

MINUTES
CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held in Cardington Village Hall
on
2nd July 2024

Present:

C'Ilr Tonks (Chairman), C'Ilr Norris (Vice Chairman); C'Ilr Watkins,
C'Ilr Davies; C'Ilr Seabury; C'Ilr Maydew;; C'Ilr Boulton, C'Ilr Rogers
Shropshire C'Ilr D Morris
Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received from C'Ilr Pennington

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. Public Comments Limited to 15 minutes

The members of the public attending the meeting did not wish to comment.

2. Minutes Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April

It was proposed by C'Ilr Watkins, seconded by C'Ilr Davies and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes – Clerk to report for information only

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda.

4. Correspondence

The Clerk circulates all correspondence as it is received. The Clerk also reported the following correspondence:-

- The Clerk had contacted Barclays, as agreed at the April meeting, to add the two Councillors, who already bank with Barclays as signatories on the Parish Council Bank Account. When speaking to Barclays the clerk had been assured that the bank already hold the information for the Chairman and he would not be required to visit a branch to prove his identity. Therefore the Clerk requested that the Chairman, C'Ilr Tonks, C'Ilr Watkins and C'Ilr Rogers were added as signatories on the Parish Council account. The Clerk has received and completed the Bank Mandate form this was signed at the meeting by the three additional signatories and will be forwarded to Barclays.
- The Chairman had asked Sinclair Dalby Limited for an update on the Base Station proposal. He had been informed that as the Landlord was not happy with the proposal the site has now been cancelled,. The Chairman then asked Shropshire C'Ilr Dan Morris for advice and he had facilitated a Teams Meeting with the Senior Programme Officer (Digital) at Connecting Shropshire. The Chairman had attended this meeting and was told that the original proposal which is not going ahead was for Vodaphone only. Other providers would possibly be exploring the viability of erecting and sharing a mast and this would continue to be explored but properties and passing traffic had to make this a viable option.

- The Police have asked the Parish Council to re-confirm the Parish Councils priorities. It was unanimously agreed that the priorities would be recorded as follows:-
Thefts from farm buildings
Thefts from domestic properties
Traffic speeding through the parish
- C'llr Norris had asked the Clerk to contact the police as the local crime wave seems to have stopped. Nothing has been seen or heard on the various local crime watch groups that he follows since our last meeting. The Clerk had enquired if this is a result of any action taken by the Police. The Police replied to say the local police team would look into this and would report back to the Clerk.
- The Clerk told the meeting that she had attended a Clerks Network Meeting on Thursday 27th June. This was a presentation by the Cabinet Office set up in order to give Clerks information about moving to gov.uk domains for Parish Councils. The Parish Council Domains Helper Service has been set up by the Cabinet Office to help Parish Councils move successfully to a gov.uk domain. The first 1,000 Parish Councils to move to the gov.uk domain will receive £100 towards any expenses. The Cabinet Office has a list of approved companies who can administer this change and ICT Vision is on this list. The Clerk has enquired from ICT Vision exactly what this would mean to our web site and current domain registration and what other costs would be incurred. The External Auditor was also advising that ideally Parish Councils should have a gov.uk domain name.
- Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine – July – handed to the Chairman

5. Broadband Update

C'llr Norris told the meeting that although some properties had been connected in Gretton, his property was still not connected. He had spoken to a Voneus contractor he had seen near his property, and he stated that the fibre roll out in Gretton was complicated and Voneus were aware of the problems.

6. Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

The following cheques were due for payment:

- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £115.60 cheque No 100014
- Clerk's salary and expenses £484.40 cheque No 100015
- D. Hall first cut of the grass in the churchyard. £260. Cheque No 100016
- ICT Vision. Web site hosting and support August 2024 – July 2025. £249.76. Cheque No. 100017
- SALC Affiliation Fee 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025. £249. Cheque No 100018

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

The Clerk told the meeting that Darren Hall was now carrying out the second cut to the church yard. It was proposed by C'llr Boulton, seconded by C'llr Rogers and unanimously agreed that cheque No. 100019 would be signed at the meeting and the cheque would be forwarded to Mr. Hall when the work was complete

(b) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk told the meeting that the £747 Neighbourhood Fund money had been paid into the bank on 21st May.

