

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 17 March 2022 at Cound Moor Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors T Roberts, R Davies, S Green, S James, J Hall, B Howarth, R Sartain, S Scott, and Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also present: Three members of the public

108.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Symonds. The reason given was accepted by the Council.

109.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

110.21 Public Participation Session - *a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak, with a strict 5-minute limit per speaker. Members of the public may speak on matters appearing on the agenda. However, if a matter does not appear on the agenda, a written request should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2 working days before the meeting.*

- Mrs Mandie Mulloy introduced herself to the Council and explained that she lived in one of properties forming a small cluster next to the Riverside Inn. The residents were becoming increasingly concerned about speeding on the A458 and whilst she appreciated that the Council was unable to consider this again until six months after it resolved to close the matter in November 2021, she hoped that once it was able to do so, that due consideration be given to uniting with Berrington and Cressage Parish Councils to present a case to Shropshire Council for putting in some speed reduction measures.
- Mr Stephen Crack spoke briefly on general safety/accessibility of stiles on public rights of way within the parish. He advised that on 8 February 2022 Natural England with the backing of the government, had released a policy document recommending that old style wooden stiles should be replaced with something more suitable for people with disabilities or age-related mobility issues. Mr Crack said that whilst he appreciated that stiles are a part of the British landscape, the countryside is there for all of our enjoyment and he would like the Parish Council to consider formally approaching Shropshire Council's footpaths officer to see what can be done, in conjunction with landowners, to facilitate better access for all.

Councillor Davies responded that he had been contacted by Shropshire Council who had come out to inspect the stiles on his land. All stiles, apart from one, had been deemed acceptable. The one by the metal gate needs replacing as it is a “bit worn”. Shropshire Council will be doing this next week. Height-wise there are no issues with any of the stiles. Councillor Davies said he was “not obliged to have kissing gates or dog gates in his stiles” and Shropshire Council cannot enforce this as it is at the landowner’s discretion.

The Chairman thanked both members of the public for their presentations. Mr Crack left the meeting.

111.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 January 2022 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 24 February 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting on 20 January 2022 had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Davies and
resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 January 2022 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 24 February 2022 had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Hall and
resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24 February 2022 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly.

112.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20 January 2022

- a) Clerk applied to Shropshire Council for a precept of £6,756 before the 28 January deadline.
- b) Environmental Maintenance Contract re-advertised on website. Contract was awarded at the extraordinary meeting held on 24 February 2022.

113.21 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor and/or Safer Neighbourhood Team (West Mercia Police)

Nobody from the SNT was able to attend.

Councillor Wild reported the following:

- a) Ukraine – amazing generosity and compassion was being shown by people in the county towards the Ukrainian refugees. One person had that day offered up their home annexe to Shropshire Council to house refugees. Shropshire Council will be playing their part in helping out.
- b) Covid – cases had doubled in the county last week and were rising rapidly. If you have symptoms and get a positive lateral flow test then you should also go and have a PCR test at the Shropshire Council carpark opposite The White Horse on London Road. This ensures that figures are accurately recorded.
- c) Cound Arbour Bridge – Gurnek Singh was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting but

had sent through a proposed drawing of the temporary experimental road layout trial which the Councillors studied and agreed on the feedback to send to Mr Singh.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to Mr Singh (with a marked-up drawing) saying that the Parish Council would prefer that the water-filled barriers were dispensed with, and reflective bollards used in their stead (or even painting the road itself). A concrete block should be positioned at the north-east corner of the bridge (on the A458 side) to protect the bridge. The desired signage is the one that states "Oncoming vehicles in middle of road".

114.21 Update on the finalised scheme for the Cound Arbour Bridge work

Unfortunately, Shropshire Council's Engineering Services and Bridges Manager had been unable to make this meeting, but the temporary experimental road layout trial had been fully discussed in 113.21 above.

115.21 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 13 March 2022 and confirmed that the defibrillators were ready to use as and when required.

116.21 Guildhall Matters

Councillor Sartain had nothing to report.

