

# COUNDRY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30pm ON 18th JULY 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL COUNDRY

**Present:** Parish Councillors T Roberts, L Clutterbuck, R Davies, S Green, J Hall, S. James, R Sartain, M Smith, Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

**Clerk:** Kathy Symonds

### 26.19 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor S Scott (Chairman). The reason given was accepted by the Council. In his absence Councillor Tim Roberts (Vice-Chairman) acted as Chairman for the meeting.

### 27.19 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) Councillor J Hall declared an interest in agenda item 37.19/2a
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

### 28.19 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

No members of the public present and no Parish Matters raised

Sgt Ram Aston and a colleague from the 'We Don't Buy Crime' Force of West Mercia Police attended the meeting for item 29.19.

### 29.19 Smartwater security marking scheme

Sgt Aston presented the Smartwater Protected Village scheme.

- The scheme started in 2015 and has been very successful in reducing 'acquisitive crime', i.e. theft and burglaries, across Shropshire and in other parts of the country
- The West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion provides 25% funding to local councils towards the purchase of Smartwater for an area
- Smartwater is a water-based solution with a unique forensic code. It is invisible to the naked eye but can be seen under UV light. A small amount applied to an item and left to dry 'marks' that property.
- Each bottle of Smartwater is unique. Marking property with Smartwater enables the police/Smartwater to specifically identify the owner of any stolen property and therefore return it.
- By becoming a 'We Don't Buy Crime' area, every household in Cound would have the opportunity to mark their possessions free of charge
- The initial cost to the parish council would be £8.90 (plus recoverable VAT) per household/kit. Upon 70% registered take up by residents a 25% discount (i.e. £2.22 per kit) would be recoverable by the council. The net cost per household would therefore be £6.68 per household/kit.
- 70% registered take up also triggers installation of free signage for an area displaying a West Mercia 'We don't buy crime' logo with the captions 'Thieves beware' and 'Smartwater in this area'. Evidence shows that burglars regard Smartwater areas as 'no-go' zones. Smartwater 'outscores' all other forms of crime deterrent.

- Smartwater kits at a minimum of 80% of households in the Parish must be purchased to start the scheme

The Chairman thanked Sgt Aston and his colleague for the presentation, and they left the meeting. A discussion took place following which

**It was proposed** by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Sartain and **resolved (without opposition)** to fund and implement Smartwater for the parish.

**ACTION** Clerk to feed the decision back to Sgt Aston and liaise with him to complete the application forms.

### **30.19 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

**Resolved (without opposition)**

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2019 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

### **31.19 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 16 May 2019**

#### **a) Update on 'speeding traffic' in Upper Cound ref 101.18**

Cllr James has maintained communication with Sue Sheddon (CrossHouses and Atcham Speedwatch) and has been invited to training which he will attend at a later date.

There is a new Area Co-ordinator (Mark) and Cllr James is seeking his details.

Adnan (West Mercia Police) supplied Cllr James with a small number of wheelie bin stickers which have yet to be distributed. The proposal is to write a brief article for Village Life and manually insert the stickers into the booklet for those residents who live along the stretch of road raised as a concern.

Cllr James raised the effectiveness of the stickers as our bin collection is fortnightly and most of the residents store their bin off the road and away from sight. However, the choice should be left to the residents to choose whether to affix the sticker to their bin.

In regard to the Speedwatch initiative:

- Most cars appear to speed (not known if cars are exceeding 30).
- The frequency of cars remains low - compared to Cross Houses or Atcham currently utilising the Speedwatch scheme.
- The speed of vehicles coming into the village either from the Coundmoor direction or up from the Tennis Courts is of highest concern, essentially the 'accelerate' and 'decelerate' zones. The highway signs (children playing sign) may help.
- Decision needed on whether we lodge a formal enquiry with the Speedwatch Co-ordinator regarding the speeding issue.

The enquiry (if accepted) would initiate a process whereby a device would be placed to monitor traffic, an assessment would be done to determine if there are safe areas for volunteers to monitor speeding and 6 volunteers would be trained on the monitoring equipment

**Cllr James' recommendation** (which was unanimously supported by the Council) was to explore other options with the Speedwatch Co-ordinator rather than initiating a Speedwatch enquiry at this time.

**b) Issues re speeding traffic and lack of visibility around the Tennis Club**

Councillor Sartain outlined proposals from the Tennis Club which would slow the progress of children and adults approaching the road and heighten their awareness. The gates on the hard tennis courts are to be moved 2 metres away from the road, a barrier will be installed and the hedge will be cut at an angle to improve visibility of both pedestrians and road traffic.

Councillor Wild confirmed that no planning permission is required to change the gates.

**32.19 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor**

- Councillor Wild had attended the Local Plan Strategic Site meeting at Ironbridge. 1,000 new houses are planned for the site which will impact on the whole of the local area. The plans include a new school, a medical centre and park and ride scheme. Details can be found at [www.ironbridgeregeneration.co.uk](http://www.ironbridgeregeneration.co.uk).
- The re-working of road access on Cound Arbour bridge is to go into the capital program in the next few years.

