

ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Arden Centre Alveley, including an Open Forum, commencing at 7.30pm

024. PRESENT

Cllr. Ms. P. M. Barker (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. K. R. Stanton (Vice-chairman), Cllr. Mrs. J.M. Hall, Cllr. Miss I. D. Jakeman, Cllr. Mr. R. J. Narburgh, Cllr. Mr. C. D. Noble, Cllr. Mrs. S. L. Potter, Cllr. Mr. B. A. Punchard,

025. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. D. H. Rawlinson (Clerk)

026. OPEN FORUM

The Chairman reported that activities at the Royal Oak were causing concern to nearby residents, who were disappointed that the Parish Council had supported the latest planning application for the site. It was noted that Cllr. Mrs. Woodward could not intervene at this stage, given that a planning application was under consideration. The Vice-chairman advised that complaints about open fires, noise and other nuisance should be directed to Shropshire Council Public Protection.

027. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It **was resolved** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs. A. Preece (personal), Cllr. Mr. P. D. Thompson (personal) and Cllr. Mr. F. D. Voysey (personal).

028. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None. .

029. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were a true and accurate record.

O30. PARISH MATTERS

1. Highways –

- (a) The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council Cabinet was meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June, and would receive a report recommending that proposed cuts in local bus services, including the 297 service, should not be

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implemented. He advised that Shropshire Council had received 53 representations regarding the 297 service.

- (b) It was agreed that concerns regarding highways in the Parish Council area e.g. potholes, verges, would in future be reported direct to Shropshire Council, and not at the monthly meeting.

2. Public rights of way – it was noted that there would be a full report to the next monthly meeting.

3. Environmental matters - none

4. Romsley Matters

- (a) Cllr. Mrs. Potter referred to recent problems with bird scarers and was grateful for the written advice from Cllr. Mrs. Woodward which was circulated at the meeting.

- (b) It was noted that the quality of verge cutting was mixed with some patches being missed, which may have been partly as a result of the wet weather.

- (c) It was reported that the brown sign at the bottom of Romsley Lane had been moved and that the signs advising of the forthcoming road closure were in the wrong place.

- (d) Cllr. Mrs. Potter also reported that a small van had been parked on the side of the A442 at the bottom of Sham Lane for about eight weeks; it was becoming an eyesore and was at risk of vandalism. A non-emergency report to the Police was suggested.

5. Matters brought to the attention of the Council not requiring a decision - none

031. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

1. Planning Application received – none

2. Planning Applications received since the Agenda closed

19/02368/FUL Erection of a single-storey side extension, 164 Kingsnordley, Bridgnorth, WV15 6EU.

It was **agreed** to recommend approval.

19/02470/FUL Erection of a single-storey rear extension, The Old School House, 130 Tuckhill, Six Ashes.

It was **agreed** to recommend approval.

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3. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council

19/01249/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, Bowhills Farm, Romsley, WV15 6HW

Parish Council recommendation – grant approval      Decision – approved.

19/00977/HHE Erection of a single-storey rear extension to detached dwelling, High Leasowe, Romsley Lane, Romsley, WV15 6HW.

Parish Council recommendation – refuse permission      Decision – withdrawn

18/04531/OUT Outline application for erection of 9 assisted-living bungalows, Bower Grange Residential Home, Fenn Green, Alveley, WV15 6JA.

Parish Council recommendation – reserve position      Decision – withdrawn

19/01799/HRM Application to remove one section of hedge totalling 12m on land at Astley Farm, Alveley, to enlarge a farm gateway and improve access for machines.

Parish Council recommendation – refuse permission      Decision – no objection.

It was noted that the section of hedgerow had already been removed and some Councillors expressed disappointment that the proposal had been allowed to proceed, especially before the end of the nesting season. However, other Councillors pointed that such action by farmers does not always require planning permission, and that the applicant could have made a prior inspection to ensure the hedge was nest-free. After discussion, it was **agreed** that referral back to Shropshire Council was inappropriate.

4. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council since the Agenda closed.

18/04149/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use comprising livery and cross-country schooling business; erection of machinery store; formation of manege; formation of water complex; erection of pigeon housing, dog kennels for dog-breeding business and secure container; creation of trout lake; change of use of two agricultural buildings to stabling, general/fodder store; installation of septic tank drainage system; formation of a new vehicular access and parking area, Applecross Farm, Alveley, WV15 6NB.

Parish Council recommendation – grant approval      Decision – approved.

18/04697/ADV Siting of 0.9m x 0.75m x 2mm acrylic plastic sign, stables at Applecross House Alveley, WV15 6NB.

Parish Council recommendation – grant approval      Decision – approved.

