

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2020

Present:

- Mr S Edwards (Chairman)
- Mr M Owen
- Mr P Rogers-Coltman
- Mr N Pritchard
- Mrs K Hughes
- Mr T Jones
- Mrs Lesley Thomas (clerk)

In Attendance:

- Dst Cllr Ruth Houghton

1. Apologies:

- TB & MU

2. Minutes of: General Meeting 4.11.19

Resolved

3. Declarations of Interest:

- None.

4. Matters Arising:

- BT Kiosk Adoption Update: Contracts have been signed. The telephony has been removed. PO has checked the kiosk and power is still on to the isolator switch. SE, PO and Dan Gore will organise a site visit to proceed with installation of the de-fib.
- LOTE Project Update: OG Reports that the remaining balance from the Project can be transferred to the Restoring Shropshire Verges Project (RSVP) Item 5ci below. **Resolved**
- Road flooding above Upper Stitt: This was rectified on 5.11.19 but has caused much animosity from the landowners particularly towards the clerk and also the parish councillors as a whole. LT read a statement/time line of events and conversations had with the family concerned. RH reported that SC are at liberty to enforce drainage works needed on private land to prevent water flooding on to the main highway. **Agreed:** That despite the ill-feeling from the Sankey family, a good job had been done which has solved the flooding issue in two places on the road. **Resolved**
- Road Issues/Potholes reported. Upper Stitt repaired 17.11.19
- Village Hall Trustee Update: Nigel Hirst reports the following 'Under the VH Charitable Trust Constitution there is no distinction between the role of a Trustee and a Management Committee Member. They carry Trustee's insurance which protects in the event of legal claims and were advised that as charity trustees, provided due diligence is exercised in their duties, they couldn't be held personally liable'. **Agreed:** That SE will take on the role as pc representative for the foreseeable future and will attend the meeting on 16th Jan. **Resolved**
- Website- LT has contacted Mike at Enterprise House. As previously quoted, to set up a new website including training for the clerk will cost £200 then £40 p/a for the domain site. **Agreed:** Consent is given to Mike to build a new website. **Resolved**

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds at 10/12/19: Community Acc-£10,577.89 B/P Acc-£2668.96 (+ !.33 Int)

Out of this, £287.88 remains in the Norbury Walls (maintenance/repairs) Fund. £1,000 Highway Maintenance Budget & £943.52 De-fib Maintenance Budget. NF Available: £1,285.77.

2020/21 Precept Requirement: To show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge it was **Agreed:** To request £4,694 **Resolved**

(a) Donation/NF Grant Requests:

- Dial-a-Ride **Agreed:** £300

(b) Standing Orders & D/D's for Payment:

- L.Thomas-£180, 1.12.19 so
- L Thomas-£180, 1.1.2020 so

(c) Cheques for Approval/Payment:

- Restoring Shropshire Verges Project (RSVP) - £1,075.44 c/n: 100796
- Dan Gore (De-fib Maintenance, R'hope) - £57.48 c/n: 100797
- Dial-a-Ride - £300 c/n: 100798

6. Housing & Building Control:

(The SAMDev has now been formerly adopted by SC and replaces all the previously saved Policies of the Local Plan)

Applications Recently Received/Approved: **Bold** type to be read as updates

- 19/03672/F-Erection of detached double garage, siting of ground mounted solar array & alterations to existing access @ The Old Stables, Asterton. No Objection submitted 9.9.19. **LPA: 19.11.19**

7. Village Hall:

- Management Committee Meeting: 16.1.2020

8. Parish Plan & Environment:

- Norbury Notice Board & BT Kiosk: It was thought money was held in the VH account for maintenance of the kiosk. **Agreed:** All four notice boards were unsightly. Norbury notice board would be better suited to by the BT kiosk. PO will check and report back if any are repairable.
- SpArC Update: SC is on track to over management on 1st April 2020. Existing Staff will transfer to SC. SC and SpArC Charity have met to build on the Charity's business plan. Membership has substantially increase over the last 2 years. RH reported that a considerable amount of work was required to bring the centre up to standard. Grants for funding have been submitted to various bodies. The Theatre will remain with ESWS.
- PR-C & KH were thanked for representing the PC at the Licensing of the Rev Vivienne Hatton on 2.12.19

9. Roads:

- Clee Hill Classic Trial 19.1.2020 Across Public ROW in Myndtown parish (N)
- Potholes to report on Criften to Home road & Football pitch corner. RH will pursue the repairs that were scheduled in 2019 but never carried out:- outside the Manor House, Ratlinghope, the collapsed road at Myndtown turn and also the badly deteriorated road at the Criften. NP reported that the gully's have been cleaned along the Prolley Moor road and flooding has subsided. Dave Jones a local farmer at Asterton has suggested that if the highways dept provide the pipes, he will lay them at his own expense to ease flooding between Asterton and the Grove.
- Road flooding between Oaklands and Walkmill – This has been an on-going problem and reported many times. AC has since dug out the ditch to ease the flooding.
- 4x4's off-roading up Little Rock. This is also a problem in several other areas. **Action:** LT to contact SC/Countryside team to report. To determine if Little Rock is a Bridleway or open route.

10. Communication:

- N T R

11. Correspondence/SC Representative Report:

- RH reported the following:- SC has a shortfall of £14 million on balancing their budget. Council Tax will increase by 4%. 20mph is becoming mandatory outside schools. SC Climate Strategy has been adopted. Funding will be available for housing insulation. Ruth will hold local surgeries on a regular basis.

12. Other Items:

- Myndtown Parish Meeting: Bank Balances at 19/12/19. Community Acc: £2,144.82 BMM Acc: £1,090.49 (+ .54p Int)
- Waterplus Invoice: £14 DD 21.1.2020
- SE visited the parish land to investigate the missing lid to the water tank which had been removed. Paul Howell will locate the lid and reinstate.
- SE had been given a cheque for £250 from Knighton Motor Club in respect of a donation to the De-fib maintenance fund. **Action:** LT to send a letter of thanks

Meeting Dates for 2020:

9th March, 20th April x4 PM's, 11th May Annual Meeting, 6th July, 7th Sept & 2nd Nov

Closed 8.45 pm