

ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 in the Arden Centre Alveley, including an Open Forum, commencing at 7.30pm

161. PRESENT

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

162. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. D. H. Rawlinson (Clerk), Cllr. Mrs. T. Woodward (Shropshire Councillor) and two residents.

163. OPEN FORUM

A resident who lives alongside the A442 opposite Pool Hall Fisheries raised concerns about speeding on that stretch of the road which is to the south of the 40mph speed restriction signs. He reported a crash on the previous Sunday which had required the attendance of the Police, Fire and Ambulance services. He noted that there are a number of access points along that stretch of roads and he advised that speeding motorcycles are a particular problem. He asked if the Parish Council would approach the Highways Authority to consider extending the 40mph limit to a point south of the Nursing Home.

164. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It **was resolved** to accept an apology for absence from Cllr. Mrs. J. M. Hall (personal).

165. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

166. MINUTES OF:

- (a) THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020, and
- (b) THE ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the above meetings were a true and accurate record.

167. PARISH MATTERS.

Environment

It was **agreed** that knitted poppies produced by local volunteers could be displayed at the Memorial Garden behind the Silent Soldier.

Councillor Jakeman referred to the Mail's annual litter-picking campaign in March/early April and suggested that the Parish should participate. It was **agreed** to include this on the agenda for the next monthly meeting and Councillor Jakeman agreed to submit an article for the next newsletter.

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Romsley matters

Councillor Mrs. Potter reported complaints from a few residents about noise and was referred to Shropshire Council's Community Public Protection website. She also advised that she had reported several potholes around the lanes on the 'My Shropshire' area of Shropshire Councils website.

168. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- (a) Dates of Annual Parish Meetings 2020 – the date for the Romsley Parish meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 10th March 2020, and it was **agreed** that the Alveley Parish meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th April 2020, in advance of the monthly Parish Council meeting.
- (b) Timetable of Parish Council meetings, 2020/21 municipal year – the draft timetable was **approved** subject to the date for the annual Parish Council meeting being brought forward to Tuesday 5th May 2020.

169. BRIDGNORTH AND SHIFNAL AREA COMMITTEE – MEETING ON 16TH JANUARY 2020.

The Clerk's briefing note was received.

170. PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

It was noted that Councillor Mrs. Woodward has already provided a short article on parking in Alveley and it was **agreed** that articles would also be submitted on –

Rubbish/litter collection – Councillor Jakeman

Climate emergency – Clerk

Neighbourhood planning – Clerk

Highways – speeding (subject to the outcome of a meeting with the Police and Shropshire Highways on 7th February 2020)

171. VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR AND FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

The Clerk's report regarding the resignation of Councillor Thompson was received and it was **agreed** to review the position at the next monthly meeting. It was also **agreed** to consider the vacancy which had now arisen for the Footpaths and Rights of Way Officer.

172. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS.

- 1. Planning Applications received from Shropshire Council.

20/00007/CPL Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of a rear extension, Appledene, The Woodlands, Alveley.

This application was listed for information only.

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20/00136/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension, Ivydene, Fenn Green, Alveley.

After due consideration, it was **resolved** to recommend approval

2. Planning Applications received since the Agenda closed.

20/00277/FUL Conversion of existing outbuilding to form self-contained ancillary accommodation (revised scheme), Paper Mill, 121 Alveley, WV15 6HE.

The revised application was considered fully. Councillors recognised that the scale of the conversion has been reduced somewhat but remained firmly of the view that the application fails to meet the criterion in Section 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework regarding inappropriate development in the Green Belt. It was therefore **resolved** to recommend refusal.

20/00378/AMP Amendments to planning permission 19/03781/FUL to include amendment to approved parking and landscaping lay-out, modification of condition 8 to allow for cast iron effect external gutters and pipework, amendments to approved elevations - plots 1 and 2 - remove rooflights and update elevations.

20/00339/DIS Discharge of conditions 3 (external materials), 4 (joinery), 5 (roof windows), 7 (landscaping), 10 (bat boxes), 11 (bird Boxes) and 12 (lighting) on planning permission 19/03781/FUL

Proposed Barn Conversions at The Hadleys, Alveley Shropshire.

These applications were **noted**.

20/00377/FUL Erection of single-storey extension to the front, side and rear; conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of a single, detached garage/store, 2 The Lea, Alveley, WV15 6PS.

There was some concern about the scale of the conversion and, after discussion, it was **resolved** to defer further consideration to the next meeting to allow individual councillors to view the site.

3. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council – to note

19/05145/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension, 25 Birch Grove, Alveley, WV15 6JZ.

Parish Council recommendation – Approve, Decision – Approve.

4. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council since the Agenda closed – the following were noted :

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19/04868/FUL Alterations in connection with conversion of part of equine building to provide dog breeding facility at ground floor and provision of a first floor to provide residential accommodation in connection with the businesses on site, Stables at Applecross House, Alveley, WV15 6NB.

Parish Council recommendation - no objection on condition that the accommodation is strictly tied to the business of the Centre. Decision – refuse.

19/04917/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the siting of mobile home for three years for site security and animal welfare. Applecross Equestrian Centre, Alveley, WV15 6NB.

Parish Council recommendation - no objection on condition that the accommodation is strictly tied to the business of the Centre, and the approval is limited to one year. Decision – refuse.

5. Other planning matters – the Clerk reported the following:

19/01482/FUL Erection of a predominantly glazed garden room with external patio and steps following demolition of conservatory, Cherry Orchard Farmhouse, Tuckhill – following an appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against the failure to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for planning permission, the Inspector has found that the appeal development is inappropriate and the appeal has been dismissed. The Parish Council's recommendation was to refuse the original application.

Councillor Voysey declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

19/01478/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of toilet block, shower block and change of use to glamping and touring caravan site, Royal Oak, Alveley – an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse planning permission.

173. ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Voysey rejoined the meeting. The updated statement was **approved** subject to clarification of the entry regarding computer back-up.

174. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Councillor Mrs. Woodward to speak.

Highway maintenance - Councillor Mrs. Woodward advised that she has raised her concerns about the very poor condition of roads around Tuck Hill and Kings Nordley with the Interim Head of Highways and the Portfolio Holder. She noted that

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Shropshire Council has announced via the press that additional resources are being allocated to address the backlog of pot-hole repairs. She also advised that repairs have now been carried out at various locations on the A442, and that the drainage improvement scheme on the section of road from the A442 to Turley Green has been scheduled for March 2020.

Councillors welcomed these developments. They also agreed with Councillor Mrs. Woodward that the quality of repairs carried out so far in Tuck Hill was inadequate, and that the on-line reporting system for pot-holes was not user-friendly.

Dark Lane BOAT – Councillor Mrs. Woodward referred to serious damage which appears to have been caused by off-road users. She has recommended a temporary closure to Shropshire Council officers, but this had not been actioned at the present time. The Chairman supported Councillor Mrs. Woodward, noting that the BOAT is now impassable, even on foot.

Caravan Site at Fenn Green – Councillor Mrs. Woodward reported that there has been no progress in the appeal process, which has been part of a ‘class action’ in the High Court for some years.

175. FINANCIAL REPORT.

1. Periodic Examination of Accounts to February 2020

The report indicated that, as part of its internal control procedures, the Council periodically appoints two Members to examine the accounts prior to a meeting and report back to the Council on their findings so that any necessary action may be taken. It was **agreed** to appoint the Vice-chairman and Councillor Mrs. Preece to examine the quarterly accounts from November 2019 to February 2020 and report back to the Council at its March meeting.

2. Bank reconciliation to 31st January 2020

The reconciliation statement was **noted**.

3. Invoices for Approval and Cheques for Signature

The Council **resolved** to approve the schedule of invoices/direct payments and to instruct Councillors Jakeman and Noble to sign the invoices, cheques and schedule.

4. 2020/21 Council Tax precept

The Clerk reported that, following the Annual Finance meeting on 21st January 2020, he had notified Shropshire Council that the Parish Council’s precept requirement for 2020/21 is £53,765. This is an increase of 3.1% increase over 2019/20 and will mean a Council Tax charge of £62.50, and increase of 2.0% over 2019/20. The Parish Council **agreed** to note this information.

176. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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Vacancy for Parish Councillor
Footpaths and Rights of Way Officer
Rubbish and Litter Collection
Alveley Conservation Area
Climate emergency
Highway matters – including speeding on the A442

177. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next monthly meeting of Alveley and Romsley Parish Council will be on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 commencing at 7.45pm preceded by an Open Forum at 7.30pm in the Arden Centre Alveley.

178 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 concerned a matter which a superior authority has deemed to be confidential.

179. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

After discussion, it was agreed to advise Shropshire Council that the Parish Council does not consider that any of the proposed sites for single affordable dwellings are in or adjoining a named settlement.

The meeting closed at 21.05.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.