



## High Offley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 19:30 hours on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at Woodseaves Village Hall.

### Councillors Present.

E. Halls; D. Turpin; R. Hockenhull; P. Mason; M. Turvey; together with the Clerk and seventeen members of the public.

**A two-minute silence for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, was observed before the meeting started.**

### Public Open Forum.

Members of public present expressed concerns over the continued closure of Shay Lane, due to a collapsed culvert. In particular, High Offley Parish Council's representation was sought to assist in obtaining a temporary remedy forthwith, as diversions were allegedly inadequate and dangerous.

Councillor Halls reported that she had been in contact with County Councillor Mark Winnington, who had given assurances that he was making every effort to achieve a timely solution to the matter and encouraged the gathering of a local petition, which members of the public said was indeed in hand.

Councillor Halls reassured parishioners that High Offley Parish Council would continue to liaise closely with Councillor Winnington and Staffordshire County Council Highways, in an effort to significantly reduce the dangers and issues currently being caused.

Sixteen Members of the Public then left the meeting.

**Before any council business was addressed, it was proposed and unanimously agreed, that only essential items be discussed, with the remainder being deferred until October's meeting, as a mark of respect for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family.**

### **22/106: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M. Smith. Apologies were also received from Stafford Borough Councillor P. Farrington & Staffordshire County Councillor M. Winnington. Councillor S. Celecia was not present at the meeting.

### **22/107: To Receive and Consider the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 21st July 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.

**22/108: To Note any Declarations of Interest.**

No Declarations of Interest were made.

**\*Items 22/109 to 22/114 were deferred.**

**22/115: To Consider Planning Application 22/35735/FUL at Manor Farm Barns.**

Following discussion, no objections were made to this application.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to update the Planning Department at Stafford Borough Council.

**22/116: To Consider Planning Application 22/36056/FUL at Manor Farm Barns.**

Following discussion, no objections were made to this application.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to update the Planning Department at Stafford Borough Council.

**\*Item 22/117 was deferred.**

**22/118: To Discuss Highway Issues.**

- a) To receive an update on the signs warning of the low bridge at Shebdon.

Councillors acknowledged that the sign to southbound traffic on the A519 had now been replaced and that, accordingly, this matter was now resolved.

- b) To receive an update on the issue reported at Dicky's Lane at the junction with Stafford Road.

The Clerk reported that he had filed a report, with a relevant image to Staffordshire County Council Highways and that, accordingly, this matter was now resolved.

- c) To receive current statistics relating to the speed cameras on the A519, Woodseaves.

The latest statistics were received and a query was raised over whether the recording 'brain' was now a permanent fixture, or still shared with another site.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to make an enquiry concerning the recording equipment.

**\*Item 22/119 was deferred.**

**22/120: To Request Items for the Next Meeting Agenda.**

Deferred items; the closure of Shay Lane and potholes on Park Lane, High Offley were requested for next Agenda.

**Action:** Following a query about possible funding for the speed indicator sign from the Safer Roads Partnership, the Clerk agreed to look into the possibility.

**22/121: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Meeting.**

The time and date of the next meeting was agreed as being at 19:30 hours on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:13 hours.

S. Ridgewell, Clerk to Council. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.