

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Council
Held at Mary Webb School
At 7.30pm on Monday 11th November 2019

PRESENT

Cllr D Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr N Hignett, Cllr A Hodges, Cllr S Lockwood, Cllr N Lewis, Cllr B Morris, Cllr D Jones, Cllr P Bradbury, Cllr C Sandells, Cllr C Robinson, Cllr R Martinali, Cllr D Gregory, Cllr J Pritchard

IN ATTENDANCE: None

CLERK: Debbie Marais

Four members of the public were present.

131.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B Morris, Cllr P Heywood

132.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - None

133.19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- A resident of Pontesbury wished to raise the issue of flooding caused by the development taking place on Minsterley Road. Cllr N Hignett said that he was looking at flooding generally in the community and raising issues with the appropriate authorities. Evidence about flooding relating to development work is being gathered to take back to Shropshire Council Planning department.
- Resident also raised issues of speeding through the village, in particular of large agricultural vehicles. Cllr D Fletcher assured the resident that the parish council is aware and working with other partners such as the police to address this matter. Community Speedwatch have been operating in the area. Speeding will be on the agenda for the December parish council meeting.

134.19 MINUTES OF COUNCIL - The minutes were submitted and circulated as read. Clerk made council aware of an error in the receipts and payments schedule and the amended figure. It was proposed by Cllr P Bradbury and seconded by Cllr J Pritchard and **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meetings held on 14th October 2019 with the above amendment, be approved and signed as a correct record.**

135.19 POLES COPPICE ANNUAL REPORT – Ed Andrews from Shropshire Council Countryside team was welcomed to the meeting and gave a verbal report on the management of Poles Coppice this year. There have been some safety issues addressed and activities for the local community such as bat walks. Mr Andrews wished to thank Pontesbury P3 group for all their hard work and help with practical work on the reserve. Cllr D Fletcher thanked Mr Andrews and his team for maintaining such a valuable natural asset for residents and visitors.

136.19 AIRBAND PRESENTATION

A representative was unable to attend. Clerk to contact Airband to follow this up.

137.19 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Cllr N Hignett gave a verbal report, including the following issues, which was **NOTED.**

- SC expecting an overspend of over £5million by the end of this financial year
- The Oxon link road and the North West Relief Road will be combined into one project along with some flooding defences. The project is likely to take about 4 years.
- A report into the future of the Quarry swimming centre will be published shortly

- Demolition of Ironbridge cooling towers to commence soon
- Advance notice of A488 being closed at Edgebold island in January 2020.
- A motion will go to SC full council in December looking at adopting 20 mile an hour speed limits outside all schools in the county
- Update on Hall Bank junctions in Pontesbury – there will be 3 phases to the work and plans should be available at the December Pontesbury Parish Council meeting.

Cllr C Sandells felt that it was important that access to a public swimming pool was maintained on the West of Shrewsbury

Cllr C Sandells/Cllr R Evans raised the issue of inadequate signage on flooded roads around the parish. Clerk was asked to write to SC Highways about this.

Cllr N Lewis raised his concern that fresh plans are being drawn up for the Hall Bank junctions rather than using the plans originally drawn up by Mouchel.

138.19 POLICE MATTERS – PC Ross Cookson gave a verbal update on incidences in the parish. Councillors wished to see action from local policing team about speeding in the village and would endeavour to attend the December parish council meeting when this would be discussed. There is to be a drop-in event with the Police and Crime Commissioner on Saturday 15 February 2020 from 11am-1pm, at the new community building.

Clerk was asked to write to NFU Shropshire to express local concern about speeding agricultural vehicles and asking them to circulate the letter to NFU members to ask for their assistance with this issue.

139.19 PLANNING COMMITTEE

i) The minutes from planning committee meetings held on 7th October 2019 were received and **ADOPTED**.

ii) Cllr A Hodges, Chairman of the Planning Committee, gave a verbal update which was **NOTED**.

140.19 STATUTORY BUSINESS/FINANCE

a) **Receipts**

i) Newsletter advert receipts - **£717.25**

ii) Savings account interest - **£43.52 NOTED**.

b) **Payments for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr J Pritchard and seconded by Cllr P Bradbury and:

RESOLVED: That the below payments are APPROVED for payment and the bank signatories INSTRUCTED to sign the Cheques/authorise payments online.

Evelyn Griffiths	Public toilets cleaning and toilet rolls - October 2019	202.09	0.00	202.09	B/P230
Parish Clerk	Expenses - 14 October - 10 November 19	182.18	0.00	182.18	B/P231
Parish Clerk	Salary for November 2019 (payable 19/11/19)	1421.52	0.00	1,421.52	B/P232
Shropshire Council	Pension payment for Clerk November 2019	437.49	0.00	437.49	B/P233
Lawrence Direct	various stationery in Sept/Oct 2019	17.48	3.50	20.98	B/P234
Highline Electrical Ltd.	Various repairs to streetlights in September	33.75	6.75	40.50	B/P235

