

ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 in the Arden Centre Alveley commencing at 8.10pm.

193. PRESENT

Cllr. Mr. K. R. Stanton (Chairman), Cllr. Ms. P. M. Barker, Cllr. Mrs. J. M. Hall, Cllr. Miss I. D. Jakeman, Cllr. Mr. R. J. Narburgh, Cllr. Mr. C. D. Noble, Cllr. Mrs. S. L. Potter, Cllr. Mrs. A. Preece, Cllr. Mr. B. A. Punchard, Cllr. Mr. P. D. Thompson and Cllr. Mr. F.D. Voysey

194. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. D. H. Rawlinson (Clerk), Cllr. Mrs. T. Woodward (Shropshire Councillor and four residents.

195. OPEN FORUM

In accordance with Standing Order 3.e. the Chairman allowed two contributions as follows:

Planning Application 19/00552/FUL

Two residents spoke in opposition to this planning application. One argued that the proposal, if approved, would set a precedent for future development in the Green Belt. The other disputed some of the evidence in the Design and Access Statement which supports the application.

Planning Application 19/01025/FUL

Cllr. Thompson advised that, although this application was for up to nineteen sheds, only five or six would be erected, and that the development, if approved, would neaten the allotment area.

196. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

197. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr. Mr. F.D. Voysey declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 8.1 in relation to planning application 19/00552/FUL.

Cllr. Mr. P.D. Thompson declared a personal interest in item 8.1 in relation to planning application 19/01025/FUL.

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198. MINUTES -

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 were a true and accurate record.

199. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS

1. Highways - condition of road surfaces – there were no written reports.
Cllr. Narburgh reported that the road at Tuckhill was in poor condition.
2. Public rights of way – Cllr. Thompson provided an update on the Lake House Project, advising that gates have now been erected and that remaining obstructions will be cleared when the weather permits. He also reported that he was working in collaboration with Cllr. Mrs. Woodward and Tim Simmonds to produce a detailed action plan for rights of way.
3. Environmental matters – none.
4. Romsley Matters – none.
5. Matters brought to the attention of the Council not requiring a decision.
Cllr. Voysey advised that he had received a complaint about the bus shelter by the Old Chapel, which was claimed to be uncomfortable and to provide poor protection from the weather.
The Chairman advised that the problems with locating information on the Parish Council website were being addressed following a meeting of the Task and Finish Group.

200. CALENDAR OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2019/20 MUNICIPAL YEAR – the changes to the dates of the June and July meetings recommended by the Clerk were **agreed** and the draft calendar as amended was **approved**.

201 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT – the Clerk reminded Councillors that the first application is under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, for which there an approved budget of £1,000 in 2019/20. The second is covered by Section 19 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976, and, if supported, would be a call on an approved budget of £500.

1. BRIDGNORTH CRUCIAL CREW – the Clerk advised that a grant of £150 was being sought and that £140 had been awarded in 2018. It was confirmed that Crucial Crew was an activity for Year 6 pupils only, so that

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there was no question of the grant discriminating against any pupil. It was therefore **agreed** to award a grant of £150 to Bridgnorth Crucial Crew.

2. SEVERN VALLEY PARK RUN – the Clerk advised that a grant of £750 was being sought. There was support for the project's aims of promoting health and wellbeing. It was noted that 'Park Run' is a national initiative, with funding controlled centrally, and that some of the participants in the local Park Run would come from outside the village. After discussion, Cllr. Voysey proposed a grant of £250 and this was seconded by Cllr. Miss Jakeman. Cllr. Noble proposed an amendment to change the grant award to £100 and this was seconded by Cllr. Ms. Barker. The amendment was carried by 6 votes to 5. The amended substantive motion of a grant of £100 was then **approved** by 5 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions.

202. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS – It was formally **proposed** by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Ms. Barker that the further changes to the draft document since the previous meeting be **agreed**, and the draft Standing Orders, as amended be **adopted**. This motion was **approved**.

203. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS.

1. Planning Applications received from Shropshire Council – to make recommendations.

19/00552/FUL Erection of a detached 4 bedroom dwelling, Tucks Ash, Beacon Lane, Romsley, WV15 6HR.

Cllr. Voysey withdrew from the meeting for this item.

It was noted that this application relates to a site located on agricultural land in open countryside and within the Green Belt, and that the site does not lie within or border a settlement. Councillors were not satisfied that the special circumstances put forward by the applicant justified making an exception to established national and local planning policy.

After discussion, the Chairman **proposed** that the Parish Council should recommend that the application be refused on the grounds that it represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt. This was **seconded and carried** by 9 votes to 1.

19/01025/FUL Application to allow for the erection of allotment sheds for individual plots, Land north of the Squirrel Inn, Alveley.

Cllr. Voysey rejoined the meeting and Cllr. Thompson left the meeting. Some limited concerns were raised during discussion but it was **agreed** to recommend approval.

