

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL



Full Council Meeting held at The Pavilion on Monday 9th January 2023 at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr D Fletcher, Cllr N Hignett, Cllr M Trow, Cllr R Evans, Cllr A Hodges, Cllr D Gregory, Cllr A Windows, Cllr D Jones, Cllr N Manning, Cllr C Sandells and Cllr N Lewis

Clerk of the Meeting: Debbie Marais

In attendance: One member of the public

172.22 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr P Heywood, Cllr S Davies and Cllr J Pritchard. After a proposal by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Jones, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED that Apologies for Absence be approved.**

173.22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None.

174.22 Public Questions and Comments. A member of the public who is submitting a future planning application for a replacement bungalow at 'Roselea' wished to give the parish council notice of his application and outlined what is proposed.

175.22 Minutes of Council. The minutes were submitted and circulated as read. After a proposal by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Windows, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of Pontesbury Parish Council, held on 12th December 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

176.22 Police Matters

Clerk read out an email from PC Simon Lewis which was **NOTED** including his thanks to the councillors for their support whilst PC Lewis covered the area. He wanted to introduce PC Richard Walters will now cover the Western rural area. PC Simon Lewis will cover the Eastern rural area but reassured councillors that if PC Walters were not available they should still contact PC Lewis who will still be based at The Pavilion.

Cllr Gregory wished to raise an issue of a resident of Pontesbury Hill who was travelling about in the dark with no lights on. Cllr Windows reporting a similar issue along the Pontesbury-Minsterley cyclepath.

Cllr Sandells raised the issue of rural crime in Cruckmeole over the Christmas period.

177.22 Planning Committee.

- i. After a proposal by Cllr Trow, seconded by Cllr Hodges, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the planning meeting held on 5th December 2022.**
- ii. Cllr Hodges gave a verbal report which was **NOTED**, including that there had been some concern in the parish about an application for a large agricultural storage unit at the Minsterley Show site. Shropshire Council Planning Officers had refused the proposed development under permitted development. Cllr

Hodges reported that the committee had dealt with 60 planning applications in 2022 which continues the downward trend of applications submitted for the parish.

- iii. Planning application 22/05553/FUL would be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 6th February 2023.

178.22 Statutory Business and Finance

- i) After a proposal by Cllr Trow, seconded by Cllr Hignett, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE a payment of £30 for SALC training on Internal Controls for Finance Officer.**
- ii) Quarter 3 2022-23 budget monitoring report for the parish council and The Pavilion was **NOTED.**
- iii) Quarter 3 2022-23 bank reconciliation report was **NOTED.**
- iv) After a proposal by Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Hignett, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the budget and precept levy recommendations for 2023-24, from the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Fletcher wished to note thanks to Clerk and Finance Officer for all their hard work in compiling the reports to council.

Cllr Evans joined the meeting.

- v) Receipts, for all parish council accounts, totalling £821.65 were **NOTED.**
- vi) After a proposal by Cllr Windows, seconded by Cllr Trow, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE all payments on payments list for January 2023 (payments list attached to minutes).**
- iii) Interim report from Internal Auditor JDH Business Services was **NOTED.** After a proposal by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Windows, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations by the Clerk for follow up actions.**

179.22 Cost of living update – Clerk read a report by Cllr Davies about Good Neighbours activities to support the community which was **NOTED.** Cllr Fletcher noted thanks to Cllr Davies and volunteers for all their hard work.

180.22 Shropshire Council Member report. Cllr Evans gave a verbal report, including the following information, which was **NOTED.**

- Bus fares would be a maximum of £2 (under 16 max. fare £1) for any single bus journey until the end of March 2023. This is a government initiative to encourage bus use. Minsterley Motors and Arriva are part of the voluntary scheme for bus operators.
- SC have made funds available for families with low incomes
- There is currently a consultation by SC on hazardous routes to school. The policy on safe access to schools is currently up for revision
- There is currently an SC consultation about short breaks as there are proposed savings for the budget for these services
- There is a proposal by SC to increase the payments to foster carers
- The Library and Economic Growth strategies have been adopted by SC
- SC plan to charge for Traffic Regulation Orders for street closures. Charities should not be charged
- The plans for the Ironbridge Heritage Site are out for consultation

181.22 ANPR update. After a proposal by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Hignett (Cllr Windows voted against) it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE the proposed contract (1 February 2023 – 31 March 2024) with ccc4business/ANPRcheq (Director Charles Pedrick) and for Cllr Fletcher to sign the contract and to override Financial Regulations in line with paragraph 11.1.a.ii, noting that the purchase is for a specialist services.** Cllr Fletcher told councillors present that there will be a quarterly vehicle data report prepared, that will be brought to council.

182.22 Boundary Review consultation – Cllr Fletcher reminded councillors about the information session on 12 January that all councillors could attend. After a proposal by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Hignett, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE delegated authority to a working group who would meet and make recommendations for a council response to the consultation. Clerk to organise meeting.**

183.22 Parish Council website – clerk had been contacted by Parish Online (who the council subscribe to for digital mapping) with a quote to update the parish council website. A working group (Cllr Fletcher, Windows and Trow) would meet with staff to consider the proposal and gain further quotes. The group would report back to full council at a future meeting.

184.22 Health & Safety Matters – None raised

185.22 Community Engagement Strategy – deferred to future meeting

186.22 Community Grant Policy – deferred to Finance & General Purposes Committee for discussion and report recommendations back to full council

187.22 Clerk's Report - Clerk gave a verbal update which was **NOTED.**

188.22 Parish Business – the following concerns were raised

- Cllr Jones raised the one way sign coming out of Wray Drive on Hall Bank which is obscured. Cllr Hignett to follow up
- Cllr Lewis raised the maintenance of the flowerbeds following the resignation of current contractor. This would be added to the agenda for the February meeting
- Clerk raised an email from Shropshire Homes informing councillors that there is work being done on Ashford Drive, in relation to the Minsterley Road development. Houses affected had been notified.

171.22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

The next Full Parish Council meeting will take place at The Pavilion on Monday 13th February 2023 at the winter time of 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 19.50pm

Signed:
Chairman Pontesbury Parish Council

Date: