



## High Offley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 19:30 hours on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, at Woodseaves Village Hall.

### Councillors Present.

E. Halls; D. Turpin; R. Hockenhull; P. Mason; M. Smith (from 19:32 hours); M. Turvey; Stafford Borough Councillor P. Farrington & Staffordshire County Councillor M. Winnington (from 19:44 hours), together with the Clerk and twenty-one members of the public.

### Public Open Forum.

**\*19:32:** Councillor Smith arrived.

Members of public present raised issues regarding:

- i. Cars being parked on the pavement on the A519 at the shop and close to the Cock Inn Public House.
- ii. Hedges obstructing the pavement on the A519.
- iii. The positioning of a telegraph pole on Dicky's Lane which had been reported to the County Council.
- iv. Capacity of the school in relation to the new Stafford Borough Council Local Plan.

### 22/137: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.

Councillor S. Celecia was not present at the meeting.

### 22/138: To Receive and Consider the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.

### 22/139: To Note any Declarations of Interest.

Declarations of Interest were made Councillors R. Hockenhull; P. Mason & M. Turvey as landowners in relation to 22/146.

### 22/140: To Receive an Update on the Post Box at Grub Street.

Councillor Turvey stated that, following an image being taken at the site of councillors and local residents, he had submitted an article to the Stafford Newsletter, who were awaiting a response from the Royal Mail Press office, before the article was published.

**\*19:44:** Staffordshire County Councillor M. Winnington arrived.

### 22/141: To Receive an Update on the Speed Indicator Sign for Stafford Road.

**Resolution:** After considering the three quotes obtained by the Clerk, the quote from MNorelock Signs was unanimously accepted.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to follow up with Stafford County Council Highways about the necessary licences before placing the order with Morelock Signs.

#### **22/142: To Receive an Update Regarding Works at the Sewerage Plant in Moscow Lane.**

An explanation of the current situation at the sewage works was provided by a representative from Severn Trent Water.

**Action:** Councillor Smith agreed to contact Alex Yendole at Strategic Planning concerning the sewage works and how it relates to Local Plan proposals.

#### **22/143: To Consider a Replacement Noticeboard at Shebdon.**

Councillors agreed that the noticeboard should be replaced with an aluminium one, painted green.

**Action:** Councillor Turvey agreed to assess the size of an aluminium board that could be mounted on the existing metal posts.

#### **22/144: To Receive an Update Regarding the Website.**

The Clerk stated that he continued to add new content to the site and that he had now received numerous images of the local landscape to add as well.

#### **22/145: To Consider Dates for Civic Amenity Visits 2023.**

**Resolution:** It was unanimously agreed that two visits would be required in 2023, with one around Easter and the other close to the October half-term school holiday at a price of £222.

#### **22/146: To Consider a Response to the Stafford Borough Local Plan 2020-2040.**

Councillor Smith clarified that the Local Plan was in another consultation phase and would not commence implementation until 2024, when any proposed development would have to go through the Planning Application procedure. He also drew attention to the fact that all Preferred Option sites matched those proposed in the draft HOPC Neighbourhood Plan, apart from that to the north of Dicky's Lane.

Councillor Farrington then provided an overview of the proposed development at Meecebrook.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, regarding the Local Plan.

#### **22/147: To Consider Planning Application 22/35931/HOU at Moss Fennen, Dicky's Lane, Woodseaves.**

**Objection:** Councillors' collective opinion was that that the proposed garage would be of such a scale that that it presented excessive massing at the boundary and would be in such a position that it would create a loss of outlook from the neighbouring residential premises located to the south.

Councillors were keen to stress that the objection is not to a garage per se, but to one of the proposed scale.

#### **22/148: To Discuss Public Rights of Way Issues and Receive an Update on the PRoW Group.**

Councillor Turvey stated that he had now placed way markers at HO19. The existence of electric fences still blocking HO8, was reported by a parishioner.

### **22/149: To Discuss Highway Issues.**

- i. The parishioner raising the issue of overgrown hedges on the A519 agreed to provide addresses of the relevant properties.  
**Action:** The Clerk agreed to follow up on the complaints once the addresses were received.
- ii. Councillor Winnington stated that he was awaiting an update regarding Shay Lane but had been advised that the laying of metal plates over the affected culvert was not a viable option.  
**Action:** The Clerk agreed to chase up his letter to John Henderson at Staffordshire County Council and raise the issue with Alan White.
- iii. Councillor Winnington also advised that work was due to start soon on Park Lane to rectify bad repairs on the potholes.
- iv. Councillor Turvey provided an update regarding the current supply of grit for the winter period.  
**Action:** Councillor Hockenhill agreed to speak with Mr Glover concerning storage of the grit and to ascertain if any was required this season.

### **22/150: To Consider Finance Matters.**

The Clerk stated that payments for wages, training and the hire of the Village Hall had been made since the last meeting. He also said that budget information would be provided at the December meeting for the Precept request.

### **22/151: To Request Items for the Next Meeting Agenda.**

The budget and unresolved items were requested for the December meeting.

### **22/152: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Meeting.**

It was agreed to hold the Public Meeting regarding the Local Plan on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, followed by an HOPC meeting, solely to formulate the response to the Local Plan. The December meeting was agreed as being at 18:30 hours on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**\* Members of the Public & Press to be Excluded Whilst Confidential Matters are Discussed.**

### **22/153: To Consider Staff Pay.**

Resolution: An increase in the Clerk's wages was agreed, in accordance with the increase in the National Pay Scales.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 21:29 hours.

S. Ridgewell, Clerk to Council. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.