in April. The scheme, designed to ensure that children and young people do not go hungry, will be facilitated by a child's school or early years provider, who will distribute this directly to families, mainly via supermarket vouchers. Shropshire Council will spend around £720,000 to extend free school meals during these holiday periods. Separately, the council is putting funding into the county's schools to enable them to support parents or carers who are struggling to provide their children with warm winter clothes or shoes to go to school. The council will be distributing £121,000 to schools who will establish a fund in their school to provide support to those young people requiring this type of assistance based on direct need, rather than eligibility. It is estimated this will help around 4,000 Shropshire children this winter.
- I appreciate this is a contentious subject, but it is worth stating that Shropshire Council has repaired more than 15,000 potholes in the last six months, latest figures show. In total, 15,189 potholes have been tackled since 19 April 2021 – an average of more than 2500 every month – with more being repaired every day. As part of efforts to improve the county's roads, crews from Shropshire Council and its contractor Kier are out across the county every day tackling potholes in a variety of ways. Methods include the innovative new Texpatch process, which is being used to treat urban roads and provides a longer-lasting, smoother, neater finish compared to traditional pothole repairs. Work is also carried out using the new Multihog road planer which treats potholes and other defects more quickly and effectively, reduces the likelihood of potholes forming in the short-to-medium term and cuts down on the need for road closures. Also, four Roadmaster vehicles are being used to carry out jet-patching on rural roads. Roadmasters use compressed air to blow water or dirt out of a pothole that needs repairing and then fill it with hot bitumen and chippings. The repair is compacted by a roller and sealed with a layer of surface dressing – meaning a better quality of repair, in theory in any case!

12. Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 4th January 2022

The 2022/23 Precept will be set at the January meeting. The Clerk agreed to circulate details of the 2021/22 Precept and likely outturn to Councillors ahead of this meeting.

C'Illr Davies suggested that a plaque pointing out the surrounding landmarks should be erected to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He agreed to obtain costings and report to the January Meeting.

The Clerk had taken on the role on a temporary basis but agreed to sign a contract at the January Meeting.

The Clerk also confirmed the date of the remaining 2022 Meetings as follows:-
Tuesday 1st March (Annual Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting)

Tuesday 3rd May (Annual General Meeting)

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 6th September

Tuesday 1st November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.