Pontesbury Congregational Church	Room hire for community hub workshop 23/9/19	14.00	0.00	14.00	B/P236
Berry's	Fee for professional services for community hub	3050.00	610.00	3,660.00	B/P237
Shroptech	Microsoft 365 licence - 19/06/20 plus various IT support	200.00	0.00	200.00	B/P238
Chris Lawrie	Editorial and design work for Newsletter Apr-Sept 19	1500.00	0.00	1,500.00	B/P239
Chris Lawrie	Newsletter editor expenses Apr-Sept 19	66.60	0.00	66.60	B/P240
Shropshire Council	Streetlight Joint Energy costs Qtr 3 2019-20	1544.41	308.88	1,853.29	B/P241
MI & TEM Pritchard	Ground maintenance October 2019	193.33	38.67	232.00	B/P242
Highline Electrical Ltd.	Various repairs to streetlights in October	464.50	92.90	557.40	B/P243
Tony Bishton	October planting 2019 - interim payment	500.00	0.00	500.00	300041
	Total			10,888.05	

c) It was proposed by Cllr J Pritchard and seconded by Cllr N Hignett and **RESOLVED to APPROVE delegated powers to Cllr R Martinali, Cllr P Heywood and Clerk to purchase and install a noticeboard for Pound Lane, with a maximum budget of £1200**

d) Cllr D Fletcher relayed a satisfactory verbal report from Cllr P Heywood for internal checks for Quarter 2, 2019-20 which was received and **NOTED**.

f) It was proposed by Cllr J Pritchard and seconded by Cllr N Lewis and **RESOLVED to APPROVE £200 for various essential IT support work for councillors and clerk by Shroptech**.

g) It was proposed by Cllr R Martinali and seconded by Cllr S Lockwood and **RESOLVED to APPROVE £1500 contribution for 2020-21 for Shropshire Council towards management costs for Poles Coppice**.

141.19 COMMUNITY HUB/PONTESBURY LIBRARY UPDATE – A verbal report from Cllr D Fletcher was received and **NOTED**. The following points were included;

- There will be an extraordinary meeting for an update on what is still needed to be done with the building and to approve detailed costings. This will take place on Tuesday 26 November at 6.30pm at Mary Webb School.
- Opening date will be early spring 2020
- Clerk updated on a lower quote for carpet fitting.

142.19 ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANT – Cllr R Evans, Cllr N Hignett, Cllr D Fletcher, Cllr A Hodges, Cllr D Jones and Clerk to draw up a plan of action and costings to bring back to the December meeting. There will be a site visit with the contractor if anyone wishes to attend.

143.19 UPDATE ON PROPOSED BUS PARKING AREA FOR PONTESBURY SCHOOLS – Cllr N Hignett gave a verbal update on the need for this project due to congestion and risk to pedestrians with current arrangement. As the project would require loss of sports field Sport England would need to be consulted. The Expression of Interest for funding would be submitted by the Central Shropshire Academy Trust. The parking will be available to the local community for village events but this will be by prior arrangement, rather than leaving the parking area open generally. The project will need support of the relevant Shropshire Council

departments, the local elected member and local parish councils. The total project is estimated to be £10,000 with £8,000 being requested from CIL Local Fund. Cllr N Hignett made a request for a contribution towards the remaining £2000. It was proposed by Cllr J Pritchard and seconded by Cllr D Jones and **RESOLVED to APPROVE a Pontesbury Parish Council contribution of £1000, subject to inviting adjoining parish councils (whose residents attend the school) to contribute also. Cllr D Fletcher is happy to attend parish council meetings with Cllr N Hignett to submit requests for contributions.**

144.19 SITING OF AN ADDITIONAL DEFIBRILLATOR – Clerk listed local defibrillators at Pontesbury Medical Practice, Mary Webb School, Arscott Golf Club and Cliff dale residential home but none of these are public access. There are public access defibrillators in Habberley and Asterley. It was proposed by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr J Pritchard and **RESOLVED to APPROVE siting the defibrillator near the new community building. Cllr D Fletcher would ask Co-op if they would supply the box or would like to house the defibrillator on the wall of the new store.** Further first aid/defibrillator training will take place early in 2020.

145.19 JURY SERVICE CALL FOR CLERK – Clerk has been summoned for jury service in January 2020. In light of the increased work load associated with the opening of the new community building, Clerk would apply for excusal from jury service.

146.19 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted.

From	Subject and summary information
SALC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to cultural strategy workshop – 21 & 22/11/19 • Dementia care homes report • Operational improvements towards zero carbon – invitation to a series of talks, begins 20/11/19 • Rural strategy workshop 13/11/19 • Invitation to Citizen’s Advice Bureau AGM • Presentation slides from Highways winter service plan • Local councils and VE day letter from the Pageantmaster
Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘On the beat’ newsletter • PCC newsletter
Rural Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October/November rural bulletins

147.19 CLERK’S REPORT

A verbal report from the Parish Clerk on outstanding matters, and action taken, since the last Council meeting was received and **NOTED**. Cllr P Bradbury asked for an update on the signs/fliers about dog fouling in the play area. Clerk to progress this as soon as possible.

148.19 PARISH BUSINESS

The following was reported at the meeting and the Clerk was asked to report to the responsible bodies.

- i. Issues of flooding and speeding on Pound Lane and using CIL funds from the Shingler Homes development for the purposes of speed restrictions in Cruckton/Cruckmeole and designation of Pound Lane as a Quiet Lane.

- ii. Issue of problems of mud on the roads and possibility of developers having wheelwashers on site. Cllr N Hignett would raise this when he spoke to Shropshire Council planners.
- iii. Lights on Hall Bank being out. This has been reported and Western Power will be fixing them.
- iv. Issues of flooding at the bottom of Well Lane in Plealey
- v. Concerns about the large pile accumulating beside Budget Skips site, Cllr R Evans will ask Shropshire Council to monitor this
- vi. A request for signage on Hall Bank when the new Co-op opens, to advise traffic to be aware of pedestrians and to slow down.
- vii. There will be a F& GP meeting on Wednesday 4 December – venue to be confirmed.

130.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on 9th December 2019 at Mary Webb School.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

Signed

Date

Chair