

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL



Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held at The Public Hall on Monday 13th March 2023 at 8pm

PRESENT

Councillors D Fletcher, N Hignett, N Lewis, A Hodges, M Trow, S Davies, D Gregory, D Jones, R Evans, C Sandells, S Davies

Clerk of the Meeting: Nicola Young

In attendance: None present

210.22 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr J Pritchard. Cllr A Windows & Cllr Peter Heyward. After a proposal by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Hignett, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED that Apologies for Absence be approved.**

211.22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None.

212.22 Public Questions and Comments. No members of the public present.

213.22 Minutes of Council. The minutes were taken as read. After a proposal by Cllr Hignett, seconded by Cllr Trow, it was **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of Pontesbury Parish Council, held on 13th February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

214.22 Planning Committee.

- a. A verbal update was given by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- b. After a proposal by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Trow, it was **RESOLVED that the Planning minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2023 be approved.**

215.22 Statutory Business/Finance. The following statutory business was approved:

- a. Receipts totaling £9,782.44 were noted.
- b. Payments totaling £32,038.07 were noted.
Following a proposal by Cllr Hignett, seconded by Cllr Trow, it was **RESOLVED that the receipts and payments totals were received.**
- c. After a proposal by Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Evans, it was **RESOLVED that the date of the April 2023 full Council meeting will be Tuesday 11th April 2023 due to the Easter break and the May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 9th May 2023 due to the Coronation bank holiday Monday on 8th May. Meetings will start at 7.30pm from Sunday 26th March, when British Summertime begins.**

216.22 Health and Safety Matters.

No Health & Safety matters were reported.

217.22 Pavilion Update

a. Following a proposal by Cllr Hignett, seconded by Cllr Hodges, it was **RESOLVED to accept the recommendation from the Pavilion Committee, to accept the quote from Shropshire Council Property Service Group and sign up for a 3-year contract to provide facilities management services for the Pavilion Community Hub & Library.** Councillor Fletcher to sign the contract.

218.22 Request for Triangular Planter for Pavilion

A request for funding from FoPL gardeners had been received for £325 to purchase a triangular planter, compost and plants. The matter was formally referred to the next Pavilion Committee meeting to be held on Monday 20th March 2023.

219.22 Payment to Shropshire Council Library Service

After a proposal from Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Gregory, it was **RESOLVED to approved the payment of £11,375 to Shropshire Council Library Services for 2022-2023, which is offset by £3,500 received from Friends of Pontesbury Library.**

220.22 Flowerbed Update.

After a proposal by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Lewis, it was **RESOLVED to retrospectively approve the appointment of Shrewsbury Town Council to provide bedding plants and plant flowerbeds in June 2023.**

221.22 Clerk's Report.

- Variation of lease of land off Station Road to include sub-letting to Pontesbury & District Gardener's Association – draft lease final amendments agreed and all papers with Council's solicitor
- Code of Conduct working group – meeting to be arranged and report back to future council meeting
- Highway lights out between Minsterley & Pontesbury – response received from Jason Hughes, Shropshire Council [December 2022], they are looking into the matter.
- Solar lighting on Minsterley to Pontesbury cycleway – shields have been fitted and leaving the lights on all night, this will be monitored over the coming months.
- Hall Bank Public Open Spaces transfer – the transfer documents are with the parish council solicitor and Shropshire Homes, plan is to bring transfer document to the April full council meeting for approval.
- Rural Watch Scheme – Clerk contacted PC Donaldson to arrange a public meeting early in 2023. Awaiting response. Clerk chased item with PC Simon Lewis who will send some information.

222.22 Parish Business. The Councillors reported the following matters:

- Cllr Gregory requested an update on the damage wall near Cllr Hignett's house. Cllr Hignett reported that he had been contacted for the driver's registration number, but no date to repair the wall had been given.
- Cllr Trow reported that she had reported the litter on B4386 on Fix My Street. The Deputy Clerk was requested to contact Shropshire Council to ask for the litter to be removed before the mowing takes place.
- Cllr Hodges reported that the wooden fence at Cruckton bridge alongside the footpath had been fixed.

- Cllr Jones reported that the laurel hedging at the bottom of Hall Bank , in front of the renovated house, was weighed down and hanging in the carriageway. Cllr Hignett will take to the owners to cut back the hedge level to the wall.
- Cllr Jones also asked where the Little Helston – Shropshire Hills sign was and when would it be put back up?
- Cllr Jones reported that No. 2 bridge at Malehurst was being repaired.
- Cllr Hignett reported that there is road closure sign outside Allcare, he will call to find out how long the road will be closed.
- Cllr Hignett reported that the parish noticeboard by St George’s church gates was in poor condition. He was requested to find out if the noticeboard was structurally repairable, if so, to get someone to repair the noticeboard.
- Cllr Fletcher reported that he had received a letter from the former Clerk, David Owen, saying our good the play area was. He also mentioned that he had been doing some research with Shrewsbury Heritage Railway Trust, and the railway in Pontesbury dated from 1861. Cllr Fletcher will speak to u3a History Group, Susan Lockwood, to see if the history group would like to get involved in researching the area. Cllr Lewis will speak to Trading Post colleagues regarding the matter.

223.22 Date and Time of Next Meeting. The next meeting of Pontesbury Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 in the Pavilion starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 2045

Signed:
Chairman Pontesbury Parish Council

Date: