

**PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of Council**  
**Held at Pontesbury Public Hall, Pontesbury**  
**At 7.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**PRESENT**

Cllr D Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr J Pritchard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Evans, Cllr D Gregory, Cllr N Hignett, Cllr A Hodges, Cllr N Lewis, Cllr S Lockwood, Cllr R Martinali, Cllr B Morris and Cllr C Sandells

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

**CLERK:** Miss Kate Davies

**One member of the public was present.**

**105.17                    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Picken – On holiday  
Cllr D Ryder – Personal commitment

**106.17                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr N Hignett declared an interest in agenda item 8.2 – (Verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning Committee to include information about the pre-application consultation request from Shropshire Homes to informally discuss proposals for Hall Bank, Pontesbury) on the basis of perceived issue of bias by virtue of being a shop owner in Pontesbury.

**107.17                    PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

**108.17                    MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

The minutes were submitted and circulated as read. It was proposed by Cllr B Morris and seconded by Cllr N Lewis and

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

**109.17                    CLERK'S REPORT**

A report from the Parish Clerk on outstanding matters, and action taken, since the last Council meeting was received and **NOTED**.

## 110.17 POLICE REPORT

The report from the Police, which had been previously circulated, was **NOTED**. The Clerk was asked to contact the local Police team to ask them to attend the next meeting. There was a discussion on issues relating to dogs and livestock and the Clerk was asked to include information in the newsletter. A member of the Parish Council advised the meeting that there had been recent incidents of anti-social behaviour at School Green, Pontesbury.

## 111.17 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Cllr R Evans gave a report which include information about the recent meeting of Shropshire Council and changes to the leadership and the Cabinet following the elections. Information was given about the Digital Transformation plans and the costs. An update was given on the continuing difficult financial situation. Cllr Evans advised that the Police Crime Commissioner was consulting on his plans to take over responsibility for the Fire Authority in the West Midlands Area.

There was a discussion about the new decision making structure of Shropshire Council and it was agreed to invite Cllr Peter Nutting, Leader of Shropshire Council to the next meeting.

## 112.17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes from planning committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 were received and **ADOPTED**.

***Cllr N Hignett had declared an interest in the planning application for Hall Bank and left the meeting when this was discussed.***

***Cllr C Sandells declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the planning application for development of Land to the west of the Telephone Exchange Hanwood and left the room when the report for this application was given.***

Cllr A Hodges, Chairman of the Planning Committee, gave a verbal update which included information on recent planning applications and decisions.

## 113.17 STATUTORY BUSINESS/FINANCE

### a) Receipts

- i. Newsletter advert receipts - **£177.65**

**NOTED**

### b) Payments for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr R Evans and seconded by Cllr B Morris and:

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

- i. Creative Digital - Newsletter printing - June issue - £340.00 – Chq no 2824
- ii. Mrs E Griffiths - Public toilets cleaning/materials - 361.99 – Chq no 2825
- iii. Highline Electrical Ltd - Street light monthly maintenance and repairs - £469.20 – Chq no 2826
- iv. Greenfingers Groundforce Ltd - Ground maintenance - £231.40 – Chq no 2827
- v. Pontesbury Public Hall - Room Hire - £52.00 – Chq no 2828

- vi. Nigel Pugh - Dig out and stone path at Cruckton bus shelter - £160.00 – Chq no 2831
- vii. K Davies - Parish Clerk-Salary for June 2017 - payable 30/6/16 - £1,119.10 – Chq no 2829
- viii. HMRC - Payroll - Quarter One - £1,251.13 – Chq no 2830
- ix. T Bishton – Horticultural Maintenance - £400.00 – Chq no 2832

#### **114.17 POLES COPPICE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The meeting was advised that a Shropshire Council officer had agreed to attend July's meeting to discuss Poles Coppice and to give further information on the formation of a liaison committee.

#### **NOTED**

#### **115.17 MAY 2017 ELECTIONS**

The meeting was advised that no one had come forward from Cruckton Ward to be considered for co-option.

**RESOLVED to continue to look for interested residents and consider the vacancies again at July' meeting.**

#### **116.17 MOUCHEL REPORT ON A488 SPEED AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

The meeting was advised that a Mouchel representative was not available to attend the Parish Council meeting but had offered to meet with Parish Council representatives in Pontesbury. The Clerk was asked to organise this meeting.

#### **117.17 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE**

**RESOLVED that Cllr C Sandells would be the Parish Council representative for Cruckton Village Hall**

#### **118.17 REA VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The Local Joint Committee was discussed and concerns were raised about the lack of funding and the future purpose of these committees.

**RESOLVED to write to the local MP, copying in the leader of Shropshire Council, to express the importance of funding particular in the rural areas.**

#### **119.17 RISK ASSESSMENT AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

The updated risk assessment and business continuity plan, including mitigating actions, was considered.

It was proposed by Cllr J Pritchard and seconded by Cllr N Hignett and:

**RESOLVED to APPROVE and ADOPT the updated Risk Assessment and Business Continuity Plan.**

## **120.17                    FIXED ASSET LIST**

The updated Fixed Asset list was considered.

It was proposed by Cllr R Evans and seconded by Cllr J Pritchard and:

**RESOLVED to APPROVE the updated Fixed Asset List.**

## **121.17                    REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHT AT BROOKSIDE, PONTESBURY**

The meeting was advised that the quote from Western Power Distribution was outstanding.

**RESOLVED to accept the quote from Highline Electrical Ltd of £706 to install the replacement street light and delegate authority to the Clerk in liaison with the Chairman to approve a quote of up to £1000 from Western Power Distribution.**

## **122.17                    PONTESBURY NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**

The meeting was advised that new volunteers are needed to bundle up the newsletters for the local deliverers. As no one had come forward in response to requests in the newsletter alternative options were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Fletcher would discuss the need for volunteers with the Friends of Pontesbury Library and consider the use of the library as a base for a team of volunteers.

## **123.17                    PONTESBURY LIBRARY STEERING GROUP**

Cllr D Fletcher and Cllr R Evans gave a verbal update of the recent meeting with Shropshire Council officers. It was noted that a new Library Strategy is being prepared and will go out for consultation.

## **NOTED**

## **124.17                    CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following correspondence was received and noted:**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject and summary information</b>
Shropshire Rural Community Council	Details of Good Neighbours Scheme and how to set one up.
SALC	NALC bulletins
Shropshire Council	Alterations to Electoral Registers
Shropshire Council	Details of Town and Parish Council Forum – 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 10am-12noon
SALC	Information Bulletins
Stiperstones & Cordon LPS	Newsletter
NALC	Grants and funding bulletin
David Fairclough – Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council	Details about Armed Forces Day – 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Susan King	Request for support from Parish Council to organise Gone to Earth Centenary celebration – forwarded to all Councillors

**125.17 PARISH BUSINESS**

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

- i. Street lights numbers 45 on the main road and 6 on Hall Bank area day burning and the street light by 3 Mary Webb Close is glowing red and not working.
- ii. There is considerable corrosion on many of the traffic signs in Pontesbury including the one way signs on Main Road/Hall Bank and in the centre in the area of Jubilee Gardens.
- iii. There is still an issue with parking on the verges at Linley Avenue Green.
- iv. The grass has not been cut on one half of School Green.
- v. There is a pothole by the Plough Inn.
- vi. The sign for the Fish and Chip shop is being permanently left out.

**126.17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Cruckton Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm

**Signed** .....  
**Chair**

**Date** .....