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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023 AT 7.30PM, AT THE COCK INN FUNCTION ROOM, HANWOOD

Present: Cllr. Evans (Chairman), Bromage, Butler, Dowley, Fox

Absent: 3

Public: 2

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk)

30/2324 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs. Chadwick, Davies and Jones.

31/2324 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

None declared.

b) *Dispensation requests*

None.

c) *Gifts or hospitality*

None declared.

32/2324 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

a) *A period of 15 minutes is set aside to allow the public the opportunity to speak on any agenda item.*

Concerns were expressed re the planned road closure of the A488 in July.

A member of the public raised safety concerns re Weir Road: Speed of vehicles crossing weir road and request for a no entry. It was explained that the road outside the shop is private which limits options. The clerk read out a response from David Gradwell, SC Traffic Engineer:

- ***Re-surfacing of the Weir Road junction.*** The resurfacing of the Weir Road junction is a maintenance matter that would need to be considered by the local Highways Maintenance team. I have forwarded this request for the attention of Graham Downes who is the Area Highways Maintenance Manager.
- ***Request that SC addresses white lining asap – both along the centre line of the A488 and at the junction.*** This is a maintenance matter the same as the above. I have forwarded to Graham Downes.
- ***Investigate possibility of double yellow lines to restrict dangerous parking a Weir Road junction.*** I have added this to our works programme request list. However, in view of the limited budgets the Traffic Engineering team has available, our current focus for funding is on the introduction of safety measures at those sites across the County where there is a recorded history of personal injury accidents. In view of the above, a scheme for the introduction of double yellow lines would not be considered a high priority for the use of funding from the Traffic Engineering budgets. I would therefore suggest this request is put forward for inclusion as part of the Place Plan review process which is

currently taking place where local priorities included within the Place Plans can be considered as part of other funding opportunities such as the use of CIL monies, etc.

- **Request for 30mph roundels on main road – are examples of them being installed recently on other roads such as Longden Road.** The regulations do not permit the use of upright 30mph repeater signs or carriageway roundels on roads where there is a system of street lighting in place, which is the case with the A488 in Hanwood.
- **Request for 20mph limit either side of the traffic lights (this being a key crossing point for the school) and extending as far towards the school as is permissible.** Shropshire Council's current approach on the introduction of mandatory 20mph speed limits is that they are only being considered for introduction outside schools. In September 2020, Shropshire Council approved the development of a county-wide programme for introducing 20mph speed restrictions outside schools, where existing highway conditions suggest it would be appropriate to do so. Since then, a substantial exercise of data collection and feasibility work has been carried out at all state funded maintained schools and academies that do not currently have a mandatory 20mph speed limit to determine an appropriate level of intervention. St Thomas & St Annes's CE Primary School is included in this programme.
- **Request for permission for VAS signs between railway bridge and shop – to be funded by parish council.** We are happy to consider the installation of VAS units on the A488 between the railway bridge and the shop. We would just need details of the type of VAS units and then agree/approve where they are going to be located.

The speed of traffic on Edgebold Roundabout was also raised. It was noted that this is not currently under review by Highways England but will need looking at due to its accident history and the planned Shrewsbury Urban Extension. Part time traffic lights were suggested.

Action: Write to SC and Highways England ask for number of incidents.

33/2324 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 26th June 2023 as being a true record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

34/2324 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report and update to police charter priorities* – it was **RESOLVED** to keep the priorities unchanged for the current quarter.

