

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2023 in Shrawley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.****Present: Councillors Ms R Mosedale (RM) – Chairman**

Mr M Dymond (MD)

MR A Ashworth (AA)

District Cllr Ms P Cumming (PC)

County Cllr Mr S RichardsonBrown (SRB)

In attendance:

2 members of the public were in attendance.

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

There were apologies received from Cllr H Jackman and Cllr A Dorrell.

1.1 Application for Co-option to the Parish Council.

Mr S Picken was co-opted onto the Council and signed the declaration of interest accordingly. He was welcomed to the Parish Council by the Chair.

2. Declarations of Interest

a) Register of interests; Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

b) To declare any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

d) 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 removed from the meeting 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 on21st November 2022.

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time and reopened after.**4 Reports from County and District Councillors.**

- Cllr Pam Cumming.

"MHDC currently seems to be in election mode as activity seems to be slowing, aside from the annual events such as Council Tax setting which is due shortly. It is expected that this year's exercise will include starting the work to deliver savings that need to be made over the next few years to balance the annual budget. Planning continues to be a difficult area. The consultation on the SWDPR has now been closed and the views expressed will now be collated in order to move to the final stage before submission to the Inspector. The consequences of the 2.5year delay in production are slightly mitigated as the Council now believes that it can currently demonstrate a five year land supply, although this is a target that has to continue to be met. Decisions on planning applications are still taking too long and Planning enforcement continues to be a problem. A new Head of Planning has, however, now been appointed and is due to start in April. As well as the enlargement of the Baldwin Ward in the May elections, there will be one further noticeable change at the elections in May due to electoral legislation. In order to vote, everyone will need a form of photo ID and I am awaiting details of qualifying documents. At a time when we need to encourage residents to exercise their vote, I feel this is a retrospective move that will deter some.

- Cllr Scott Richardson Brown.
 - The results of the speed tests will be available within a few weeks.
 - Bollards on Sankyns Lane – there are a lot of them and they are on several properties frontages. It was noted that they caused problems for cars in need of passing places.
 - There are a lot of road closures in Lower Broadheath that are causing disruption.
 - SRB is endeavouring to get pot holes fixed in a timely manner.
 - Bank sliding onto the footpath. RM is to provide SRB with a definitive map and SRB is to ask Highways re ownership, but it was agreed that SPC would maintain if necessary.

5. Current Parish Council Projects and progress reports

5.1 Parish Maintenance

- Cllr MD noted that a tree had fallen between the Millennium Green and The Churchyard. The cost of removing the tree is to be quoted for and the cost to be 50:50 split between the two. The broken fence also to be quoted for a mended.
- It was noted that the verge where the wildflower seed had been sown had been churned up by builders nearby and SPC were disappointed that the hard work had been wasted as a result. RM is to speak to the homeowners and ask if they will re-instate the verge. Clerk to ask MHDC if they removed the verge markers that SPC installed.

6 Planning matters.

6.1 Plans to be discussed

M/22/01762/FUL

Location: Bartlam House,
Rectory Lane, Shrawley,
Worcester, WR6 6TP

Description of Proposal: Creation of natural pond (part retrospective)

No objections were received and the Parish Council approved this application.

6.2 Plans commented on since the last meeting

M/22/01657/FUL

Location: Bonefields Farm, New Inn Lane,
Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TE

Description of Proposal: A traditional timber stable block providing 5 stables, tack room, small hay barn and washdown area, tile effect roof and brick plinth, horizontal timber cladding.

Response - "The Parish Council do not object to this application but ask for a few conditions of approval.

There is no landscaping scheme - the development is visible from footpaths 512(C), 520(C) 500(C) 501(C) and 517(C). Given its size and scale, to reduce the lasting visual impact of the building in the proposed location, and in line with other agreed applications in the village in order to minimise any immediate and lasting adverse landscaping visual impact of the equestrian development, we suggest it should be screened with natural hedging (to a minimum height of 1.2m).

