

MINUTES
CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
Tuesday 5th November 2019
at 8pm

Present: C’llr C Tonks (Chairman); C’llr A Seabury (Vice Chairman); C’llr S Pennington; C’llr J Norris; C’llr C. Maydew; C’llr J McMillan; C’llr R Davies; C’llr A Roberts

Shropshire C’llr Dan Morris

One member of the public attended the meeting

1. Public Session. Limited to 15 minutes

The member of the public present did not wish to comment.

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were accepted from C’llr V Rogers

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

It was proposed by C’llr Pennington, seconded by C’llr Seabury and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September provided a true and accurate records of the meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:-

- West Mercia Police Rural Crime Strategy Consultation. Forwarded to all Parish Councillors on 24th October. Consultation closes 8th November.
- Shropshire Council Library Strategy Consultation. Forwarded to all Parish Councillors on 22nd October. Stage 1 consultation closes 10th November. Stage 2 will be a more formal consultation after updating information from Stage 1. The Strategy document is likely to start in early 2020.
- Highways Winter Service Plan. Copy of Presentation forwarded to all Councillors on 22nd October.
- Temporary road closure, Ludlow Road, Little Stretton, from 4th November – 22nd November for works by Western Power. Forwarded to all Councillors on 17th October.
- E mail forwarded to all Councillors on 17th October from Pageant master encouraging local councils to take part in the “Nation’s Toast to the Heroes of WW2 and ringing church bells as part of the nationwide “Ringing Out For Peace” on 8th May 2020. The Chairman had circulated this mail to the Church.
- Public consultation asking for accessibility to Theatre Severn and the Old Market Hall cinemas. Consultation open for 8 weeks. Forwarded to all Councillors on 16th October.
- Police Newsletter April – September 2019. Forwarded to all Councillors on 14th October
- Police “On the Beat” Newsletter forwarded to all Councillors on 5th November

Further correspondence reported at the meeting:-

- Invitation to Citizens Advice Shropshire AGM on 21st November. To be held at the Haydn Smith Room, Theatre Severn at 5.30pm on 21st November. RSVP if any Parish Councillors wish to attend.
- The Strettons Community-Led Plan. Asking for input from Parish Councils. The Clerk agreed to circulate this to all Councillors.
- Shropshire Council Rural Strategy Workshop to be held 13th November 10.45am – 1pm in the Council Chamber at the Shirehall.

6. Phone Kiosk update

C’llr McMillan told the meeting that the artwork had gone to the printer and would hopefully be ready for collection later in the week. The cost was likely to be £105 plus vat C’llr McMillan circulated details of the information boards which include the history of Cardington, links to the Parish Council web site, the village

web site, the war dead memorial and guided walks over the Caradoc. A member of the public had given a lot of her time to prepare the boards. When the boards have been erected it was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent. Mr Noblet would be invited to help to erect the Boards.

7. Planning:

a. Decisions on previously discussed applications:

- 19/03216/AGR Court Farm – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building – sent to Parish Council for notification only. 19/02201/FUL Gutter Farm, Wall Under Heywood. Approved 6.9.19
- 19/03795/TPA Brook House, Cardington – fell 2 No Cherry and 1 No conifer within conservation area. Consent given 16.9.19
- 19/03805/FUL Proposed holiday park, Gretton Mill Stackyard. Application withdrawn 7.10.19.

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

- 19/04598/TCA The Fold, Cardington – fell 1 No Apple tree, pollard 1 No. Apple Tree and remove 3 overhanging branches within Conservation Area – circulated to all Councillors 17.10.19
- Planning Enforcement Notice. Middle Hill Farm, Cardington. Breach of Planning Control in relation to Condition 2 attached to planning permission 18/03187/AGR. Forwarded to all Councillors 26th September.

8. Highways

a. Environmental Maintenance Grant.

