

MYNTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL  
Grouping Myndtown, Norbury, Ratlinghope & Wentnor Parishes

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

Present: Mr S Edwards, Mr P Owen, Mr P Rogers-Coltman, Mr N Pritchard, Mr T Betton, Mr T Jones, Mr M Unwin, Mrs L Thomas - Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: Cllr Rep R Houghton, Mrs Sheena Gurl

1. Apologies: Mr R Lancaster (Holiday) Apology Accepted by SOHAIF **Resolved**  
2. Minutes of: Ordinary Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 SOHAIF. Agreed & Signed **Resolved**

3. Declarations of Interest:

- None

4. Matters Arising:

- NCPS – Pedestrian Wicket Installation using NF reserves. **Action:** SE to get a Quote from Rob Marpole. If acceptable, this would have to be completed outside of the bird nesting period.
- NCPS Carpark Improvements: All agreed this was dragging on with no movement from the landowner. It has been established that the Jones family as Brow Farm tenants cannot make the Agreement, this will have to be the actual Landowner. SE will again contact the family. **Action:** PO to draft a spreadsheet of costings and voluntary materials/labour already confirmed. SE to approach Linley Hall Charitable Trust as to possible funding.
- Precept £4,859. Received by Bacs 18.4.24
- JR Jones, WPL Rent. Invoice sent 16.4.24 Cheque Received, yet to be banked.
- A VAT claim for £417.25 submitted 26.4.24
- Stone House Hospital supporters have successfully campaigned to re-open the service. Staff will be on site from 1<sup>st</sup> July. Beds re-opening 15<sup>th</sup> July. RH thanked all for their support.
- Sheena Gurl was in attendance with an interest in becoming a councillor for Norbury parish. **Action:** LT to send her the PC's Statement of Procedure for reference. Co-Option Deferred until July meeting

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 14/5/24: Community Acc-£16,125.05 B/P Acc-£2,709.47 (+ £10.09 Int)  
Allocated out of this: £1000 PM Budget for 24/25, De-Fib Maintenance Budget £1,000.76 (Less £198.60 & £118.80), NF Available: £4,099.77. **Yearly Honorary Payments due each May:** Village Hall Premises Licence £70 & Toddlers PL Insurance £100. SpArC Funding (variable).

After Discussion and in view of current Quotes received for materials, it was proposed to increase the £5k allocated for parking improvements at Norbury CP School to £10k. P) SE S) PR-C SOHAIF

**Resolved**

Notice Boards: After Discussion it was **Agreed:** LT to get Quotes from 'Furniture from the Oaks' to replace the 3 notice boards in Asterton, Norbury & Wentnor.

Clerks Salary: This would remain at £180 p/m for 2024/25

(a) Donation/Funding/NF Grant Requests:

- None

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

- L.Thomas-£180, 1.4.24 SO
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- NumbersPlus, De-Fib Annual Service Charge, £118.80, (VAT value £19.80) DD

(c) Cheques for Approval/Payment: (SE & PR-C) Also Authorised to make a payment to D Gore for de-fib pads on order for NVH.

- D Gore (De-Fib parts) - £198.60 c/n: 856 (Authorised at the Annual Parish Meeting 16.4.24)
- VH Hire x7 meets - £52.50 + P/L Ins - £70 = £122.50 c/n: 857
- Toddler Group P/L Ins - £100 c/n: 858
- AW Corfield/PM - £1,040 c/n: 859
- Clear Councils Ins - £530.11 c/n: 860
- J Gadsby, MCPC Internal Audit - £30 c/n: 861

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

(The Core Strategy & SAMDev Policies formerly adopted by SC Dec 2015 are still under review with the planning inspector)

- 24/01545/F-Demolition of covered pen and replace with single storey education facility on same footprint & associated drainage works @ Myndtown Hall Farm. After Discussion it was **Agreed Unanimously to submit N/O.**

