

Locum Clerk to the Council/RFO: Shaun Jones
Chairman: Cllr Mark Underwood

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on **Monday 19 October 2020** via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Present: Cllrs Underwood (MU), (Chair); Clarke (TC); Clode (CC); Jones (FJ); Whittall (JW); and Parkhurst (AP);

Not Present: Cllr Gouge

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk

67.20/21 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – None**

68.20/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Cllr Whittall declared her interest in the football pitches, which are hired by her son-in-law.

69.20/21 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS –** There were no members of the public present.

70.20/21 **SHROPSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIP –** Allan Wilson – Chair of the Steering Group (Vice-Chair SALC) gave an interesting presentation on the make up and work of SCAP. It is an umbrella organisation taking in long established groups based throughout Shropshire. AW referenced zerocarbonschropshire.org for further background. It is council business by virtue of the Climate Change Act 2008, amended 27th June 2019, setting the target of “net zero” carbon emissions by 2050. The intention is for the UK to play its part in limiting the global rise in temperature to 1.5°C. A copy of the presentation slides will be available for distribution to members. Because of connection issues, TC may have missed some parts of the presentation.

71.20/21 **CHAIR’S REPORT –** MU & TC met with a resident of BH who has a keen interest in encouraging nature in the village, particularly hedgehogs. It was agreed that they will put together a proposal on what steps could be taken. Also, a request for the council to support a grant application. MU agreed to review both and council can decide on the way to move forward. MU attended a Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) webinar on Developing a Communications Strategy. MU accepts we already have a policy in place but there could be some benefit in an overall review, potentially once we have more member seats occupied. MU will put together a summary from the notes he took. MU finally ends his report

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with a request that council formally thanks Tarmac for their kind gesture in supplying 10 tonnes of 40mm scalplings to allow us to undertake some path repair/maintenance work across the piece. **SJ to action.**

- 72.20/21 **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Ted Clarke has little to report since the last council meeting. A minor matter of the tree adjacent to the library (on the other side of the road) has recently been lopped/reduced. Also the long awaited repair/replacement of some street signage in the village may be seeing some action.
- 73.20/21 **MINUTES** – The draft minutes for the Council Meeting held Monday 28th September 2020 are now put to the Council as an accurate record of proceedings. **The motion proposed AP and seconded FJ was passed unanimously.**
- 74.20/21 **POSITIONING PAPER – CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2035** – Just picking up on a point from the presentation by Allan MU notes that Shropshire Council (SC) have a target of being carbon neutral by 2030. There is an argument that maybe BHPC should review their target date of 2035 and possibly align with SC. Mu referenced his published positioning paper. MU looked for feedback from members that can be presented back at a future full council meeting. **All members agreed.** Finally, MU has had a brief discussion with one of the council's preferred suppliers over an energy audit of our buildings. This could feed into plans on how to reduce the CO2 emissions by our activities.
- 75.20/21 **TREE REGENERATION / NEW PLANTING** – MU thanks JW for running with this item. The recent offer of trees to plant was oversubscribed but we can prepare for the next offer, understood to be March 2021 – a good time to plant. JW asked members to all consider where new trees could be planted in BH, primarily in locations the council manages, and report back. MU suggests that SJ and JW review the land assets of BHPC to scope the opportunity to identify planting locations. He also sees this as a rolling planting programme over a number of years, and could include inviting residents to plant a tree too (on land they own). AP made reference to a recent Tree Council email offer of a pack of 25 fruit trees/hedgerow plants (1.5m in height). He thought the Sensory Gardens could be a suitable planting location. **AP to forward the email offer in question.** TC suggests a general “tree condition” inspection be undertaken. **SJ to review what BHPC have done in the past and bring forward recommendation(s).** Also mentioned was the involvement of the Forestry Commission who do have grant schemes too..
- 76.20/21 **CONSULTATIONS** – Does Bayston Hill Parish Council wish to respond ?
See :-
• **CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR SHROPSHIRE** –
<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2020/10/cultural-strategy-consultation/>

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- **COMMUNITY AND RURAL STRATEGY -**

<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2020/10/community-rural-strategy>

Members were in agreement that BHPC would not respond but rather let individuals make their representation should they wish.

77.20/21

CLERK'S ORAL REPORT –

- Accounting record updating has taken up a good amount of time recently.
- Nothing further to report to members at present.

78.20/21

PAYMENTS – The Clerk tabled a list of payments for October for review. For noting of October schedule (having earlier been approved by the Finance Committee), motion **proposed FJ, seconded AP**, the Council were **all in favour**.

79.20/21

TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

- CC was interested in an update on plans for improvements planned for the Pavilion. It was agreed amongst members that this requires capacity in staff cohort to support and should wait for this to come about.
- MU also has a view on encouraging more community minded individuals to join the Parish Council. But it is also a chicken and egg scenario, For now, we will endeavour to get resourced up and properly set before initiating a community campaign.

80.20/21

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - Motion **proposed AP, seconded JW** – It was **unanimously resolved** to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 in order to allow the Council to discuss confidential matters.

81.20/21

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS –

- **Staffing Update –**
 - Staffing Update – MU has no update.
 - Proposal to approve a temporary job – Amenities Administrator – with an internal candidate willing to undertake. A short explanation and discussion took place. It was agreed to make the offer of an initial 3-month appointment with a review. The grade of SCP 7 for 10 hours per week. **Proposed AP, seconded FJ to proceed – All members in favour.**

The meeting closed at 8:16pm

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