b) *Shropshire Council*

- **Divisional Boundary Review** -SC has put in their final comments for the LGBCE consultation. SC have not objected to the split wards for Hanwood due to the anticipated development of 1,500 homes in the Local Plan.
- **Pontesbury PC** - have set up a boundary sub-committee to look at Pontesbury parish boundaries.
- **SC finances** - £7.1 million in general reserves. Accountants have said there is £37.1 million in reserve that can be used. If all savings are made £20 million would go into general reserves. £10 million in earmarked reserves can be put into general reserves.
- **Over 16 transport** – SC will only provide statutory requirements for transport, not discretionary funding.
- **Pest control** – SC planning to cease this service.
- **Homeless strategy**
- **Charging points** – usage increasing
- **NWRR** - was due to go to Planning Committee in July. £5 million funding coming from LEP, LEP winding up. LEP pushing for planning approval so that they know money will be spent on NWRR. EA queries re piles for road bridge by their premises. Concern re damage to water supply. SC have not guaranteed that any costs will be covered. Will now go to an autumn committee. LEP due to meet in September. MP is claiming the road will cost £30 million above forecast – he is approaching the government for funding.

c) *Youth club* – date set for September.

d) *Village Hall* – no report.

- e) *Speed Camera WG* – no update.
- f) *Open spaces/memorial garden/public realm WG, including quote for ramp* – it was **RESOLVED** to accept a quote of £528.34 for an access ramp from Garaham Taylor
Action: Clerk to instruct the contractor
- g) *Newsletter* – the latest edition is to be published soon.
- h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)* – none.

35/2324 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation*- it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q1 report as per Appendix 1, the reconciled balance being £111,186.85, with receipts to date totalling £36,434.13 and payments £45,533.01.
- b) *Payments including payments made between meetings*: it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:
- c) *Income received*

36/2324 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

None.

37/2324 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR COMMENT**

- 1) 23/02666/FUL - 14 Caradoc View, Hanwood, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8NB
Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension, rear conservatory, and detached garaging
Comments: No comment
- 2) 23/02606/FUL - 60 Atherton Rise, Hanwood, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8BS.
Proposal: - Erection of two storey side extension together with additional parking space and re-orientated entrance
Comments: None.

38/2324 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways matters* – no maintenance matters to report.
- b) *Caradoc play area* – the new equipment install is complete.
- c) *Lights at Hanwood Village Hall* – deferred to next meeting.
- d) *Tree pruning* – it was agreed to ask SC Trees to address the overhanging tree on the triangle between Poplars Avenue and Oak Road.
Action: Clerk to write to SC Trees.
- e) *Weir Road junction project* – see update in public session.
- f) *Orchard Lane drainage* – Cllr. Evans reported that he is asking SC get the drains cleared as they are blocked due to stones going in there from recent storms and there is run off on Weir Road.
- g) *Oaklands to Oaklands View footpath works* – the clerk updated that SC is likely to do the work in the next few months.
- h) *Defibrillator* – no issues.
- i) *Place Plan comments* – it was agreed to seek a meeting with Mathew Mead and suggest that other clerks and parishes are invited to. Copy other clerks in.
- j) *Delegation arrangements between now and September meeting* – delegate to clerk/chair and vice chair
- k) *Other parish matters*

- *Rectory Gardens* – first floor flat boarded up – has been like it for a couple of months.
Action: Clerk to contact Homes Plus.
- *Noticeboard by Caradoc bus stop* – the leg needs replacing.
Action: Cllr. Butler to re-instate the leg.
- *Dog fouling sign and bag dispenser* – thanks from parishioners were noted.
Action: Clerk to purchase extra bags for the dispenser and clerk to put out.
Parishioner thanked for dog fouling sign and bags. Purchase extra nags for it, Key to put out.

39/2324 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *Proposed A488 closure 24th to 28th July* – noted and concerns raised with SC.
- b) *D Day 2024* - it was agreed to investigate burying a time capsule in the memorial garden and liaise with the church and school.
Action: Clerk to get prices for a time capsule and ask the church and school what they are planning to do.

40/2324 **NEXT MEETING**

- a) *Next meeting* – Council Meeting 25th September 2023, The Cock Inn Function Room, Hanwood, 7.30pm
- b) *Items for next meeting agenda*- no requests.

41/2324 *It is **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussion of Item 42/2324, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

42/2324 **PENSION MCCLOUD REVIEW** – the low-risk outcome of the review was noted and it was agreed to sign the acknowledgement of the report.