

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 in Shrawley Village 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 S Picken (SP)

District Cllr Ms P Cumming (PC)

County Cllr Mr S RichardsonBrown (SRB)

In attendance:

3 members of the public were in attendance.

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

Councillor H Jackman resigns from the Parish Council due to work commitments.

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.

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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.

- Declarations of interest were made by Cllrs RM and AD re planning application M/23/00213/CU. They left the meeting at the appropriate time and returned after a decision had been made.

3 To confirm the minutes and actions of the meeting held on the 23rd of January 2023.

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

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time and reopened afterwards.*Notes from PQT are attached to this agenda but these notes do not form part of the minutes and are for reference purposes only.***4 Reports from County and District Councillors.**

- Cllr Pam Cumming.
The planning improvement working group has held a number of meetings identifying where improved practices could help.
The District Council has received £1.1m additional funding and PC has asked that it go to a ringfenced reserve account for infrastructure to support new development.
PC has asked the DC to provide money for the Coronation celebrations to the Parish Councils.
- Cllr Scott Richardson Brown.
£3.3 is in the new budget for roads and highways repairs. Potholes should be reported direct to SRB.
The speed strips have not yet been put out in Shrawley.
There will be an opportunity to meet the PCC and raise specific concerns.

5. Current Parish Council Projects and progress reports**5.1 Parish Maintenance**

Update on work undertaken since the last meeting.

- George Crump (GC) has been performing the winter work which includes clearing drains, footpaths and road signs.
- It was noted that Mr Verity had cut his hedge back hard on Rectory Lane.
- It was noted that no's 5 and 6 Rectory Lane had overgrown hedges/trees at the back of their properties.
- MD noted that he will ask GC to have a look at the overhanging branches around Fir Cottage area.
- The Council agreed to erect a sign asking people not to park at Glazenbridge due to the wildflowers.

5.2 Parking on New Inn bank.

Cars are parked on the reverse side of the hill on the way out of the village (on route to Stourport) creating a very dangerous situation as there is not enough space for two vehicles to pass.

It was noted that there was not enough parking in Shrawley and whilst yellow lines might alleviate the immediate situation, there would be cars displaced and parking elsewhere. It was agreed that consultation on the matter of yellow lines should be undertaken.

SRB will contact West Mercia re assistance for the parking due to the Bluebell parking.

SRB to ask highways to look at the parking issue.

5.3 Progress with the fallen tree at Blacksmiths Cottage.

SP has removed the tree. The fence is to be replaced by Mark Burkes and GC will install this.

Approximate cost of £150 to include materials and labour. Half of the cost to be paid by M Burkes and remainder to be paid by the Parish Council, although a donation from the church to cover half of the remaining amount was suggested.

6 Planning matters.

6.1 Plans discussed.

M/23/00204/LB.

Location: Wood House, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TT

Description of Proposal: Proposed new arched opening between kitchen and laundry room.

Shrawley Parish Council had no objections to this application.

M/22/01652/LB. Associated Ref:M/22/01651/HP

Location: Carthouse Cottage, Rectory Lane, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TR

Description of Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension and replacement single storey rear extension.

Shrawley Parish Council had no objections to this application.

M/23/00150/FUL.

Location: The Byres, B4196 Shrawley, Shrawley, Worcestershire, WR6 6TB

Description of Proposal: Replacement of existing stable block with car port to include change of use of land to residential use

The Parish Council objected to the change of use to residential.

(There was no objection to the replacement of stable block with car port)

M/23/00249/CU.

Location: Willows, Rectory Lane, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TP

Description of Proposal: Equestrian development (retrospective) at OS 8003 6543.

The Councillors are to let the Clerk know their comments on this application by the end of March 2023.

6.2 Plans commented on since the last meeting

M/23/00213/CU.

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

Description of Proposal: Outdoor riding arena for domestic use of owners and their children. Sand and fibre riding surface, timber post and rail fencing, no floodlights, on near level ground.

Comment from Shrawley Parish Council

The plans have been adjusted to reflect the concerns raised previously associated with the proximity to the public footpath and the sloping nature of the ground where the development was originally proposed. Furthermore, the application also states that no flood lighting will be installed however we would suggest, as previously noted, that a condition of approval should be that the "no lighting should be installed in perpetuity".

The impact of surface water drainage appears to have been addressed by the proposal subject to the appropriate percolation results and we would suggest a condition be placed that "following the conclusion of the percolation test, an appropriately sized soakaway should be installed."

Finally, although the development is further from the public footpath than previously planned, we would still suggest that a condition of the planning approval should be that "screening with native hedging is incorporated to minimise any immediate and lasting adverse visual impact on the landscape." On this subject we note that the list of consultees did not include the footpath officer or a landscape impact officer which, given the position close to a public footpath and the site being in an elevated and prominent position, seems to be an oversight.

6.3 Planning decisions – approved.

M/22/01657/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land to equestrian use and erection of traditional timber stable block providing 5 stables, tack room, small hay barn and washdown area.

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

6.4 Planning withdrawn

M/23/00163/AGR

Proposal: Prior notification of proposed above ground reservoir for agricultural irrigation

Location: Land At (Os 8104 6427), Shrawley

M/22/01749/HP

Proposal: Replacement of existing stable block with car port

Location: The Byres, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TB

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. Nomination forms etc. Nominations must be received by Malvern DC by 4 April 2023.

7.2 **Correspondence for discussion**

Police Charter contract – was agreed with priorities as below.

- Road traffic collisions
- Speeding
- Anti social behaviour including vandalism and littering. Also harassment and bullying behaviour

8 **Finance.**

8.1	Barclays Bank balance	(as at 15/03/23)
	Business Current account	£3355.59
	Business saving account	£46.41
	Cambridge and Counties Bond	£8691.68

8.2	Monies received.	
	WCC Parish lengthsman scheme from December 22	£440
	WCC donation from SRB	£1000
8.3	Accounts for approval of payment.	
	Clerk work for January 2023	£218.40
	Clerk work for February 2023	£302.40
	Vodafone mobile phone contract January 23	£17.39
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	Coney Green Services January 23 invoice 13	£300
	Coney Green Services February 23 invoice 18	£300
	Mark Burkes Domain renewal/web hosting Shrawley.org.uk	£72.87

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

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

April 17th, 2023, Annual Parish Meeting
 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.
 These were confirmed as correct and the meeting was closed.

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- It was noted that the Bench in the Woods had been vandalised.
- Mr S Picken reported the following issue. It is noted that as Cllr Picken is a resident at Lenchford Meadow he subsequently has an interest in this matter and brought this subject to the attention of the Council as a member of the Public. The Council did not discuss this matter.

The park is licensed for 62 permanent pitches but there are 68 pitches on the park. Of the six pitches that are not on the site licence three of these pitches have correct planning permissions for 12 months permanent residency which means in law the park is a 'mixed park' and 'relevant protected site'.

MHDC have incorrectly classified the park as a holiday park and have not explained why.

Mr Picken was advised to contact the minister for Housing – Rachel Maclean MP and to report any alleged code of conduct violations to the Monitoring Officer at Wychavon DC – Misha Patel.

- A member of the public asked if there was any progress of designating Shrawley a “dark village” – RM to follow this up but it is noted that this action has not yet been formally approved as a project for the Parish Council.
- The ownership of the land/war memorial “The Wayside Cross” was raised. RM to perform a SIM search. It was noted that the money to build the war memorial was raised by the local parishioners.