



High Offley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 19:30 hours on Thursday 13th January 2022, at Woodseaves Village Hall.

Councillors Present.

E. Halls (chair); D. Turpin (Vice-Chair); S. Celesia; R. Hockenhull; M. Turvey & County Councillor M. Winnington, together with the Clerk, S. Ridgewell and four members of the public.

Public Open Forum.

Members of the Public indicated that they wished to raise concerns over Item 22/007. Ongoing issues with accessing the council's website were also raised.

22/001: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M. Smith and P. Mason. Stafford Borough Councillor P. Farrington had also sent his apologies.

22/002: To Receive and Consider the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 11th November 2021.

The Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2021, were approved as a true and accurate record.

22/003: To Note any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Halls declared an interest in item 22/004, having previously been involved with the Woodseaves Pre-School.

22/004: To Receive an Update Regarding the Now Dissolved Woodseaves Pre-School.

The Clerk reported that an £11,000 donation had been received from the now dissolved Woodseaves Pre-School. As previously acknowledged by council, the Clerk reaffirmed that the caveat to this donation, was that the funds were to be ring-fenced for spending that is to the benefit of local children and young people. This would include provision of the speed indicator signs on the Stafford Road, close to the school.

22/005: To Consider Planning Application 21/34831/FUL at the Oldershaws.

Resolution: There were no objections to this application.

22/006: To Consider Planning Application 21/34727/HOU for Kimberley House Farm.

Resolution: There were no objections to this application.

22/007: To Consider a Response to the Planning Consultation for a Solar Farm at Knighton.

It was noted that information regarding this consultation had been shared by Adbaston Parish Council. Members of the Public were invited to speak regarding the consultation and their concerns were noted. The consultation was discussed and other concerns were raised.

Resolution: The Clerk was required to respond to Scottish Power in respect of the parishioners' concerns that the project would be a blight on the local countryside and that the laying of cables to as far away as Baldwins Gate, would cause significant disruption.

The Clerk was requested to respond that council were more supportive of the scheme at this time, but expressed concerns regarding construction and maintenance traffic along the local narrow roads; the suitability of local roads to carry such traffic; disruption that will be caused by the laying of large cables and the significant danger posed by the low bridge beneath the Shropshire Union Canal at Shebdon.

22/008: To Consider Finance Matters.

a) Proposed Budget for 2022/23.

Resolution: Council unanimously agreed to set the precept demand at £4,990.

b) Clerk's Quarterly Pay.

Resolution: Council unanimously approved the Clerks pay of £512.

c) Clerk's SLCC Membership.

Resolution: Council unanimously approved the reimbursement of £144 to the Clerk for his SLCC Membership.

22/009: To Request Items for the Next Council Meeting Agenda.

If the circumstances of the pandemic permit, the currently unresolved items were requested for inclusion on the agenda, including the post box at Grub Street; HRH The Queen's Platinum Jubilee; ongoing issues at Tunstall Lane; the speed signs and speed limit on Stafford Road; Rights of Way; Highway issues; maintenance of the defibrillators and accessibility of the website.

22/010: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Council Meeting.

19:30 hours on Thursday 10th February 2022 at Woodseaves Village Hall.

21/155: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Council Meeting.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:05 hours.

S. Ridgewell, Clerk to Council. Friday 14th January 2022.