Minutes of Woore Parish Council Meeting

**Monday 11th November 2019**

**Held at Woore Victory Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr M. Cowey (Chairman), Cllr H. Blake, Cllr M. Blake, Cllr K. Chell, Cllr K. Davies and Cllr J. Higgin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr R. Aldcroft (Shropshire Council), Ms S. Tyson, Tree and Footpath Warden and Mr B. Morris, Clerk to the Council.

**PUBLIC:**

Anthony Gath and Helen Lightfoot attended the meeting.

**19168 Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Irwin, Allison and Carter had sent their apologies for absence, which was for personal reasons. It was unanimously **resolved** to accept the apologies. No apologises were received from Cllr. Ford.

**19169 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests.**

No Councillor declared a pecuniary interest.

**19170 OPEN FORUM – To last no longer than 15 minutes.**

Cllr Chell raised the flooding on Knighton Road. Severn Trent had been contacted and they had come back to say it wasn’t their responsibility. Someone called Dan at Shropshire Council had been unable to help. Councillors have received an email from Professor Blunt detailing the problems. Shropshire Council should be carrying out gully emptying shortly in the Parish. Cllr Aldcroft stated that there were flooding problems across the whole of Shropshire and he did not know how Shropshire Council would prioritise their resources. Helen Lightfoot reported that the stream on Dorrington Lane was flooding the road. There were also flooding issues in Watery Lane, Candle Lane, Audlem Road and Pipe Gate. The clerk will write an acknowledgement letter to Professor Blunt.

The Newt barrier at a development in at Irelands Cross is still in place. The clerk to contact Shropshire Council to ask them to contact the developer to get it removed.

It was also reported that parking was an issue on Remembrance Sunday. A wreath was place at the Commonwealth Grave on Monday 11th.

**19171 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2019.**

It was **resolved** to approve these minutes.

**19172 MATTERS ARISING**

In reference to minute 19141 the chairman reported that he had still only received one quote. A full specification will now be drawn up and the work will go out to tender.

**19173 REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

To receive reports concerning the following matters:

1. Victory Hall - Cllr H. Blake

Cllr Blake reported that on December 14th there is a quiz night with a Fish & Chip Supper, tables of 4, bar open, £10 per head. Councillors to consider whether the Parish Council enters a team. The next Community Café is Friday 6th December. It is film night on Saturday with Fisherman’s Friends.

1. Movable and Stationary Vehicle Activated Signs – Cllr M. Blake

Cllr Blake reported that he was now reporting on the number of vehicles that are exceeding the prosecutable speed, i.e. those vehicles travelling at 36 mph or above in the 30 mph zone and those vehicles travelling at 46 mph or above in the 40 mph zone. There were 561 vehicles in this category for the period. New batteries have now been received. Cllr Davies reported that the speed camera had been in the village 6 or 7 times in the last few weeks. A brief discussion took place regarding the use of Speed Guns.

1. Tree and Path Warden – Ms S. Tyson

Flooding has been an issue and have prevented the wardens getting out. Hedges are still an issue and Ms Tyson was going to speak to the owner of the hedge encroaching on the footpath by the Swan Apartments down to Audlem Road.

1. Shropshire Councillor Mr R Aldcroft

Cllr Aldcroft reported that Highways are have organisational problems as have Planning Enforcement due to the large number of new staff and the need for them to get up to speed with their new roles. There has been flooding across Shropshire and he was unsure of how the Council would prioritise dealing with those issues. Market Drayton Festival of Lights in on Saturday 16th November and there would be free parking. Peter Nutting, Leader of the Council had reported that there would be a £9.4m overspend in 2019/20 due to Social Services and this rises to £20m in 2020/21. Cllr Aldcroft also said that some Parishes had asked for their Winter Maintenance Grant so that they could carry out the work directly. He was asked to keep the Council informed of how this progresses.

**19174 PLANNING**

There were no planning applications to discuss this meeting. The application for the Grove discussed previously had been withdrawn. The Audlem road development was then discussed, together with the correspondence with the Planning Officer. The Chairman was informed he had to address his correspondence to Mr Molineux. We still have not had satisfactory answers on the Veterans Tree, the approval of the access condition and the late change in plans. Cllr Aldcroft reported he had had similar frustrations. Cllr Aldcroft was requested to set up a meeting for the Parish Council with the Senior Planning Officers of Shropshire Council regarding the ongoing issues.

**19175 HS2**

1. To receive an update from the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that a meeting with HS2 on mitigations had taken place on 18th October. Shropshire Council had again failed to send a representative other than Cllr. Aldcroft. The meeting was very difficult with HS2 not moving on their position. The proposals are concentrated around the School. HS2 were also frustrated with Shropshire Councils’ non-attendance. The Parish Council is continuing to speak to HS2. The worrying point is that any mitigations agreed between the Parish and HS2 must go to the Highways Authority for final approval. There were going to be 9 passing points along the A525 route and works to junctions. Councillors were asked to look at the mitigations and come back with a response. Of the petitions that have gone into The House of Lords so far, none has resulted in any positive response. Some parish councils were accepting offers from HS2 to drop their petitions. Owen Paterson is potentially in the Village as part of his election campaign.

