

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30pm ON 16th JANUARY 2020 AT COUNDMOOR VILLAGE HALL

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

Clerk: Kathy Symonds

75.19 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor S James. The reason given was accepted by the Council.

76.19 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

77.19 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

No members of the public present.

78.19 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 November 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

Resolved (without opposition)

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 November 2019 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

79.19 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21 November 2019

a) **Cound Arbour Bridge - Min ref 49.19 & 61.19**

The bridge repair had been re-scheduled to start on 27th January. The road would be closed to traffic which would be diverted via Cound Stank.

b) **75th anniversary of VE Day - Min ref 65.19**

No plans in place yet. Councillor Sartain said the Guildhall would consider what might be appropriate. Carry forward to next meeting agenda.

c) **Smartwater Ref 29.19, 50.19 & 67.19**

The Smartwater rollout had been very well received by householders. The majority of kits were handed out at the Guildhall general election polling station on 12th December.

The 70% saturation point of households has been exceeded. This entitles the Parish to free signage provided by and put in place in conjunction with the 'We Don't Buy Crime' (WDBC) unit of West Mercia Police. Councillor Roberts circulated a map showing where the signs might go to get best coverage in the Parish. He will liaise with the Clerk and WDBC to get the signs erected as soon as possible. A few more signs may be required over and above the ones supplied free by WDBC.

It was proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Clutterbuck and

Resolved (without opposition) that up to £200 more could be spent on signage before the next meeting if considered necessary to get adequate coverage around the Parish.

d) Internal Audit - ref 70.19

Councillor Sartain had been in touch with SALC regarding the possibility of securing a free of charge Internal Auditor for 2020/21. This would save the Parish Council £125 per annum, 65pence per household. It was noted that an Internal Auditor does not have to be specially qualified, but must be suitably knowledgeable, competent and independent. Cllr Sartain had had some contact from people interested in taking on the role.

The Chairman asked for this item to be carried forward to the July 2020 agenda which would allow time for due consideration for the 2020/21 internal auditor selection.

80.19 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Wild had asked again for the potholes at Fulway to be mended. The road is deteriorating and the potholes are now deep and dangerous. Cllr Hall had met John Bellis, the Shropshire Highways Floodwater Manager, and shown him where the problems are. The issue is being attended to.

81.19 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts presented the audit check for the period up to 15th January 2020. There were no issues to report.
New defibrillator pads would be purchased in the next four weeks, as previously approved.

82.19 Update on roll out of Smartwater

See 79.19c above.

83.19 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.
- Support and liaison with WDBC on Smartwater rollout
- Budget and precept preparation 2020/21

To do:

- Submit precept application before 31 Jan 19
- Prepare for year end

84.19 To consider the appointment of Highways Maintenance Contractor for 2020/21

The Hutchinson Groundcare quotation for next year included a 2% increase. Councillors agreed that this was reasonable. Councillors commended his work and dedication and proposed his reappointment without reservation.

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

Resolved (without opposition) to re-appoint Hutchinson Groundcare as the Highways Maintenance contractor for 2020/21

85.19 Current Year Financial matters

a) To approve outstanding accounts for payment

Authorised Payments for Dec 19/Jan 20 from Treasurers' Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
17/01/2020	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's net pay Dec 19/Jan 20	359.00
17/01/2020	HMRC	PAYE re Dec/Jan Clerk's salary	89.80
17/01/2020	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's expenses Dec 19/Jan 20	20.96
17/01/2020	Hutchinson Groundcare	Nov 19 Highways Contract	153.60
17/01/2020	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection fee	40.00
Total			663.36

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

Resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 10 January 2020

The bank was reconciled at £4,898.76, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. Of this, 'ring-fenced' cash was £119.05 relating to the Transparency Code funding. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

c) Projected year end accounts 2019/20 and budget/precept 2020/21

The Clerk presented a schedule showing comparisons of budgeted and actual receipts and payments for the current year and a suggested budget for the next financial year. As last year the budget and precept requirement assumed that Shropshire Council will award an Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG) to the Parish. The proposal was to leave the precept at the same level as the two previous years at £5,756. The projected reserves at the end of 2020/21 on that basis were £4,598, being approx. 10 months expenditure at 2020/21 levels. This was regarded as a necessary 'safe level' to cover for eventualities such as the EMG being withdrawn.

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

Resolved (without opposition)

That the precept for 2020/21 be set at £5,756.

Action: Clerk to submit a request to Shropshire Council for a precept of £5,756 for 2020/21

86.19 Planning

Planning

1. Decisions to note:

- a) Ref: 19/03893/FUL
Address Dingle View, Cound Moor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 6AY
Proposal: Construction of outdoor riding arena.
Status Granted Permission - 7th January 2020
- b) Ref: 19/05387/DIS
Address: White Goose Barn, 4A Cound Moor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6BB
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 3 (Tree and Hedgerow Protection), 4 (Exterior Colour), 5 (Car Parking and Turning Area), 7 (Bat and Bird Boxes) and 8 (Lighting) attached to Planning Permission 18/04845/FUL
Validated date: 11th December 2019
Status: Discharge conditions part approved 6th January 2020
- c) Ref: 18/04845/FUL
Address: Proposed dwelling to the south of 4 Cound Moor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
Proposal: Erection of an affordable dwelling and formation of vehicular access
Validated: 6th Nov 2018
Statuses: Approved 26 November 2019

2. Planning applications for consideration

- a) Ref: 19/05357/FUL
Address Cound Arbor House, Cound, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6AF
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension including first floor balcony
Status Pending Consideration
Validated date 09 Dec 2019
- b) Ref: 19/05483/FUL
Address The Riverside Inn, Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF
Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, re-fenestration of conservatory, creation of decked area and patio, internal and external alterations associated with refurbishment, installation of new sewage treatment plant
Status Pending Consideration
Validated date 18 Dec 2019
- c) Ref: 19/05484/FUL
Address The Riverside Inn, Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF
Proposal: Works to facilitate the erection of single storey side and rear extensions; re-fenestration of existing conservatory; landscaping works; internal and external alterations associated with refurbishment
Status Pending Consideration
Validated date 18 Dec 2019

No objections or comments were raised on the above planning applications.

87.19 Correspondence

- * Received confirmation that the Cound 'phone box is not currently on the list of BT removals - N.B. This is despite the notice in the box saying it is.

88.19 Future Agenda Items

None put forward other than noted above.

89.19 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March 2020 at 7.30pm at Coundmoor Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Signed by Chairman: _____

Date: _____