



High Offley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 18:30 hours on Thursday 8th December 2022, at Woodseaves Village Hall.

Councillors Present.

E. Halls; D. Turpin (from 19:16); R. Hockenhull; P. Mason; M. Smith; M. Turvey, Stafford Borough Councillor, P. Farrington (from 18:46) & Staffordshire County Councillor M. Winnington (from 18:44), together with the Clerk and one member of the public.

22/158: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.

Councillor S. Celecia was not present at the meeting.

22/159: To Receive and Consider the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 10th November 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022, were approved as a true and accurate record.

22/160: To Receive and Consider the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 24th November 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022, were approved as a true and accurate record.

22/161: To Note any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Mason declared an interest in Item 22/166.

22/162: To Receive an Update on the Post Box at Grub Street.

Councillor Turvey stated that he had not received an update from the Stafford Newsletter, as yet. The anticipated article was awaited with interest.

22/163: To Receive an Update on the Speed Indicator Sign for Stafford Road.

The Clerk stated that he had to complete a section 50 application and submit it to Staffordshire County Council Highways for approval before placing an order for the sign.

22/164: To Receive an Update Regarding Works at the Sewerage Plant in Moscow Lane.

The Member of Public present updated council at the Chair's behest. It was stated that, although the current work had been completed, the lorries were still attending and the potholes in Moscow Lane had yet to be filled in, despite repeated requests being made to Severn Trent Water. It was asserted that the person owning the land over which a temporary road would pass for completion of further forthcoming works had not been contacted.

Action: The Clerk agreed to write to the CEO of Severn Trent concerning the matters raised.

*18:44: Councillor Winnington arrived.

*18:46: Councillor Farrington arrived.

22/165: To Receive an Update on the Noticeboard at Shebdon.

Councillor Turvey stated that the upright poles were two feet apart and that they would support a new aluminium noticeboard.

Action: The Clerk agreed to establish prices for an aluminium noticeboard.

22/166: To Finalise and Agree the Response to the Stafford Borough Local Plan 2020-2040, Preferred Options Consultation.

Councillor Mason repeated his request that council put forward a plot of land in his ownership for consideration in the forthcoming Local Plan. Councillors Smith & Turvey pointed out that the land had been included in the consideration of sites by Stafford Borough Council and rejected. The letter of response to Stafford Borough Council drafted by the Clerk was then discussed.

Resolution: The letter was approved, with one abstention.

*19:16: Councillor Turpin arrived.

22/167: To Consider Planning Application 22/36040/FUL for the Plough Inn, Newport Road, Woodseaves.

There was no objection to this application.

22/168: To Consider a Suggestion of Providing Meals to Parishioners on Christmas Day 2023.

The suggestion that meals be offered to parishioners on Christmas Day 2023 was discussed. It was outlined by the Clerk that Gnosall Parish Council had been providing such meals for the last two years and that there may be a possibility of extending the provision to Woodseaves, High Offley and Shebdon, provided there was sufficient support from parishioners for preparation on Christmas Eve and delivery on Christmas Day.

Action: The Clerk agreed to liaise with the lead provider regarding the feasibility.

22/169: To Discuss Highway Issues.

It was believed that work on potholes had been completed on Park Lane.

Councillor Winnington confirmed that Shebdon Road, High Offley was now of the gritting schedule, but had no further update on work to the culvert on Shay Lane.

Action: The Clerk agreed to chase up John Henderson at Staffordshire County Council for a response to his letter concerning Shay Lane and include David Williams in the communication.

It was pointed out that a car parking issue remained on the A519 outside the shop and the pub. The Clerk stated that he had not received the promised images and details of the overgrown hedgerows promised in November by a parishioner.

Action: Councillor Halls agreed to put relevant messages of Facebook regarding parking and overgrown hedges. The Clerk agreed to contact the local PCSO's regarding the ongoing parking issues.

22/170: To Consider Finance Matters.

Council noted that there had not been any request for a grant from the church recently for the newsletter and churchyard maintenance.

Action: The Clerk agreed to contact church representatives regarding the availability of grants.

22/171: To Request Items for the Next Meeting Agenda.

It was requested that the council consider supporting the 'Warm Spaces' initiative and that all unresolved items be placed on the next Agenda.

22/172: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting was agreed as being at 19:30 hours on Thursday 9th February 2023.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 19:41 hours

S. Ridgewell, Clerk to Council. Friday 3rd February 2023.