DWG alignment - There is discrepancy between the proposed elevations and the sustainability statement. There is a solar PV statement, proposing PV on the East elevation but no reference on the DWG.

The stable block is being sited in an elevated position. The nature of the proposed use of this building by its very nature means it will have artificial lighting, which has the potential to create nuisance and substantially interfere with the use or enjoyment of a neighbouring properties.

To prevent nuisance from artificial lights and again in line with other applications agreed in the village; the Parish Council suggest stable lighting is restricted to the north elevation"

M/22/01516/FUL:

Location Penrose,

New Inn Lane, Shrawley,

WR6 6TE

Description of Proposal: Erection of new dwelling and associated works (Including demolition of existing garage and new access onto New Inn Lane).

"The Parish Council supports this application but should like to note that the well-established holly hedge on the site frontage of on the B4196 should be retained to reduce the visual aspect."

6.3 Planning decisions – approved.

M/22/01479/LB

Location: Highfleet Barn, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TB

Proposal: Alterations to change existing connected carport into reception.

M/22/01216/FUL

Location: Bridge Farm, B4196 Shrawley, Shrawley, Worcestershire, WR6 6TQ Proposal:

Construction of outdoor arena extending to 60m x 20m and change of use from Agriculture to Equestrian for private use.

- 6.4 Cllr RM noted that she has been in correspondence with Curradine Barns regarding the outside festoon lighting which is on all the time and will update SPC at the next meeting.

7 **Correspondence**

7.1 Correspondence for information only.

- Malvern Hills DC – information on the elections in 2023 – Shrawley PC is up for re-election with 7 Councillors.
- Save the Bell at Pensax information.
- Road closure emergency notice from December 22.
- 5-year housing supply from MHDC
- Grants for warm spaces
- Query about glass bin forwarded to J Lee.

7.2 Correspondence for discussion Nothing to report.

8 **Finance.**

8.1	Barclays Bank balance	(as at 31/12/22)
	Business Current account	£4320.83
	Business saving account	£46.35
	Cambridge and Counties Bond	£8690.94

8.2 Monies received.

Parish lengthsman scheme from August £290

8.3 Accounts for approval of payment.

Clerk work for December 2022	218.40
HMRC tax and Ni for Clerk for Oct-Dec incl	239.4
Vodafone mobile phone contract December 2022	17.39
Coney Green Services December 22	275
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Harper Farming Christmas tree	180
MA Ishaq Domain renewal for 2 years and webhosting for 1 year	80
MA Ishaq SSL certificate	35
Shrawley Village Hall October and November useage.	30

8.3 Budget setting.

Council to consider and agree the attached budget or adjust accordingly.

- This includes a donation for St Mary's Community Team toward Churchyard maintenance although the precise amount is to be agreed.
- The Parish Council approved the budget and set the Precept at £9500.

(Previous tax band D for 2022-23 was £41.84 and tax base properties were 211.54)

9 **Reports from Parish Councillors and items for consideration for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Nothing to report.

10 **Dates of the next Parish Council meetings to be confirmed.**

March 20th, 2023 Annual Parish Meeting – this is an historic meeting that must be held between March 1 and June 1st

April 17th, 2023,

May 15th, 2023, Annual meeting of the Parish Council – also to confirm finances of 2022-23 and audit etc.

July 17th, 2023

Sept 18th, 2023

Nov 20th, 2023, Budget setting and agreement.

To be held in Shrawley Parish Hall at 1930hrs.

PQT 1 Please note that the following are notes from the Public Question time and are not actions or minutes from the meeting.

- A member of the public asked re progress on Broadband and the Clerk read an email from WCC as follows.
"The voucher scheme is currently on hold until the outcome of the Project Gigabit procurement is known, which is likely to be towards the end of this year" From Robert Stepniewski – Senior Project Manager.
- It was suggested that a "Dark Sky" status for Shrawley Parish should be adopted.