

CHURCH PULVERBATC H PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Pulverbatch Parish Council held on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Pulverbatch Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. B. Higgins – Chairman
Cllr. L. Clarkson
Cllr. J. Conde
Cllr. L. Leong
Cllr. P. Taylor
Cllr. P. Whitley

Also Present: Anne Wilson – Parish Clerk
Cllr. D. Morris – Shropshire Councillor

18/2023 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to receive apologies of absence for this meeting from:

- Cllr. D. Taylor – personal commitment

19/2023 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

20/2023 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with The Local Government Act 2000 Part III and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

21/2023 Public Question Time and Participation

There were no members of the public present.

22/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of Church Pulverbatch Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th August 2023.

23/2023 Finance

Members are asked to confirm that the following payments be made:

- 123 Reg – repayment to S. Ryan £14.99
- A. Wilson – salary September – £191.55
- HMRC – September – amount to be confirmed

24/2023 Planning

RESOLVED to note the following:

i) Planning Applications

At the time of writing the agenda there were no applications for consideration.

ii) Applications considered in between meetings:

Non-Material Amendment to planning consent 23/01158/FUL to allow for a change to the approved materials - 2 Hollygrove Cottage Church Pulverbatch Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 8DD

Members had no comments to make on this amendment.

iii) Planning Decisions

- Approved

23/0323/TCA Yew Tree Cottage, Church Pulverbatch
Work to 3 no. Yews (T1-3) and removal of juniper (T4) within Church Pulverbatch Conservation Area

- Refused - There were none.

25/2023 Church Pulverbatch Website

Due to a change in the way Hugo Fox works there will now be a monthly charge to manage the website. The Chairman will update Members at the meeting and Members will be asked to agree a way forward and whether to accept one of three tiers of management of the site.

RESOLVED to confirm the Parish Council would agree to the lowest level of paid support due to the little amount that is posted on the website monthly.

26/2023 546 Pulverbatch Bus Service

Members received the latest update on the 546 Pulverbatch Bus Service.

- There had been delays on the delivery of the vehicles and the electric vehicle too – 1 electric and 4 minibuses
- Shropshire Council were going to book the village hall for a road show about the future of the service, where the aim was to create patronage on the bus
- The new bus service will replace the existing service but not as soon as hoped in the Autumn – the existing bus will not be stopping running
- The new bus service would run concurrently for a month
- Members felt that Shropshire Council had failed to communicate with the residents about the service changes to date – they had never seen anyone on the buses asking the users about what they need or want so how do they know peoples; travel plans
- The funding of the service is secure until the end of March 2024
- The new bus fare would be £2 per trip or you can buy in bulk or family tickets

- The bus would go to Aldi as well as the normal route but how it works is not known
- Could they put information in the Parish Magazine?

Cllr. Morris gave his Shropshire Councillor report:

- Surface dressing was taking place on the Mount Road to Inglefield as well as the Plealy Junction Forge to Pulver Road Crossroads will be done in this financial year
- In the wider Shropshire Council, there is an agreement with Powys CC, Monmouthshire, Herefordshire – a memorandum of understanding when applying for government funding for larger projects
- Pyrolysis – a green energy plant will be built in either Ludlow, Shrewsbury or Bridgnorth where 35% of what is made is used to run the plant and the remainder is green energy
- Andrew Cherrington won a bi-election in September
- There is a bi-election in Alveley and Claverley following the resignation of the local member in that area – 19th October 2023
- A new 201 pupil school with a SENDS class for 25 pupils out of the 210 pupils is to be built in Bowbrook
- There is a new bridge being installed at Mole End
- The Art Galleries in Shropshire are in the top 10% of attractions on a Trip Advisor Travellers Choice vote

27/2023 Castle Pulverbatch Severn Trent Works

Members were invited to make any comments or raise any concerns about the works or the way in which they are/have been carried out.

There was concern raised about the difficulties of the buses turning as it has to turn at the main road junction and the school bus had been witnessed backing up all the way through the village. It was suggested that a smaller bus was used during these works and that signage or a barrier be put in place.

28/2023 State of the roadside on Pulverbatch Bank (the road from Bishops Castle)

The Chairman gave a report on the state of the roadside on Pulverbatch Bank. The verge and hedgerow are overgrown on both sides going in either direction and it was thought that no maintenance had taken place for 2-3 years. Lorries were struggling to pass now.

RESOLVED that Paul would identify the land owners and report back to Cllr. Morris.

29/2023 Donation to Longden CE School Members were asked to consider whether the Parish Council would consider making a donation to Longden C of E School, who are looking to find £20,000 as their share of £250,000 bill to reroof the school.

RESOLVED that any decision be deferred until the Parish Clerk receive a response to the query, she had submitted about supporting schools in this way.

30/2023 Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme

Members were asked to note the information on the Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme and make any comments. Information on the Community Tree Scheme had been circulated to Members by e mail. Members felt that they were not sure there was any capacity to plant many more trees on the Knapp and reminded those present that they had planted Jubilee and Coronation trees adjacent to the Village Hall.

31/2023 Possible work on The Knapp

Members were asked to consider possible work on The Knapp being to be funded by the Margaret Perkins Charity. The seeds had been planted with the charity and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

31/2023 SALC Shrewsbury Area Committee

Members were asked to note that this meeting has been postponed until the 19th October 2023 to enable the results of the Boundary Commission Review to be available for the meeting.

Members noted that the Parish Clerk was attending the SALC AGM.

32/2023 D-Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024

Members noted that the Anniversary of D-Day is in June 2024 and considered whether they would like to commemorate it or have any ideas as to how the parish could get involved. The Village Hall Committee would be consulted about possibilities.

The Parish Clerk read a report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and Members noted that the Village Hall funds are healthy.

Community Speed Watch reported that last week two were speeding, no one the day before the meeting and three on the day of the meeting.

33/2023 Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED to note that the date of the next meeting of Church Pulverbatch Parish Council will be held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Signed **Date**

Chairman