1. To receive an update from the Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman had sent her apologies and no update was received in time for the meeting.

**19176 STREET LIGHTING**

The clerk provided Councillors with the response he had received from Shropshire. Councillors had reviewed the information and considered that no proof that the parish were responsible for the Street Lights in Leonards Way, Northlands or The Grove had been provided. It was unanimously **resolved** that the Clerk should convey this position to Shropshire and cancel the Direct Debit with Npower.

**19177 SWAN CAR PARK**

To discuss correspondence received in relation to Swan Car Park.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the Parish Council was not interested in purchasing the car park. Anyone enquiring about parking should be referred to Mr Speakman, the owner. The clerk to contact Mr Speakman and advise him of the decision.

**19178 PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND BALANCES**

To receive a report from the Clerk in relation to the budget for 2020/21 and the current level of balances.

A revised budget was presented and the possible expenditure list from 2019/20 was reviewed. Dog Bins were taken off that list, but everything else remains. Cllr Allison had put a proposal on the village green to increase the budget. Councillors were informed of the CIL payment for 202/21 at £35,692. The meeting decided to levy the same level of precept as for 2019/20, to be confirmed at the December PC Meeting.

The clerk was asked to contact Matthew Jones get a detailed breakdown of the CIL payment for 2020/21 by development.

**19179 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

To receive an update from Councillor Davies and the clerk.

Cllr Davies reported that he had been through the suggested policy from SALC and made some amendments that he had passed onto the clerk. The clerk will amend the policy and circulate to Councillors and bring back to the December meeting for adoption. The clerk will also remind Councillors about ensuring any emails or posts were accompanied with a statement stating that any views expressed was their personal views.

**19180 2020 Meeting Dates**

The following dates for 2020 were unanimously **resolved**;

January – No Meeting

February – Monday 10th February 2020

March – Monday 9th March 2020

April – Parish Annual Meeting Monday 13th 2020

May – Parish Council AGM Monday 11th May 2020

June – Monday 8th June 2020

July – Monday 13th July 2020

August – Monday 10th August 2020 – only if required.

September – Monday 14th September 2020

October – Monday 12th October 2020

November – Monday 9th November 2020

December – Monday 14th December 2020 – only if required

**19181 WINTER PLANTING**

To discuss arrangements for winter planting in the Parish.

The Manor Flower bed was discussed and it had it is in poor condition. The clerk will ask Richard White to tidy up the bed. It was agreed that bulbs would be planted in the various beds and residents would be asked if they wanted to adopt a bed. The clerk will contact Westholme’s and ask if they are planting bulbs at Cherry Tree Lane as part of their bulb planting of the barrels.

**19182 CLERK’S REPORTS**

The Clerk reported the following in relation to the progress of resolutions from previous meetings.

TREE HAZARD AUDLEM ROAD - the letter was passed on to Steve Brown at Shropshire Council and they have responded. They have passed it on to the local team to inspect the trees and take action if necessary.

PRIDE AWARDS – we need to need to agree who would lead and agree the process. Cllrs Chell & Higgin agree to work with the Clerk and finalise the entry form for circulation.

FOOTPATH MAP – circulated today.

PLANNING – I wrote to Shropshire about the late changes and have received the response circulated.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL COMPLAINT – I have investigated the process and the only course of action seems to be to write a letter directly to the minister. With the general election now in full swing the letter will have to wait until a new government is appointed.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY – wreath ordered and donation of £50 made to British Legion.

CHRISTMAS TREE – the order for the Christmas Tree has been placed with Mucklestone Nursery ([www.botanyplants.co.uk](http://www.botanyplants.co.uk)) for £30. As this is well below normal sale price they ask that we promote them on our Social Media. Still waiting for Tony Seabridge to come back to me on when he will collect the tree.

CIL PAYMENT – Matthew Jones has confirmed the CIL payment for 2020/21 and it is £35,692.

STREET LIGHTING – See the item on the main agenda.

**19183 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Tit was unanimously **resolved** to approve the following cheques for payment:

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| 1. | B. M. Morris (October) |  |
|  | i Salary (net of income tax of £95.37) | £381.48 |
|  | ii Expenses | £29.83 |
|  | iii Mileage (net of income tax of £2.32) | £35.38 |
|  | Iv Sundry | £57.99 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **£504.68** |
| 2. | HMRC | £97.69 |
| 3. | Richard White (Lengthsman work in October) | £30.00 |
| 4. | Councillor Allison (Printing) | £13.75 |
| 5. | E-On Light Repair (Northlands) | £171.62 |
| 6. | Tony Seabridge (2 months- September & October) | £936.00 |

**19184 CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that all the correspondence received for the period from 8th October 2019 to 4th November 2019 had been forwarded to Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

December 9th and February 10th (both @ 7.30pm)

Signed………………………………………..(Chair)

Dated 9th December 2019