

MINUTES
CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held in Cardington Village Hall
following the Annual Meeting
on
25th March 2025

Present:

C'llr Tonks (Chairman), C'llr Norris (Vice Chairman); C'llr Davies; C'llr Seabury; C'llr Maydew;; C'llr Boulton; C'llr Pennington; C'llr Watkins; C'llr Rogers
Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Acceptance of Apologies

Shropshire C'llr D. Morris

All Councillors were present at the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. Public Comments Limited to 15 minutes

A member of the public expressed concern about the brash left from removing the damaged tree from the churchyard and also expressed concern about the safety of other trees in the churchyard. This was further discussed under Item 9 on the Agenda.

2. Minutes Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025

It was proposed by C'llr Rogers, seconded by C'llr Davies and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 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 as listed below:

- The Clerk confirmed that the nomination for Mr Robin Maydew to attend the Lord Lietenant's Shropshire Garden Party on 4th June had been forwarded
- Rural Services Network newsletters
- SALC weekly briefings
- Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Communication – Out of Hours requests circulated to all Councillors on 26.2.25
- Bird Flu Housing Order circulated to all Councillors on 27.1.25
- Police request to new priorities for the quarter.. It was agreed that the priorities remain the same as theft from farms and outbuildings and theft from domestic properties.

5. Voneus Broadband Service and local Whatsapp Group

The Chairman made a complaint to Voneus on 28th January on behalf of the community following disruption to many due to their planned maintenance. He had eventually received a reply apologising for the inconvenience caused by the recent maintenance work and for the lack of prior communication regarding the outage, Voneus confirmed that they are actively working to improve their communication

regarding planned maintenance and outages. They promised better transparency with their customers in the future.

6. Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

The following cheques were due for payment

- Cheque No.100030 Spoilt
- Cheque No 100031 replaced cheque 100029 for the Church wall repairs as the bank returned cheque 100029 saying they did not have a clear signature on the mandate for the Clerk. This has since been provided and the new cheque issued
- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £120.20 cheque No 100032
- Clerk's salary, plus expenses £547.85 cheque No 100033
- J Dale environmental maintenance work £2,700 Cheque No. 100034

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

(b) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk circulated the Bank reconciliation showing a balance held at bank, after payment of the above accounts amounting to £10,000.19

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

7. Planning

(a) Decisions on previously discussed applications:

24/4174/FUL Plaish Park Cottages, Gretton

Erection of single storey extension and conversion of garage into hobby room and spare bedroom. This application was received on the day of the November meeting and forwarded to all Councillors. It was agreed that C'lr Seabury would arrange a site visit and forward agreed comments to the Clerk. Following this site visit the Clerk was instructed to post comments on the planning portal saying the Parish Council had no objections to the application. The Clerk told the March meeting that this application was refused on 23rd January and an e mail forwarded to all Councillors on 24th January..

24/04813/FUL Court Farm, Gretton

Proposed Local Needs dwelling. The Parish Council had previously confirmed the local connection of the applicant. This application was discussed at the January meeting and C'lr Norris declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room when this application was discussed. The members of the public attending the January meeting explained that this was their application and outlined the plans. A site visit by Councillors had taken place earlier in the day. At the January meeting it was proposed by C'lr Seabury, seconded by C'lr Watkins and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objections and would support this application,

(b) Applications considered between meetings using delegated powers

No applications were considered between meetings.

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

25.00610/FUL Sheaves Farm, Plaish

Increase roof height to form first floor accommodation with rooflights. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 25th February, This was discussed at the March meeting.. A site visit had taken place. The application did not impact on any neighbouring properties and was hardly visible from the highway. It was proposed by C'lr Seabury, seconded by C'lr Tonks and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application.

25/00837/FUL Plaish Park Cottages, Gretton

Erection of a single storey extension and conversion of garage into hobby room and spare bedroom. This application was received and forwarded to all Councillors on 13th

March. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged and comments forwarded to the Clerk.

25/01042/FUL Waterloo, Cardington

Erection of side, rear and front extensions and detached garage. This application was received on the day of the meeting. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged and comments forwarded to the Clerk.

8 Highways

a. Collapsed Culverts

Since the January meeting, which Andy Wilde from Shropshire Council Highways attended, the debris has been cleared, road closed signs have been erected and a date for the new culvert to be completed has been given as July 2025.

A temporary plate has been placed over the collapsed culvert on the road to Ley Hills this does allow vehicles to proceed with care but not suitable for heavier vehicles. The road closed signs are still in place.

b. Other Highways Matters

Problems on Gilberries Lane, now being the major route out of the area are only getting worse with the volume of traffic now forced to use this lane. Andy Oliver from Shropshire Council Highways had agreed to visit and inspect this lane. He has not sent any comments to the Parish Council this will be followed up and also followed up with Shropshire C'lr D. Morris.

A large pothole by the sub station on the road leading to Leebotwood had been previously reported but was still awaiting repair.

c. Any further Highway Matters

No other highway issues were reported

9. Church Yard and Church Wall repairs

The brush left in the churchyard following the removal of the damaged tree was discussed. C'lr Norris told the meeting that a powerful chipping machine would be required and this would be arranged.

The branch overhanging the highway by the property known as the Barracks was discussed. C'lr Boulton agreed to remove this branch.

Concern had also been expressed that the beech tree in the church yard could cause damage to local properties if this fell. It was agreed at the January meeting that this tree would also be looked at when the site visit is carried out..

10. 75th Anniversary VE Day Celebrations Thursday 8th May, 2025.

Arrangement are well in hand to celebrate VE day as follows:-

The Village Hall are holding a 1940's themed party on the Saturday

There will be a display arranged by the Cardington History Group in the village hall from pm May 4th until am on May 5th, including an armoury of decommissioned weapons,

On Thursday 8th May the church bells are being rung at 6.30pm This will be followed by a visit from a fish and chip van which is being arranged by C'lr Norris and residents are being asked to apply for tickets.

There will be a display of vintage vehicles in the nearby field

The choir will also be signing at 9pm. .

11. Update on local criminal activity

The PCSO attending the meeting reported that the persons found guilty of the theft from farms had been imprisoned but were likely to be released soon.

During the last quarter little crime had been reported in the area. The police do continue to visit the area as shift patterns allow.

12. Culmington Flood Protection Group Meeting – Chairman to report

The Chairman had attended this meeting on 20th February and had circulated notes of the meeting to all Councillors. C'Ilr Watkins expressed an interest in joining a meeting to be arranged by the Chairman and Mr John Bellis, Shropshire Council Drainage and Flood Risk Officer.

13. Review Parish Council Policies

C'Ilr Tonks and C'Ilr Watkins had agreed to look at the following policies on the website:-

- Strategic and Operational Risk Assessment
- Financial Risk Assessment
- Complaints Procedure
- Data Protection Form
- Disciplinary Procedures
- Financial Regulations
- Grievance Procedure
- Personal Data Management and Audit Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Public Rights of Way Guide
- Standing Orders
- Subject Access Policy

It was proposed by C'Ilr Watkins, seconded by C'Ilr Tonks and agreed that the policies did not require any updating at this time.

14. Date of next meeting

13th May Annual General Meeting commencing at 8pm. This would be after the Elections and all Councillors would be required to sign a new Declaration of Office and complete new Declaration of Interest Forms.

The dates of the remaining 2025 meetings, as follows:-

1st July

2nd September

4th November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm