

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024 in Shrawley Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.**

Present:

Councillors

R Mosedale (RM)

C Delavigne (CD)

S Seaborn (SS)

District Cllr Ms P Cumming (PC)

County Cllr S RichardsonBrown

In attendance:

Members of the public were in attendance.

1. To receive apologies for absence and Co-options.

- 1.1 Apologies were received from A Ashworth (AA) M Dymond (MD) A Dorrell (AD) and R Dorrell (RD)
- 1.2 Sue Seaborn signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

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 (DPI) in items on the agenda and their nature.
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests (DOI) 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 **must leave the room** 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.
- Cllr SS declared an interest in the planning application at the New Inn and left the room at the appropriate time.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 8th January 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned for public question time 1/2

The time allocated was at the discretion of the council/chairman and was limited to 15 minutes in total. Residents were invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman.

4. Reports from County and District Councillors.

- 4.1 County Cllr S Richardson Brown.
 - The County is running at an approx. £20m deficit on their anticipated £400M+ budget. Around 70% of this budget is used for adult and childcare services and transport to school.
 - Concerns are raised around the speeding on roads in the area. The Parish Council asked if the following areas could be speed checked – B4196 at the Village Hall on the B4196 in Shrawley and on the B4196 in Noutards Green.
 - There are three areas of flooding on Rectory Lane where there are 3 drains blocked or unable to cope with the sheer volume of water. Nutcross Lane has a blocked culvert.
- 4.2 District Cllrs P Cumming and P Cumming gave a report which is attached to these minutes.
 - The Council have requested a five-year plan that will focus on well-being, to enhance the Malvern area and to support those in need.

- The Council are hoping to use 100% vegetable oil vehicles by 2025.
- There is a rural fund from Malvern Hills to support small businesses and to grow tourism. RM to advertise this on Facebook.
- A new head of planning starts in February 2024 and RM is to let PC know the issues for Shrawley. PC and RM are hoping to have a meeting with other Parish Councils in April to share information.

5. Parish Council Projects.

5.1 Provision of a car park in the parish.

To discuss possibilities relating to the provision of a carpark. The Council agreed to appoint a councillor to take responsibility for this when the Council meets in its entirety.

5.2 Funding opportunities available.

This is an opportunity to examine funding opportunities and develop plans accordingly. The Council agreed to discuss this when the Council meets in its entirety.

5.3 Outstanding projects

- Green Man to be funded by the £1000 SRB donated (SRB had noted his preference for it to be used in a project related to Charles III) Cllr AA was currently taking ownership of this project and conversations with the Village Hall and the Parish Council were ongoing.
- Ownership of the Memorial Cross. Cllr AD has spoken to adjacent landowner who noted that the area was not under their ownership. The Clerk noted that in previous Councils, the land had been registered under Council ownership once historic documents had been found to that effect. RM is to approach Hanbury Hall to see if there is anything in their archives that stated that the land was given to the Parish for the provision of a memorial cross. It was noted that the cross was erected in 1919/20. AA and RM to action this.
- Fibre broadband to remaining properties in the parish – Jenny Nicholson and Cllr AA to investigate the provision of broadband.

5.4 Future projects.

- It was noted that the registration of the New Inn as a Community Asset was a project to be developed.
- Provision of wildflower areas is anticipated to be a future project.

6. Highways and footpath

6.1 Road Closure on 18 March 2024 of the B4196 Shrawley, from the junction with U64208 and U64224 – Inn Lane.

7. Current Parish Council Projects and progress reports

7.1 Parish Lengthsman update.

MD had offered to continue with the lengthsman liaison and will update the Council at the next meeting.

8 Planning applications

8.1 Planning applications for consideration by the Parish Council.

M/24/00077/FUL.

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

Description of Proposal: Development of the existing site to provide a single, detached one-bedroom annexe. The use to be ancillary to the main public house, to provide overnight visitor accommodation.

The Parish Council agreed that they had no objection to this application and that this development should be linked to the Pub and could not be sold separately.

(NB As Cllr SS had a DPI in this issue, she left the room, and the Clerk notes that this meant that the Council became inquorate so the decision made as above could not be registered to planning)

8.2 Planning applications considered since the last meeting of the Parish Council
None to date of the meeting.

8.3 Planning application decisions notified by Malvern Hills District Council:
Approval

Proposal: Proposed new arched opening between kitchen and laundry room
Location: Wood House, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TT

Refusal

Planning Ref: M/23/01662/AGR

Proposal: Proposed above ground reservoir for agricultural irrigation

Location: Land At (Os 8104 6427), Shrawley

8.4 To use Peter Hamilton of pHpc for Planning consultancy. This was agreed if planning applications were particularly challenging.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence for discussion.