As reported at the September meeting the Parish Council have received £1,250 Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire and have to match any funding spent and provide copies of invoices to Shropshire Council. It was agreed that C’lir Norris would arrange for this work to be carried out to a maximum budget of £2,500.

b. Progress on Highway Matters reported

It is understood that the repairs to the footbridge will be carried out and Shropshire Council have now designed a scheme for the works and the order will be placed with the County’s contractors and hopefully work will commence. .

c. Any further highway matter to report

Heavy rain had resulted in serious flooding in the parish. The pub was affected and Shropshire Council had responded to reports. Shropshire Council had provided a road sweeper to clear a deep covering of mud and debris.

It was agreed that many of the problems were caused by blocked drains being unable to take the volume of water. C’lir Roberts would be provided with a list of drains which need jetting and he will report.

C’lir Roberts continues to log any highway problems on the portal and receives confirmation and progress reports.

9. Finance:

a. Invoices to pay:

Clerk salary plus Postage £343.10 Cheque No.100299

HMRC Tax due on Clerk’s salary £82.60. Cheque No. 100300

Hire of Village Hall for PC Meetings January – November 6 meetings £45. Cheque No.100301

Donation to Poppy Appeal £100 cheque No. 100302

It was proposed by C’lir Roberts, seconded by C’lir Tonks and unanimously agreed that the above accounts be paid.

The Clerk told the meeting that Mr D Hall had been paid £230 for cutting the grass at the Churchyard as agreed at the September meeting, Cheque No.100298 amounting to £230 was paid on 9th October.

b. Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk circulated a copy of the bank reconciliation which after payment of the above accounts gave a

balance held at bank of £10,665.71 which includes £1,599.16 balance of CIL money; £2,296.00 Burial Fees; £975.12 balance in Transparency Fund, £1,397.72 Parish Council carry forward from 2018/19 (the Clerk reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had to find £1,250 matched funding offered for the Highways Maintenance Grant), £1,250 Highways Maintenance Grant paid and a balance from the 2019/20 Precept of £3,147.71. The chairman then signed the Bank Statement and a copy of the bank reconciliation.

10. Churchyard

C’lrr Davies told the meeting that he had cleaned the war memorial the previous weekend. It was agreed that the churchyard clean up would take place on Saturday 10th November. The general clean up would be organised for Saturday 23rd November.

11. We Don’t Buy Crime – Smartwater – Consider joining scheme – depending on response from members of the public

Households had signed up to the scheme although more households were needed to reach the 70% target to attract the grant and free signage. At least 141 households need to commit. However, it was thought that this was achievable. C’lrr Tonks agreed to co-ordinate all the responses and Councillors would continue to target all areas of the parish. It was proposed by C’lrr Roberts, seconded by C’lrr Tonks and agreed that the Clerk would go ahead and order the kits. The Clerk was asked to clarify that any extra units ordered in the future would attract the same discount and also ask for confirmation that signs would be provided in all outlying areas of the parish.

The Parish Council contribution would be £1,073.34

C’lrr McMillan also suggested that consideration should be given to placing CCTV coverage at the entrance and exit of the village.

12. Shropshire Council Report.

C’lrr Dan Morris reported that the next Full Council Meeting planned for 12th December had been postponed until the following week and would be held on 19th December and 20mph speed restrictions outside all schools was being considered.

C’lrr Pennington told the meeting that he had attended a recent AONB meeting where targeting farmers in relation to reducing the carbon footprint was discussed. The discussion was led by Phil Holden of the AONB who wished to get the message out to farmers as to how they could help reduce the carbon footprint. It was agreed that C’lrr Pennington would report back to the AONB to suggest that a presentation by the AONB could be held on a Tuesday night in the village hall in the New Year. C’lrr Pennington will report back to the January meeting.

13. Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2020

Dates for future meetings in 2020 will be as follows:-

Tuesday 3rd March

Tuesday 5th May Annual Meeting followed by AGM

Tuesday 7th July

Tuesday 1st September

Tuesday 3rd November