

Clerk to the Council/RFO: Emma Kay
Chairman: Cllr Fred Jones

2 July 2015

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 22 June 2015 in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs Jones, Clarke, Mrs Lewis, Gordon, Keel, Mrs Whittall, Ball, Gouge, Breeze and Mrs Whitmarsh.

In attendance: Mrs Kay – Clerk; Lucy Roberts – Shropshire Council Community Enablement Officer and three members of the public.

FC55.15 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Moraghen (holiday), Cllr Mrs Trickett (work) and Cllr Parkhurst (work).

FC56.15 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST** – There were no declarations beyond those recorded in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Cllr Ball arrived at the meeting at 7.34 pm

FC57.15 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Mr Glossop, a local resident, spoke about the proposed Oakland/Glebefield development. He stated that since the last meeting that the opposition group had received a response to their letter and the Annual Parish Meeting had taken place. He stated that the response had been interesting and felt that the Steering Group's stance had changed since finding out about the Glebefield's playing field status. He assumed that this was not previously known and that the statement that the Sports Council is only a consultee is not true.

He was interested with the comments made by Cllr Malcolm Price at the Annual Parish Meeting and that he seemed surprised over the commercial confidentiality currently being applied to the Steering Group minutes.

Mr Barlow, another local resident, asked why the Glebefield was not used for the Jubilation celebrations. Cllr Mrs Lewis stated that the field was not big enough and did not have access to toilet facilities.

Mr Barlow then asked if the school charged to use their field and Cllr Mrs Lewis confirmed that they were not charged.

Cllr Keel confirmed that he had been in contact with Cllr Price and provided all the detail since 2008. He reiterated that the Parish Council are doing their best on behalf of the Village and representing resident's views at the Steering Group.

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FC58.15 **MINUTES** – It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Whittall, **seconded** by Cllr Mrs Lewis and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015 be accepted as a true record.

FC59.15 **MATTERS ARISING** – The Clerk reported the following matters arising from the Annual Council meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015:

AC07.15m **Dates of Meetings** – The Clerk stated that she had nothing to bring to the scheduled Personnel meeting on 29 June 2015 and suggested it be postponed. Cllr Clarke **proposed**, Cllr Ball **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Personnel meeting be postponed.

AC08.15 **End of Year Accounts** – The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Accounts had been despatched to Mazars in accordance with instructions.

AC09.15 **Review Arrangements for Insurance Cover** – The Clerk reported that the Insurance had been renewed for the coming year. She confirmed that the new tractor was now included.

FC60.15 **CHAIR'S REPORT** – The Chair welcomed councillors to the first meeting with him in the chair, he had little to add other than that he was just in office and finding his feet.

FC61.15 **CLERK'S REPORT** – The Clerk's Report included the following:

Planters on the Parade – The planters are now in place on the parade and the regularity of the watering is being worked out between the Clerk and handymen.

Street Lights – The renewal and repair work to the street lights was now complete, other than a complaint about the angle of one of the lights on Longmeadow which has now been resolved reaction appears to have been good. The invoice has yet to arrive.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank Cllr Clarke for all his efforts with the purchase of the planters, they are receiving a lot of positive feedback from residents.

FC62.15 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE** – Cllr Clarke reported on the following:

Library Service – The Library Service scrutiny was ongoing with an update session having taken place today.

Consultation on the Quarry Swimming Pool – Cllr Clarke reminded councillors about the consultation period on the Shrewsbury swimming pool and encouraged all to take part.

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Planning within Shropshire – Cllr Clarke reported that the working group met last week and that other than having to resolve one or two issues, it was clear from the consultation and the committee that it was important to maintain the three committee system that currently operates in Shropshire.

Oakland/Glebe field Development – He reported that this was ongoing.

FC63.15 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN ALL PAYMENTS** – It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Whittall, **seconded** by Cllr Breeze and **RESOLVED** to authorise the Parish Council to pay the invoices presented to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Whittall queried whether we would be charged by Oakleys for the third call out which should have been avoided by the previous visit, the Clerk confirmed she had spoken to the company and no further invoices would be coming.

Cllr Clarke queried the purchase of a battery charger, the Clerk confirmed it was to replace the drill battery charger because the cable had perished completely.