- West Mercia – reply re the policing priorities for Shrawley Parish.
- Report for February from Dst Cllr P Cumming.
- Hedgehog highway project. Cllr CD to contact and take part in this project.
- Richard Boles happy to provide a walk and update in Shrawley woods – Council to chose a date – late April midweek at 530pm. 25th April suggested.

9.2 Correspondence for information only.

- Worcestershire CC - Home upgrade energy grant scheme for parishioners who do not have main gas supply. Contact retrofit@worcestershire.gov.uk for details.
- Worcestershire CC – Change in the lengthsman scheme submission – Clerk to attend training.
- From Parishioner re Lenchford Caravan Park
- Police Crime Commissioner information.
- Re Broadband project

10 Finance

10.1	Barclays Bank balance	(as at 07/2/24)	
	Business Current account	£5952.15	
	Business saving account	£46.80	
	Cambridge and Counties Bond	(as at 31/1/24)	£8700.38

10.2 Accounts for payment approved.

Clerk work for January 2024	£436.80
Vodafone January	£19.85 monthly
George Crump September	£300

10.3 Monies received.

WCC Lengthsman scheme reimbursement for Nov 23	£160
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10.4 Examination of finances. The Council examined the receipts and invoices to date and found them to be in order.

Quarterly reconciliations checked to date and found to be in order.

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

- Training is to be arranged for new Councillors.
- The Clerk noted that at the January meeting, she had noted that she was not able to carry on as Clerk for Shrawley and they were to look for a new Parish Clerk at their convenience.
- The cost of the Christmas tree was noted as high and it was suggested that a live Christmas tree be put in its place and AD would be asked to approach the landowner.
- SS to ask MD to side out footpaths in the Parish.

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

These will be held in the Village Hall

18 March 2024 (week later than usual due to Clerk holiday)

15 April 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting and ordinary meeting of Shrawley PC.

PQT

- A parishioner asked if the designation of Shrawley as a Dark Village could be placed on the next agenda. PC to send details of this process to the Clerk.
- Lights at Church Farm. It was noted that the lights were on a timer and turned off at midnight. A parishioner volunteered to monitoring the lights particularly in relation to when events took place as it was noted that the lights could be off when there was no event ongoing.

District Councillors Report February 2024 Baldwin Ward

At the last Full Council meeting held in January , the Council approved a new CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) for public consultation. The Levy is designed to cover the Infrastructure costs of the SWDPR proposals. The proposal is to charge a much lower rate in the North of the District than the South and our amendment to examine the evidence and reconsider this was outvoted, although few arguments against our resolution were put forward.

The current majority of speculative applications are in our area, which clearly suggest that these attract a greater profit for landowners and therefore there should be scope to match the CIL charge for the rest of the District. A reduced charge will provide an incentive to develop more in our villages than other areas, as well as reducing the amount of money that Parish Councils receive from their share. Unsurprisingly the developers and agents are in favour of the lower levy. The local infrastructure requirements are also unknown in respect of transport requirements as the promised modelling to inform site allocations has still not been carried out, despite the final sites being identified in the review. The Leader of the Council did offer the view that the planned railway halt at Rushwick would help with such transport difficulties and was offered a map to assist in knowledge of the area.

Being aware of local concerns on speeding and rural crime. Paul spent a morning accompanying the local police to observe their activities including speed awareness checks and security at farms. The Police and Crime Commissioner also attended part of the morning and members of the public were appreciative of the police presence dealing with such issues.

The government has now introduced changes to increase the validity periods of Parish Neighbourhood Plans in planning terms, to five years. Unfortunately, it now seems that the small print conditions may mean that some Plans will not qualify.

On specific issues , the Council has now recognised that the s106 agreement to fit out the pub at the Hundred House in Great Witley has not been adhered to and is engaging with the developer. It seems that terms with an operator to run the pub are being discussed and a timetable arranged.

Pam and Paul Cumming Baldwin Ward

Actions from the February meeting of SPC

Councillor responsible in red Action from Clerk update in blue

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