19/00941/FUL Use of land for siting of mobile building to be used as a pavilion to include temporary parking spaces, land adjacent to Severn Trent Treatment Works, Turley Green, Alveley

Parish Council recommendation – grant approval      Decision – approved.

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19/01955/TCA Fell 1 in no Field Maple within Alveley Conservation Area, The Vicarage, Alveley, WV15 6ND

Parish Council recommendation – grant approval      Decision – approved.

5. Other Planning Matters - none

032. RURAL CRIME.

- (i) Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Survey - after discussion, it was **agreed** that individual Councillors would submit any suggestions to the Clerk who would produce a composite Parish Council response.
- (ii) 'We Don't Buy Crime – Leading from the Front' Project – it was noted that the focus of this initiative was 'Smartwater', and that Mick Simpson would be invited to the September or October meeting to discuss this matter.
- (iii) CCTV – the Clerk reported that, as yet, there was no further progress on this initiative.

033. PLACE PLANNING

The Clerk referred to a report that Cllr. Thompson and Cllr. Voysey had produced, in accordance with minute 019 of the previous meeting. As neither Councillor was present, it had been agreed to defer consideration of the report.

The Chairman was keen to make progress on place planning and to extend the scope of future work in order to move towards a neighbourhood plan. Issues and ideas around community engagement were discussed; it was accepted that the Parish Council needed to draw up some ideas, proposals and options in the first instance which could then be used to consult with representatives of local groups and other residents.

It was therefore **resolved** to hold an initial planning meeting, to which all Councillors would be invited, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Arden Centre. The Clerk was instructed to canvass Councillors' availability and those Councillors who are unable to attend were invited to submit their ideas in writing to the Clerk by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

034. PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Clerk advised that, based on previous decisions, the next newsletter was due in September and that this would be published mainly via the website. A range of potential topics were identified, including:

- Play area;
- Recreation Ground (to cover issues raised by the Recreation Association);

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- Street Lighting;
- Broadband;
- Parish Council website;
- Place/neighbourhood planning;
- Green space/hedgerows;
- Bus services;
- Combatting local crime.

It was **agreed** to finalise content and allocate writing tasks at the next monthly meeting.

035. PLAY AREA

The Chairman confirmed that a contract of just under £6,000 had now been let with Streetscape for repairing and renovating equipment and to replace worn matting with 'fibrefall'. She also advised that, with assistance from Streetscape, a bid for £10,000 of funding, to pay for new play equipment suitable for children with physical or sensory difficulties, had been submitted to 'Awards for All'.

The Clerk was instructed to progress the purchase of two replacement rubber buckets for the sand pit and to hasten Ditton Services for an initial invoice for grass cutting of the Recreation Ground and Play Area in 2019/20. The Chairman advised of a possibility that Ditton Services would need to carry out additional cuts because the Recreation Association had applied a 'weed and feed' treatment to the Recreation Ground. The Chairman also reiterated her concern about litter and broken glass around the Play Area but confirmed that she was monitoring the area daily. She noted that there was also a problem with bike riding on the Recreation Ground.

036. VILLAGE PLANTERS.

It was **agreed** unanimously to repeat the annual grant of £100 to the Historical Society for maintaining the village planters.

It was also noted that the two wooden planters at Cook's Cross outside the convenience store were in need of replacement and the Clerk was instructed to canvass local traders with a preferred timescale of September/October. The possibility of a stone planter to replace the existing planter on the Village Green was also discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to consult with the owners of Church Farm.

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036. TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Deposits and bank balances 2019/20 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

The Clerk confirmed that a sum of £30,000 has been transferred from the HSBC Business Money Manager Account to the CCLA Account. A copy of the Contract document was attached to his report. He also advised that a VAT refund for 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year of 2018/19 - £6,052.63 was still pending. It was **resolved** to note deposits and balances at the bank at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

b. Bank reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

It was **agreed** to note the information.

c. Invoices for Approval and Cheques for Signature

The Clerk noted some corrections to the schedule of invoices/direct payments that had been circulated. It was **resolved** to approve the amended schedule of invoices/direct payments and to instruct the Chairman and Cllr. Miss Jakeman to sign the invoices, cheques and schedule.

037. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Place Planning  
Parish Council Newsletter  
Publication Scheme  
Play Area

038. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Alveley the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the Arden Centre, Alveley, commencing at 7.45pm preceded by an Open Forum at 7.30pm.

039. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**It was resolved** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under s.2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act by virtue of the business to be transacted; that is, it concerns a matter which a superior authority has deemed to be confidential.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

**CONFIDENTIAL ADDENDUM TO MINUTES**

040. CONFIDENTIAL PRE-APPLICATION ENQUIRY: PREAPP/19/00231  
Proposed affordable dwelling

**It was resolved** unanimously to register the view that the proposed site identified for a single-plot affordable dwelling is not in or adjoining a named settlement.