

**SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present: Councillors** **Ms R Mosedale (RM) – Chairman**  
 Mr M Dymond (MD)  
 Mr A Ashworth (AA)  
 Ms A Dorrell (AD)  
 Mr C Honan (CH)  
 Mr S Richardson Brown (SRB) via zoom  
 Mrs P Cumming (PC) via zoom

**In attendance:**

3 members of the public were in attendance. 1 also via zoom.

**1 To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**

There were no apologies received.

**2 To received declarations of interest.**

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Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared an interest **will be asked to leave the room for the relevant items** as per the code of conduct and the Shrawley Parish Council standing orders.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence.

There were no declarations of interest received.

**3 To confirm the minutes and actions of the meeting held on April 11th 2022.**

The minutes were confirmed as correct and signed accordingly.

<p><b>Meeting Adjourned for public question time 1/2</b></p>
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<p>The meeting was closed and reopened after public question time</p>
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**4. To elect a Chairman for Shrawley Parish Council.**

Cllr AA proposed, and Cllr MD seconded the appointment of Cllr RM as Chairman.

**To elect a Vice Chairman for Shrawley Parish Council.**

Cllr AA proposed, and Cllr RM seconded the appointment of Cllr AD as Vice Chairman

**5. Reports from County and District Councillors.**

**District Cllr Pam Cummings** reported the following.

"After the recent resignation of the Council Leader, the controlling Group split into three. That now means that there are five political groups on the Council plus two non-aligned members. A new leader was elected at the Annual Meeting wishing all groups to work together, but early signs in relation to this did not give much cause for optimism. The Council year also finished with the announcement of yet another unspecified delay in the production of the SWDPR on top of the two year delay announced last September. This is of much concern locally as the Planning Inspectorate has ruled that there is not a five year land supply in place. This brings a greater risk of speculative development both on sites currently under consideration for the SWDPR and others including those already rejected at the first stage. A further appeal hearing is due shortly which will test the Council's view that this situation has changed. The Council saw the effect of such a position when the preparation was delayed in the original Local Plan and It does seem that MHDC has not learnt from this. I will continue to press hard for both early production of the Review and the need to

have an infrastructure plan that properly recognises the issues of the effect of future development, particularly on traffic in the area. Delays in determining planning applications are producing more complaints and this is reflected in the recent residents' survey which reinforces the falling satisfaction in the Service. Enforcement is still a long process, but it is encouraging to see that the Government is now proposing a bill that will strengthen the sanctions against non-approved development including retrospective applications. Once new rules are in place I will be looking for Enforcement to use them to improve effectiveness"

**County Cllr Scott Richardson Brown** attended at the end of the meeting and agreed to the following actions.

To meet with Highways to discuss.

- Parking at the top of the hill outside The New Inn.
- The speeding around the parish.
- To chase up the ongoing issue of Rectory Lane resurfacing that needs completing outside numbers 1-6 (last inspected 11/4/22)
- The use of bollards at Sankyns Green.

### **Speeding and Parking in Shrawley**

SRB noted that this is clearly an issue in Shrawley. It was noted that yellow lines were a possibility, but this could be unpopular and could push the issue further down the road.

Rural policing is broken and the police will not assist with these issues.

SRB will arrange a speed check to be done at 2 locations which RM will submit on a map to SRB. Suggested locations would be outside the village hall, outside Curradine Barns, just above the Rose and Crown and at New Inn Bank. The Parish Council noted that they would be prepared to pay for extra surveys to get an overall picture of the speeding issues in the Parish.

## **6. Highways and footpaths**

### **6.1 Highways problems.**

- Reports of a parking issue on the brow of the hill next to the New Inn. Clerk reported to SRB and the local policing team for consideration. It was agreed to email the Local Policing Team re this issue again.

A discussion took place regarding the provision of a car park in the vicinity. It was agreed that Cllrs RM and AD should approach the Estate to enquire if the Parish Council could purchase an acre on the right of Monastery Lane (Left off the main field) that the Parish Council could repurpose as a car park.

It was noted that there would be some Community Infrastructure Levy monies to come to the Parish Council from the development off Pearl Lane that could be used to this purpose.

- Reports of posts in Sankyns Green obstructing parking. Reported to SRB for highways action and emailed the local policing team for advice on this matter.

### **6.2 Road Closure notices.**

- Highways closure notice - U64208 Shrawley from its junction with B4196 Shrawley to its junction with C2234 Church Lane for approximately 12 days from 13 June 2022.
- Highways closure notice - B4196 Astley from its junction with U64211 Astley to its junction with U64220 Noutards Green for approximately 2 days from 22 May 2022.

## **7. Current Parish Council Projects and progress reports**

7.1 Wildflower meadow planting has been completed down the hill from New Inn and up to Glazenbridge - on both sides of the road. Posts have been erected to protect the planted area. The potential hazard of these posts was noted by the Parish Council.

Initially the plants will be annual and perennial seeds will be sown in the winter.

7.2 Parish Lengthsman(PL) update. Hedges have been cut around Frog Pool and the New Inn and Rose and Crown by the PL and WCC. It was noted that the PL had done a great job but that WCC left hedge debris. There was a query about the possibility of a road sweeping vehicle being available for Shrawley on an occasional basis.