117.21 Current Year Financial matters

a) Payments

Authorised payments for February and March 2022 from Treasurer's Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
17/03/2022	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses February/March	£ 97.37
17/03/2022	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary February/March	£ 460.96
17/03/2022	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary February/March	£ 115.20
17/03/2022	CMVH	Hire fee for 4 meetings – Cound Moor	£ 100.00
17/03/2022	SALC	Chairmanship Skills Training - Tim Roberts	£ 75.00
TOTAL			£ 848.53

It was proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Hall and

resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 13 March 2022

The bank was reconciled at £5,425.14, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Councillor Roberts.

118.21 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 21/04012/FUL

Address: Riverside Cottage Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF

Description: Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and new dormer structure to be formed in existing bedroom

Validated: 16 Aug 2021

Status: Withdrawn

b) Ref: 21/05839/DIS

Address: Yew Tree Cottage Upper Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AS

Description: Discharge of Condition 3 (External Materials) for planning application number 19/02585/FUL and conditions 9 (Brick Bonding Material) and 12 (External Materials) for planning application number 19/02586/LBC

Validated: 15 Dec 2021

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration:

a) Ref: 21/04640/FUL

Address: Evenwood Cottage Cound Moor Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BE

Description: Erection of new dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling (whilst retaining the existing annex building to the rear)

Validated: 11 Oct 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

No objections nor comments were recorded on any of the above planning applications.

119.21 Correspondence

- Email from parishioner raising concerns about speeding on A458. Unable to put as an agenda item for 6 months following the Parish Council resolving in November 2021 to close the matter. Parishioner had spoken to this in the public participation session.

ACTION: Clerk to put speeding on A458 on May's agenda.

- Email from local resident regarding stiles on public right of way in parish. Parishioner had spoken to this in the public participation session. Councillor Howarth had advised that we need to be aware of the legal position regarding this and that we should discuss the disability regulations at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to put accessibility of stiles on May's agenda.

- Email from parishioner regarding drains at Upper Cound - bottom of Golding/Acton Piggott Lane. Councillor Wild had dealt with this asking the relevant person at Shropshire Council to get the drains jetted.
- Email from consultant working for Shropshire Council asking for confirmation that the Parish Council's stance on Golding Lane remains as in the letter to the ROW Mapping & Enforcement Manager on 19/09/20. A discussion took place on this matter and the conclusion was that due to a change in the membership of the Parish Council and new evidence presented by two current councillors, there was no longer unanimous support for the claim that the lane running from Golding Hall to Pitchford has always been a private drive, not a public right of way.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to the consultant advising of the current situation.

- Email from Councillor Symonds confirming that the “Don’t Lose Your Way” deadline for registering historic paths has been abolished.

120.21 To consider adding a defibrillator for Cound Park into the Parish defibrillator scheme

Councillor Howarth explained that the general consensus amongst the residents of Cound Park is to have a defibrillator in that area as it would be difficult for them to access the other two defibrillators in the parish. Currently raising funds in order to achieve this but would like for the defibrillator to become part of Cound’s existing scheme. It would be advantageous to all for there to be a third defibrillator in the parish.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Sartain and

resolved (without opposition)

that a defibrillator, to be sited in Cound Park, be accepted into the parish defibrillator scheme for monitoring and maintenance purposes.

ACTION: Clerk to apply to the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust for a community defibrillator.

121.21 To consider commemoration for The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Consideration was given to a variety of options for commemorating The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. One suggestion was to replace the cherry tree at the War Memorial that had been one of a pair planted in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, but it has since died. It was agreed that this should be replaced as originally intended and not as a commemoration for The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. After much debate it was agreed that the best idea was an information board providing history of Cound Arbour Bridge, sited at the War Memorial, and dedicated to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

ACTION: Councillor Scott to organise a replacement cherry tree with Harley Nursery. Councillor Roberts to view similar information boards at Acton Burnell Castle and Cantlop Bridge and contact Ironbridge Gorge Museum for advice/costings.

122.21 Minor matters not included elsewhere on agenda and future agenda items

None

123.21 Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7.30pm at The Guildhall, Cound followed immediately afterwards by the Annual Meeting of Cound Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 26 May 2022