**33.19 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period**

Councillor Roberts presented the audit check for the period up to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. There were no issues to report.

The defibrillators are now registered with 'The Circuit - the National Defibrillator Network', linking the defibrillators with the West Midlands Ambulance Service. The Circuit is being rolled out across all ambulance services country-wide.

The defibrillator pads run out of date in Feb 2020. The cost for two replacement pairs will be £150 which will be included in next years precept.

**34.19 To receive report re Cound Guildhall matters**

- Councillor Roberts has stepped down as Chairman of Cound Guildhall after over 15 years service. The Parish Council expressed thanks and gratitude to Councillor Roberts for his long and dedicated service.
- Councillor Rex Sartain is the new Chairman.
- The new kitchen at the Guildhall is progressing well, largely being installed by volunteers
- The kitchen cost is nearly £20,000 in total including re-roofing, a new floor and dry lining, replacement electrics and new equipment including a new dishwasher
- Councillor Sartain said that there had been a massive amount of effort put in on the kitchen project by several people, but particularly by Councillor Roberts. This is greatly appreciated by the Trustees and by the community generally.
- Councillor Sartain said that the Guildhall Committee is looking at a mid-term strategy to get more utilisation of the Guildhall facility. Sub-committees have been set up to consider that and to look at how to attract more funds.

### 35.19 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported some of the activities she had been involved in since the last meeting and on-going work:

Since last meeting:

- Minutes and admin from last meeting
- Regular correspondence, bank, bank recs, payments, etc.
- Arranged insurance for 2019/20
- Contacted Gurnek Singh re painting of the other side of the bridge
- Prepared and posted notices for exercise of public rights to inspect records
- Updated website with all accounts/AGAR related paperwork for 2018/19
- Submitted Annual return to external auditors (accepted)
- Submitted application for EMG for 2019/20 (grant now received)

### 36.19 Current Year Financial matters

- a) To approve outstanding accounts for payment

#### **COUND PARISH COUNCIL**

##### **Authorised Payments for June/July 19 from Treasurers' Account**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
18/07/2019	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's net pay June/July 18	359.00
18/07/2019	HMRC	PAYE re June/July Clerk's salary	89.80
18/07/2019	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's expenses June/July 19	21.86
18/07/2019	Hutchinson Groundcare	May/June Highways Contract	294.20
<b>Total</b>			<b>764.86</b>

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

**Resolved (without opposition)**

**that the above accounts be approved for payment.**

#### **b) Bank reconciliation to 12 July 19**

The bank was reconciled at £8,896.11, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. Of this, 'ring-fenced' cash was £294.37 relating to the Transparency Code funding. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by the acting Chairman.

## 37.19 Planning

### 1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref 19/02053/FUL

Address: 62 Upper Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AS

Proposal : Erection of detached single garage and garden store

Status: Permission granted 17 June 2019

b) Ref: 19/01474/FUL

Address: 2 Golding Acton Pigott Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7HJ

Proposal: Erection of a field shelter and store

Status: Permission granted 27 May 2019

c) Ref: 19/00476/DIS

Address: The Old Rectory, Cound, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6EW

Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Details of External Materials) on Planning Permission for the erection of single storey timber orangery to rear

Status: Discharge approved 15 May 2019

### 2. Planning applications for consideration

a) Ref: 19/02283/FUL

Validated: 22 May 2019

Address: Hopyard Cottage Cound Moor Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BB

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension

Status: Pending consideration

*Subsequently rejected 15 July 2019*

b) Ref: 19/02585/FUL

Validated: 10 June 2019

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

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension; addition of pitched roof over rear flat roof; removal of front gable and insertion of rooflights

Status: Pending consideration

c) Ref: 19/02586/LBC

Validated: 13 June 2019

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

Proposal: Works to include the removal of front gable, works to rear gable, insertion of rooflights; addition of pitched roof; works to facilitate the erection of single storey rear extension; internal alterations

Status: Pending consideration

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

## 38.19 Correspondence

- Road closure from Cound Arbour bridge to the Cound Mill turning on the A458 5/8-23/8 for work on drainage. Diversion in place, access for residents maintained.
- Environmental Maint Grant 2019/20 received, being £578 = 50% of cost

- Gurnek Singh's report on Cound Arbour Bridge - forwarded to Councillors 27/06/19
- Message re painting of Cound Arbour bridge - low priority but will be done at some point
- External auditors acceptance of 2018/19 exemption certificate

#### **39.19 Future Agenda Items**

a) Purchase of new Poppy Wreath

b) Councillor Hall asked the Clerk to contact the Clerk of Cressage Parish Council regarding the overhanging bushes in a private garden at the bottom of Shore Lane on the right hand side approaching the A458 which were blocking visibility.

*Clerk has actioned*

#### **40.19 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 September 2019 at 7.30pm at The Guildhall, Cound.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_