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19/01098/OHL Consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for section of line to be used to provide a supply to a second user, Sewage Works, Turley Green, Alveley.

Cllr. Thompson rejoined the meeting. After discussion it was **agreed** to make no objection to this application.

19/01207/AGR Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and equipment and for use as an animal shelter, Land to the west of Romsley Lane, Romsley, WV15 6HW (for information only).

There was some concern about the size of the building and its future use, but the application was **noted**.

2. Planning Applications received since the Agenda closed

19/01371/FUL Conversion of stables to two holiday lets (amendment to previous application 17/05720/FUL), land south of the Royal Oak, Alveley.

The Parish Council recommended refusal of the original application, which was approved. This further application was **noted**.

19/01249/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension, Bowhills Farm, Romsley, WV15 6HW.

It was **agreed** to recommend approval.

19/01482/FUL Erection of a predominantly glazed garden room with external patio and steps following demolition of conservatory, Cherry Orchard Farmhouse, Tuckhill, Six Ashes, WV15 6EW.

After discussion, it was **agreed** to recommend refusal on the grounds that the proposed extension is not in keeping with the existing style of the building.

19/01129/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, the Highlands, Romsley Lane, Romsley, WV15 6HW.

It was **agreed** to recommend approval.

19/00977/HHE Erection of a single storey rear extension to a detached dwelling, dimensions 8 metres beyond rear wall, 2.425 metres maximum height and 2.425 metres high to eaves, High Leasowe, Romsley Lane, Romsley, WV15 6HW.

After discussion it was **agreed** to recommend refusal on the grounds that the proposed extension is disproportionately large, has a flat roof and is out of keeping with the existing style of the building.

3. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council - **Noted**

18/01358/FUL Mixed residential development of 24 dwellings, formation of access, installation of septic tank, former Central garage, Kidderminster Road, Alveley

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Parish Council recommendation – grant approval Decision – approved.

19/00247/FUL Erection of a first floor front extension and side extension, 20 Bridge Road Alveley WV15 6JP.

Parish Council recommendation – grant approval Decision – approved.

4. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council since the Agenda closed – **None.**
5. Other planning matters – the Clerk reported that planning application 18/03172/FUL for the erection of 6 affordable dwellings on land east of Meadowbrook Close, Alveley, would be subject to a site visit at 11.35am on Monday 8th April and would be considered by Shropshire Council South Planning Committee on Tuesday 9th April.

204. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Mrs. Woodward to speak. Cllr. Mrs. Woodward advised that the blue water supply pipe at the Dark lane BOAT had been cut, but had been repaired within 36 hours of being reported. She also noted that the footways on Daddlebrook Road had now dried up, suggesting that the previous surface water had been caused by the high water table, rather than any leaks. Finally, she confirmed that she was still engaging with Shropshire Council Public Protection regarding the Central Garage site.

205. BETTERMENT GRANT – Cllr. Ms. Barker reported that the Parish Council was in line to receive a further sum of just over £9,000 following the determination of pending and outstanding claims, and the closure of the Astley Solar Farm Grant/Loan Scheme.

206. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, (CCTV) – further to earlier discussions at the annual Alveley Parish Meeting, it was **agreed** that the Clerk would liaise directly with the Safer Neighbourhoods Team to obtain expert advice on the appropriate next steps.

207. TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT.

1. Invoices for Approval and Cheques for Signature

The Clerk presented the schedule and confirmed that the cheques had been signed outside the meeting to facilitate the end-of-year process. It was **agreed** to endorse the schedule of invoices/direct payments.

2. Deposits and bank balances 2018/19 to 31st March 2019

It was **agreed** to note the schedule of deposits and balances at bank

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3. Bank reconciliation at 31st March 2019

It was **agreed** to note.

4. Budget Outturn 2018/19

The Clerk presented the Budget Outturn Statement. The impact on total payments of the Street Lighting Replacement Programme was **noted**, as were other significant variances.

The Clerk reported an increase in grant receipts, bank interest and VAT reclaimed, and a rise in miscellaneous receipts as a result of the settlement of an insurance claim and the sale of postage stamps.

It was **noted** that overall balances have reduced by £20,729 to £54,397, of which earmarked reserves account for £8,685.

The meeting was informed that the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2018/19 must be approved, signed and published by 1st July 2019, and this return must include the Internal Auditor's certificate. The approval date should be early in June, to ensure the statutory 30 day period for the public examination of the accounts does not extend into August. Given the agreed date of the June Parish Council meeting, it was **agreed** to receive the AGAR at the meeting on 14th May 2019.

208. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 (14th May 2019)

Place Plan

CCTV/ Smartwater

Code of Conduct

Model Publication Scheme

Public Sector Website Accessibility – new regulations

209 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Alveley and Romsley Parish Council, which is the Annual Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in the Arden Centre Alveley, and will include an Open Forum.

The meeting closed at 21.50.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.