- Pre-App Notification for proposed conversion of existing barns to x1 dwelling @ Leasowes Bank Farm, Bridges. Formal Consultation to be received. **Noted**
- 24/01002/F-Installation of solar panels to front & rear elevation roof @ Midland Gliding Club. **N/O submitted 7.5.24**
- 24/00606/F-Installation of earth banked slurry lagoon + associated works @ Myndtown Cot. N/O submitted 4.3.24. **LPA: 11.4.24**
- 23/04612/VAR- Retrospective Removal of Condition 9 (COU of Annex from equine workers occupancy to holiday let) @ Penhaligon Stud, Ny. Comments submitted 13.11.23 **Decision Pending**
- Land to SE of Stitt Cottage. The applicant has yet to vacate the site, the deadline of which was 1.5.24. The caravans to be removed by 1.8.24.

7. Village Hall:

- N T R. SE will continue as the PC Rep'

8. Parish Plan & Environment:

- The PO Village Outreach Services @ Wentnor Stores will cease due to very low customer usage on 27.5.24

9. Roads:

- Road Closure for unsafe carriageway @ Far Gatten 13.5.24 – 13.11.25
- Road Closure: R'hope Church to Stitt (over hill) 13.5.24 – 13.11.25
- Road Closure: Lydham's Heath Junction to Norbury Junction, 9.30 am – 4pm, 20.5.24 – 24.5.24
- Road Closure: Newton Junction to Bridges Junction inc at Walkmill Bridge, 9.30am – 4pm 28.5.24 – 31.5.24.
- Road Closure: Wentnor Junction to Bridges Junction 3.6.24 – 10.6.24, 9.30 – 4pm to instal gabion baskets to stabilise verge.
- Road Closure: Bridges to Pulverbatch 11.6.24 – 14.6.24, 9.30am – 4pm
- Advanced Notice: PCRT Hillclimb, 15.8.24. 6-8pm, Pole Cottage – Asterton.

{Road reports [www.fixmystreet.com/reports/shropshire](http://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/shropshire)

10. Communication:

- A reminder that D-Day 80 takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> June. A beacon can be lit at 9.15pm, A Lamp Light of Peace can also be lit at 9.15pm. Ringing of Church bells at 6.30pm  
[website address [www.myndtown.org.uk](http://www.myndtown.org.uk) Police non-emergency number is **101**. Call **111** for non-emergency medical advice. Call **112** from a mobile phone to report rural accidents/emergencies. Scam text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers. Fake emails can be forwarded to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

11. Correspondence/Shropshire Councillor Representative Report:

- Shropshire Integrated Board are in talks with BC Medical Practice to resolve their announcement that they will cease to offer future blood tests. No date yet to instal the 20mph limit at NCPS. The warning lights continue to not work on the east side.

12. Other Items/Public Session:

- **Myndtown Parish Meeting:** Bank Balances at 7/5/24. Community Acc: £2,343.35 (After Payments made of £16 charges, NCPS Library Fund £200 BP 18.4.24, L Thomas £90 BP 18.4.24 all authorised at the APM) Receipts for Land Rent 24/25 & Water Usage – S&M Mellor £483.22 on 25.4.24, The Station Inn £189.11 on 25.4.24. BMM Acc: £1,114.74 Waterplus: 30.4.24-£7.91 (E)
- MPM Internal Audit: J Gadsby - £15, BP Authorised by SE & PR-C:
- Invoice for bales: £300, BP Authorised by SE & PR-C
- 1. Proposal by S & M Mellor to apply for grants for upkeep to parish land, This was discussed at the APM. The land is registered with SC but has no official holding number. It was **Agreed** to appoint McCartneys Land Agents to register the parish council as owners of Myndtown & Wentnor Parish Lands. **Action:** MU to contact Jo Wall @ McCartney's.

PO thanked SE for his term in office as Chairman.

Meeting Closed: 8.20pm

Meeting Dates for 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.