The Clerk had been advised that the £750 Environmental Maintenance Grant money had been paid into the bank on 27th June, but this is not yet shown on the bank statement presented to the meeting.

The Clerk circulated the Bank reconciliation showing a balance held at bank, after payment of the above accounts and receipt of the Neighbourhood Fund money, amounting to £18,688.57

It was proposed by C'lr Norris, seconded by C'lr Tonks and unanimously agreed that this provided a true and accurate financial record. The Bank reconciliation was then signed by C'lr Watkins.

(c) AGAR – Exemption Certificate

The Clerk told the meeting that the Exemption Certificate had been sent to the External Auditor by e mail on 27th May an acknowledgement had been received. However, to date the Clerk has not heard if an Exemption has been agreed.

(d) Environmental Maintenance Grant Application

The Parish Council had submitted an application to Shropshire Council for a £1,500 EMG and offered £1,500 matched funding, which had been built into the precept. Shropshire Council had informed the Clerk and the scheme was oversubscribed for the 2024/25 financial year. The Clerk had now had confirmation that only half the grant requested had been approved. Therefore £750 EMG money has now been confirmed.

It was unanimously agreed that the £1,500 matched funding built into the precept plus the £750 Environmental Maintenance Grant would be used during the 2024/25 financial year and this would be reviewed when agreeing the 2025/26 precept.

7. Planning:

(a) Decisions on previously discussed applications:

24/01459/LBC Manor Farm Cardington

Roof covering repairs/replacement and works to include cladding to existing dormer windows and attention to existing chimney. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 23rd April. A site visit had been arranged before the meeting and it was proposed by C'lr Seabury, seconded by C'lr Tonks and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application. Permission was granted on 5th June and the decision e mailed to all Councillors.

(b) Applications considered between meetings using delegated powers

24/01896/AGR Upper Farm, Gretton

Prior notification for the erection of one general/manure storage building. Agricultural application, received 17th May and forwarded to all Councillors for information only. A full application was then received on 13th June.

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

24/01896/FUL Upper Farm, Gretton

Erection of agricultural building to cover agricultural yard received 13th June and forwarded to all Councillors. A site visit had been held prior to the meeting and it was proposed by C'lr Seabury, seconded by C'lr Boulton and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application as although it would be visible it would not appear to be obtrusive,

8. Highways

a. Highway Maintenance Scheme : Update

C'lr Norris would update the contractor regarding the Environmental Maintenance Grant and the money available for work during 2024/25

b. Progress on Highway Matters reported

The following defects were reported at the March meeting:-

- It was reported at the May meeting that the white lines on the junction passed the Royal Oak had not yet been painted. It was understood that

the surface dressing recently carried out would be swept later in the week and hopefully the white lines would be reinstated.

The following defects were reported at the April meeting:-

- It was agreed that a passing place could be made on the road from Chatwall to Enchmarsh. C'llr Norris agreed to ask J Dale, the contractor who carries out the Environmental Work to do this work.

c. Any further Highway Matters

- Notification of road closure Cardington to Homestead 25th June - 7th July for surface dressing. Received and circulated to all Councillors on 11th June
- Notification of road closure Cardington – Longville in the Dale 25th June - 7th July for surface dressing. Received and circulated to all Councillors on 25th May.
- C'llr Boulton reported a deep pot hole outside his property. The Chairman had taken a photograph of the pothole and it was agreed that this would be forwarded to C'llr Dan Morris

9. Church Wall Repairs

It is understood that the contractor will carry out the repairs in August.

10. Shropshire Council Report

C'llr D Morris told the meeting that all Committee Meetings had been postponed until after the General Election.

C'llr Morris confirmed that work on the NW Relief road was planned to commence in March 2025 and it was envisaged that the work would take 18 months to complete.

11. Date of Next scheduled meeting

Tuesday 3rd September commencing at 8pm.

The remaining 2024 Meeting, which has been forwarded to the village hall bookings, is as follows:-

Tuesday 5th November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.04pm