FC64.15 **PARISH PLAN** – The Clerk explained that she would be taking over as the secretary of the Parish Plan working group and that she had met with the Chair of the working group. She suggested that before any further work was undertaken that the Parish Council needed to make a decision on whether it would go ahead as a Parish Plan or Community Led Plan and introduced Lucy Roberts a Community Enablement Officer from Shropshire Council.

The Clerk stated that her understanding was that the Community Led Plan (CLP) was the replacement for the Parish Plan.

Following a lengthy discussion whereby Lucy Roberts explained that the CLP was now the recommended way of providing community plans, she addressed the individual concerns of councillors and discussed various elements of the working group composition and its role. Work already undertaken at Oakmeadow School was praised and it was agreed that all residents needed to be contacted through the work of the steering group.

Concerns were raised by the amount of extra work that would be generated for the Parish Clerk, she assured councillors that she would only be planning the meetings and taking the minutes. She confirmed that the work of the group was covered by the Parish Council's insurance and that she was happy to action financial transactions but would not be acting as the treasurer.

Further discussion on previous decisions about whether a refresh of the Parish Plan was agreed or a complete new plan ensued resulting in Cllr Mrs Lewis **proposing**, Cllr Gordon **seconding** and it being **RESOLVED** by a majority vote to progress with a Community Led Plan. **1 Abstention.**

Cllr Ball made his apologies and left the meeting at 8.35 pm.

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Cllr Clarke **proposed**, Cllr Mrs Whittall **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's involvement with the steering group was subject to her workload.

FC65.15 **OAKLANDS/GLEBEFIELD DEVELOPMENT BRIEF** – The Clerk opened the discussion by reiterating the importance of the Parish Council remaining involved in the progress of the development brief to ensure that the village gets the best possible benefit from the development. She stated that the sale of the Glebe Field would take place with or without the Parish Council's consent once the lease expires therefore it would be more beneficial to the village to be involved in the plans from the outset.

Cllr Clarke assured attendees that as soon as the drawings have been finalised that the information will be passed on to residents. The involvement of York House had delayed the progress slightly, but the outline plan will be publicised as soon as it is available.

FC66.15 **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING** – The Clerk informed councillors about an application from the Memorial Hall for a contribution towards the costs of producing a charity calendar designed to raise funds towards improvements to the hall. She stated that it did not meet the criteria for a grant and informed the meeting that the total production costs were £800 of which £600 had already been raised.

Cllr Clarke stated that he was the Parish Council's representative on the Memorial Hall Committee.

Cllr Gordon **proposed**, Cllr Mrs Whittall **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that £100 be offered towards the production costs.

FC67.15 **COMMUNITY AWARDS** – Cllr Breeze asked whether the Parish Council had ever had or considered having some form of community awards. He reported that he had seen it in other parishes and seen examples of other communities doing this sort of thing whereby members of the Parish nominate individuals or businesses that have done something of recognition within the Parish.

A discussion about the merits and possible pitfalls ensued, the majority of councillors liked the idea although it was acknowledged that it would need careful management to avoid controversy. Other councils were mentioned where it was working, such as Welshpool. The Chair suggested Cllr Breeze and the Clerk collect some more information for consideration at a future meeting. **Action: Cllr Breeze and Clerk.**

F68.15 **SAMDEV** – The Clerk provided councillors with information on the SAMDev Plan Schedule of Main Modifications and advised them of the consultation period. She reported that there were no modifications required for the Bayston Hill element of the plan.

FC69.15 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES** – Cllr Mrs Whittall **proposed**, Cllr Keel **seconded** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 23 March 2015 be adopted.

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Cllr Clarke advised the meeting that he was gaining some information on the application of barley straw to Parrs Pool. A discussion followed on other options and where the advice came from.

- FC70.15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** - It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Whittall, **seconded** by Cllr Gordon and **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public under LGA 1972 ss 100 (2), so as to discuss Confidential matters.

Meeting closed at 9.04 pm

The members of the public left the meeting at 9.02 pm

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 22 June 2015 in the Memorial Hall following exclusion of the Press and Public

- FC71.15 **MINUTES** - It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Lewis, **seconded** by Cllr Clarke and **RESOLVED** that the confidential minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015 be accepted as a true record.
- FC72.15 **MATTERS ARISING** – There were no matters arising.

Meeting closed at 9.04 pm

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