MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

Grouping: MYNDTOWN, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR PARISHES.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF 7th NOVEMBER 2023

Present: Mr P Owen, Mr P Rogers-Coltman, Mr M Unwin, Mr T Jones, Mr R Lancaster, Mrs L Thomas - Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: Cllr Rep RH (left at 7.30pm)

1. Apologies: S Edwards (Holiday) Mr N Pritchard (Away working) T Betton (Illness) Apologies Accepted by SOHAIF **Resolved**

2. Minutes of: Ordinary Meeting of 5th Sept 2023. SOHAIF Agreed & Signed **Resolved**

3. Declarations of Interest:

* None

4. Matters Arising:

* NCPS Carpark Update – Proposed plans have been received with a suggested amendment to the southern boundary line. LT has contacted PCB Law in Church Stretton to produce a formal Tenancy Agreement. The Agreed peppercorn rent payable by the PC will be £10 per year. The Tenancy will run yearly for the life duration of the Primary School. If the school should shut in the future, the PC will be responsible for reinstating the land back to agricultural. If the Brow Farm, Norbury, should ever be sold, the current owners agree that the tenancy agreement will continue as a particular in to new ownership. LT asked RH if other sources of funding could be accessed if costs escalate. **Action:** to contact Mat Mead re CIL monies.
* Save our Beds (Stonehouse). The campaign has been successful and a new recruitment drive to find further Registered Nursing Staff is ongoing. It is hoped that other services will also be provided on the site.
* Traffic Lights @ Besford. All Agreed the lights are dangerous due to traffic proceeding through on red despite the lights operating. It would be safer for the lights to be removed and temporary fencing be installed on the bridge. It could be another 12 mths before any repairs are made.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 10/10/23: Community Acc-£13,095.59 B/P Acc-£2,690.01 (+ 7.19 Int)

Allocated out of this: £1000 PM Budget, De-Fib Maintenance Budget £1,318.16 (-286.20), NF Available: £4,099.77. **Yearly Honorary Payments**: Village Hall Premises Licence £70 & Toddlers PL Insurance £100 payable in May each year. SpArC Funding: Variable. £5k+ allocated for parking improvements at Norbury CP School.

* Barclays – Latest Organisational Details. Forms completed & returned 9.9.23. LT has since been notified that after 18 yrs as clerk that she is no longer authorised to act on the pc’s behalf without becoming a signatory. **Action:** PR-C to contact Barclays to request a new bank mandate to add the clerk.

(a) Donation/NF Grant Requests:

* SpArC Funding – Discussed. The PC made a £500 donation in May of this financial year. It was felt that the school carpark will use a majority of the reserves at this time. **Denied**

(b) Payments, Standing Orders & D/D:

* L.Thomas-£180, 1.10.23 SO
* L.Thomas-£180, 1.11.23 SO

(c) Cheques for Approval/Payment:

* Norbury ToddlersPL/Replacement cheque £100 c/n: 854
* CPRE Renewal. £36 c/n: 855

6. Housing & Building Control: **Bold** Type to be read as Updates. Newest applications listed first.

Applications recently Received/Approved:

* 23/04612/VAR- Removal of Condition 9 (COU of Annex from workers occupancy to holiday let) @ Penhaligon Stud, Ny. **Discussed**. It was felt that making an objection would have little impact. The regulations of S106’s seems to have little effect on future use of the planning approved sites when imposed conditions can later be applied to be removed. This proves Business cases to support a S106 planning application are not always viable or sustainable. **Action:** LT to add these comments to the application
* 23/03411/F-Single storey kitchen extension to s/w façade @ Malt House, Ny. N/O submitted 29.8.23. **LPA: 11.9.23**
* 23/03322/F-Erection of 16m windturbine, x1 solar array, replace existing mast, relocation of dish and compound alterations @ telecommunications site @ Cotes, R’hope. **N/O submitted 29.8.23**
* 23/03117/F-Erection of detached single storey building inc x4 loose boxes, hay & feed store, tack room @ School house, R’hope. N/O submitted 7.8.23. **LPA: 13.9.23**
* 23/02143/F-Erection of x1 Eco dwelling & package treatment plant on Land to North of R’hope. 9 Support letters submitted. Objection comments submitted 7.8.23. **Refused 12.9.23**
* 23/02315/F-Formation of new access, siting x3 containers for rest area, washing facilities, storage, toilet facilities with cesspit & borehole and COU to Amenity woodland @ Wentnor Woods. 19 Public Objections submitted to date. Objection submitted 20.7.23 **LPA: 6.9.23**
* 23/02513/F-Erection of carport @ Wilderness Barn, Prolley Moor. N/O submitted 16.7.23. **LPA: 13.9.23**
* Appeal APP/L3245/C/23/3320664 to Planning Inspectorate to Enforcement Notice 20/07075 re-issue 23/03143 on Land to SE of Stitt Cottage. R’hope. Objection Comments submitted 9.6.23. **No update at present**
* 23/01902/F-Change of use to amenity woodland, siting of x2 safari tents @ Wentnor Woods. 26 Public Objections submitted. Objection Comments submitted 25.5.23. **LPA: 6.9.23**
* 22/01072/F-Permanent Retention of dwelling for occupation by Fishery Manager @ TC Fisheries, Nr Gatten. N/O submitted 13.4.22. **Update: LPA as S106 1.11.23**

7. Village Hall:

* SE had circulated a copy of the accounts. There are too many legal obligations to consider licensing the Hall for wedding ceremonies. The committee are researching funding available to instal solar panels. Quiz 10.11.23

8. Parish Plan & Environment:

* NCPS Safer Access & overflow parking has been submitted as a Place Plan update, 18.9.23.
* Middle Marches CLT Nature Recovery Event, 17.11.23. No Interest.

9. Roads: Reports for problems can be made on SC fix my street website

* Road Flooding from carpark @ Cothercott mine reported 29.8.23. Upgraded to: Investigating 5.9.23. Update 11.10.23 – To be completed in programme of upcoming maintenance.
* BT Road closure. Asterton to Church Stretton. 19.1.23. 9am – 3.30pm
* MU has reported to SC the low overhanging trees becoming ever more problematic from Upper Mill to Cwnd House corner. SC will contact all the landowners with a view to pruning. If no action taken SC will employ a costly contractor to do the work and invoice the landowners.
* Parish Maintenance: It was questioned whether the current contractor AW Corfield is fulfilling the work needed in many local areas to keep ditches free flowing, particularly after the recent storms and flooding issues. SC are employing a separate digger contractor who has been seen in many local areas cleaning out ditches. Mr Corfield is currently hedgecutting.

10. Communication:

* SpArC Open Day 15.11.23. PR-C will attend

11. Correspondence/Shropshire Councillor Representative Report:

* There are current consultations on: Home Care Provision and Dog Fowling/Handling etc **N**

12. Other Items/Public Session:

* **Myndtown Parish Meeting**: Bank Balances at 19/10/23. Community Acc: £2,659.53 (- £16 Charges) BMM Acc: £1,104.05 (+ 4.52Int). WaterPlus monthly DD payments: 13.9.23-£15.21 (E) &14.10.23-£7.81 (E)

1. Land drainage Invoice: Has yet to be received from Contractors. **Action:** PR-C to chase up.

Closed 7.55pm

Meeting Dates for **2024**

9th Jan, 12th March, 16th April – APM, 14th May – Annual Meeting, 2nd July, 3rd Sept & 12th Nov.