- 7.3 New projects to be discussed. MD suggested that posts be placed on the verges of Millennium Green to avert a sporadic HGV parking issue. RM to visit area in question and discuss at the next meeting.

## 8 Planning applications

- 8.1 Planning applications for consideration by the Parish Council  
None to date of agenda publication.
- 8.2 Planning application decisions notified by Malvern Hills District Council  
None to date of agenda publication.
- 8.3 Planning appeal decision  
Appeal Ref: APP/J1860/W/21/3288432  
Land adjacent Orchard Drive, Shrawley, Worcestershire WR6 6TE.  
This appeal has been dismissed.

## 9 Correspondence for information only

- Parish and Town Councillor Conference details
- Delay to SWDP publication

## 10 Finance.

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| 10.1 | Barclays Bank balance  | (as at 11/4/22)       |             |
|      | Business Current account   | £4416.93              |             |
|      | Business saving account  | £46.29                |             |
|      | Cambridge and Counties Bond  | (as at 31 March 2022) | £10,641.08  |
| 10.2 | Accounts for payment.  |                       |             |
|      | Clerk work for April 2022  |                       | £609pd      |
|      | Clerk mileage for April 2022   |                       | £13         |
|      | Rebecca Mosedale Hire of rotavator for the meadow area   |                       | £83.52pd    |
|      | Coney Green Services Work around the parish  |                       | £325pd      |
|      | Communicorp. Order of 180 commemorative mugs   |                       | £1,310.88pd |
|      | Worcs Calc fee for 2022-23   |                       | £295.52     |
|      | AI 6 months computer/website assistance  |                       | £125        |
| 10.3 | <b>The annual audit</b> of the parish council finances is to proceed on May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2022 with the accounts to be audited by Diane Malley as previously appointed. |                       |             |
| 10.3 | <b>The financial regulations of the Parish Council</b> were accepted. There were no changes suggested by the Clerk.  |                       |             |
| 10.4 | <b>The Standing orders of the Parish Council</b> were accepted. There were no changes suggested by the Clerk.  |                       |             |

- 11 **Reports from Parish Councillors and items for consideration** for the next Parish Council Meeting.  
Lights from Curradine Barns are being left on all night occasionally.

- 12 **To approve the risk log and asset register for 2022-23**  
These were approved for 2022-23 and signed accordingly.

## 13 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings to be confirmed

These will be held in the Village Hall and may be ZOOM hybrid.  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council  
September 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 – Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council  
There will also need to be a meeting to approve the finances for 2022-23 after the audit is complete.

## **Public Question time 1**

Parishioner John Lee presented photographs re the parking around the New Inn bank which was noted as dangerous and at times illegal. (Photographs from several years)

A discussion took place regarding the provision of a car park in the vicinity.

## **Public question time 2**

Parishioner Jenny Nicholson provided a report (attached below) from Richard Boles (From Forestry England) walk around Shrawley Wood. She also noted that in her opinion this should be Parish Council business.

### Meeting in Shrawley Woods with Richard Boles in May 2022

- *Richard is in charge of forestry for Shrawley and the Wyre Forest. He explained that Shrawley Woods are classified as Ancient Woodland. Ancient Woodland is defined as an area that has had trees growing on it constantly since 1600. Shrawley Woods is a triple S.I. site because has the largest stand of small leaf lime in the U.K. A comprehensive study of the woods, its flora and fauna and those that worked there has just been completed by the Small Leaf Lime Society. This has been published in the form of a book which will be available for purchase in the near future.*
- *To help with the muddy conditions in the winter the path into the woods from the New Inn has been widened, drainage pipes have been put in and some of the trees adjacent to the path have been removed to allow the vegetation to grow. The widening of the path will continue further down when another area to the left of the path is coppiced next year. The dates when work can be carried out in the woods is heavily constrained by consideration of the wildlife.*
- *Richard explained that coppicing is a woodland management technique of repeatedly felling trees at the base and then allowing them to regrow. This is an excellent way of both increasing the life of the tree and increasing biodiversity as greater amounts of light can reach the ground, allowing other species to grow there. Historically Shrawley Woods has always been coppiced. Areas are now planned to be coppiced by rotation every 30 years as that gives sufficient growth to make coppicing worthwhile commercially. An area to the left of the path has been coppiced this year and another area further down will be done next year. He explained that the difference between coppicing and pollarding is that in pollarding the trees are cut back to a high stump rather than cut back to the ground as in coppicing. This was done when animals were grazing in the woods to prevent them eating the new shoots and also to mark boundaries.*
- *To keep the carpets of bluebells requires a canopy above to cut down the light so the brambles and other vegetation do not grow. Too much light gets in when the trees grow tall and also when the trees are cut down. The bluebells will survive and regrow once the canopy grows up again. Richard has no concerns about the Bluebell Walks.*
- *All the firs will eventually be removed from the wood, apart from the sequoias, and all new planting will be of native, deciduous trees.*
- *A board at the entrance to the wood gives contact details for those that need help and advice about the woods*