ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th of February 2023 in the Pavilion, Daddlebrook Road, Alveley, including an Open Forum, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Haddon, Cllr P Barker, Cllr I Jakeman, Cllr C Brown, Cllr C Taylor, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr S Potter, Cllr P Whale and Cllr V Voysey.

In Attendance: Clerk - Mrs C Martin

119/22 Chairman's Welcome, Announcements and Open Forum

120/22 Present, apologies or absent.

Apologies have been received from Cllr R Narburgh.

121/22 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests or requests for Dispensations

Cllr Potter declared a pecuniary interest in item 132/22 and will took no part.

122/22 To approve the Minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd January 2023.

The Council reviewed the minutes. Cllr Jakeman proposed to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting held on the 3^{rd of} January 2023, the motion was seconded by Cllr Whale, and agreed by the Council unanimously.

123/22 Parish Matters

(i) Refurbishment of parking area at Cooks Cross

The Clerk told Cllrs that she and the Chairman had met on site with MJP Groundworks who had promised to provide a quote within the current week. Star Tarmacking had rescheduled their visit also for the current week. There had been no response from Kier so other contractors were being approached.

(ii) Website

The Clerk told Cllrs that there were still several pages to be created for the new website but it would be ready for presentation and approval fairly soon.

124/22 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr Lynch was not in attendance at this meeting.

125/22 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

22/05673/LBC – The Council agreed unanimously that they had no objections to this application subject to the conditions.

23/00208/FUL – After lengthy discussion Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Jakeman, that the Council does not object but does have concerns over the increased size of the development. Cllrs agreed unanimously.

23/00242/OHL – The Council discussed the application and does not have any objections to the planning application. Proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr J Taylor Cllrs agreed unanimously that they had no objection.

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- a) Planning Applications received since the agenda closed for Council to make recommendations to Shropshire Council
 None received.
- b) Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council 22/03792/FUL The Council noted the decision.
 22/04931/FUL The Council noted the decision.
 22/03792/FUL The Council noted the decision.
 22/04822/FUL The Council noted the decision.
 22/04771/DIS The Council noted the decision.
- c) Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council since the agenda closed None received.

To note

- i. Other planning matters for information only to note:
 - A planning enforcement case has been received but cannot be included in the agenda as it is confidential.
 - Press and public were excluded, and Council went into confidential session. Cllrs noted information in respect of the enforcement case. Council then resumed formal session.

126/22 Training and Development

Cllrs discussed the Training and Development Plan. Cllr Jakeman seconded by Cllr Barker proposed accepting the plan. Council agreed unanimously.

127/22 Community Award Scheme

The Chairman had previously brought the Community Award scheme to the attention of Cllrs via email. For those who hadn't joined the email discussion she outlined the basic idea and how other Councils presented it. The response was very positive and it was decided that a trial event would be included at the Annual Parish meeting. Cllrs Brown and Voysey were given delegated authority to supervise the project which was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Barker and accepted unanimously.

128/22 Village Planters

Cllrs briefly discussed maintenance of the Village planters and it was agreed that 3 Cllrs would be responsible for overall upkeep and for finding volunteers for future help.

129/22 Planter Plaque

Cllr Barker asked Council to consider an inscribed sandstone plaque for the memorial planter as this could be securely fixed and less attractive for theft. Cllr Haddon was tasked with organising the project with a budget of £200.00. Proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Jakeman this was agreed unanimously.

130/22 Coronation Picnic

After a short discussion the Council agreed in principle to a donation towards the Coronation picnic. The ARA treasurer will be asked to forward invoices of relevant expenses to the Clerk, after the event, for ClIrs to decide on an amount.

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131/22 CCTV

Cllr Dowson told Cllrs that no final conclusion had been reached in respect of this project but the working group would meet to prepare a formal report as soon as possible.

132/22 FINANCIAL REPORTS – attached in appendix One

(i) Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed by the Council including the schedule of payments. Cllr Jakeman proposed to accept the schedule of payments alongside the financial report, this motion was seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed unanimously by the Council. Cllrs Jakeman and Brown reviewed the schedule of payments to the receipts/invoices alongside the bank reconciliation and confirmed to the Council that they are correct.

(ii) January Finance meeting recap

The Chairman summarised the main points/outcomes from the financial meeting held in January for the councillors who were unable to attend the previous meeting. Given the concerns which the Council is likely to face from both internal and external auditors the RFO has asked that prior to the next meeting ClIrs will have looked at the Forward Plan for 23/24 and formed suggestions for items which should be added or removed. They should also have suggestions for initiatives or projects for the immediate reduction of funds. Minutes:

The minutes of the January Finance meeting were reviewed and Cllr Barker proposed that they were an accurate record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Brown and the minutes were accepted unanimously by the Council.

133/22 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Forward Plan Projects & Initiatives Neighbourhood Plan

134/22 To Confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 in the Pavilion, Daddlebrook Road, Alveley, commencing at 7.30 pm, to include an Open Forum.

Meeting closed at 21.06.