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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM, AT THE COCK INN FUNCTION ROOM, HANWOOD

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

Absent: None

Public: 3

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk)

80/2223 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
All present.

81/2223 **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.*
Cllr. Butler declared a pecuniary interest in item 85/2223a – payment to himself for noticeboard repairs.
b) *Dispensation requests – none.*
c) *Gifts or hospitality – none declared,*

82/2223 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**
Ursula Longmore spoke regarding celebrating the King’s Coronation year – she was suggesting putting flower boxes around the parish. The chairman thanked her for her offer and it was agreed that the council would purchase circa 6 flower boxes and compost for people to fill.
Action: It was delegated to the clerk, together with the chair and vice-chair, to liaise with Mrs Longmore re purchasing the boxes and placing an article in the newsletter. It was confirmed that the newsletter will be published late March.

It was reported that a pothole, at the bridge by the shop had sunken, having been previously filled.

Action: Clerk to report to SC Highways.

83/2223 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 23rd January 2023 as being a true record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

84/2223 **REPORTS**
a) *Police Report* - no report. It was agreed to invite the new PC, Richard Walters, to attend a meeting and to ask him to introduce himself in the newsletter. The clerk said that the police are seeking priorities for the police charter agreement with parishes.
Actions:

- Clerk to contact PC Walters
- Clerk to circulate police charter info on email – to be completed at the next council meeting.

b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Evans reported as follows:

- The Local Plan has been declared legal, following the Stage 1 hearings. However, a number of questions have been raised, including about the number of homes and sites. The concerns raised need to be addressed. The detailed settlement polices need to be examined as part of the next stage of hearings.
- £2 bus fare will now continue until the end of June.

- Some EV charging points are being installed.
 - SC budget – due to be discussed on Thursday, a 4.99% increase is recommended. Budget cuts of £51 million. There is a £10 million overspend, £15 million in reserves. SC must balance its budget. Reserves are predicted to be £9 million by March 2024, which is below a safe sustainable reserve. SC holds £114 million capital reserves, but these cannot be used to balance the revenue budget.
 - Home working – SC staff are in 3 categories – those who can come into Shirehall, hybrid (mainly home but Shirehall some days), third category must work from home. During Covid, a grant was given for heating etc, after end of March 2023 this will be stopped.
 - Fees and charges increase from Thursday.
 - School choices due out, this year children born in a high birth rate period are reaching first year of secondary so some schools are oversubscribed.
 - Bus station – a motion has been put forward calling for it to be in the centre of Shrewsbury.
 - Voter ID – now needed for 1st May elections onwards. ID with a photo/name will be needed to cast votes.
Action: Clerk to highlight this on social media and in newsletter.
 - Hanwood Heights – some new trees have put in as some of those planted died. trees died. The management company is concerned the trees need watering - local residents have been asked to help.
- c) *Youth club* – it was noted that the youth worker fees in the 2023/4 budget are under-budgeted and it was **RESOLVED** to update budget to £4,500. It was noted that a committee meeting is planned for a week on Thursday.
- d) *Village Hall* – Cllr. Davies reported that the hall is holding a quiz and curry evening on 25th March at 7.30pm. The music festival has been dropped. A Fun Day is planned for 9th September, Bonfire event on 4th November. The new fire doors have been fitted.
Action: Village Hall treasurer to send fire doors invoice to the clerk so reimbursement can be arranged.
- e) *Speed Camera WG* – Cllr. Evans and the clerk reported that there a few complications at present relating to police queries. Therefore, police letters are not being issued until the matter is resolved.
- f) *Open spaces/memorial garden/public realm WG* - the benches are now in place, but it was noted that there is still polythene on the seats.
Action: Clerk to speak to the contractor and Cllr. Dowley to check the benches.
- g) *Joint CIL WG* – no further meetings have been held.
- h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)* – none.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS -

- a) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following and to authorise payment for the newsletter when invoiced.

Ref	Payee	Item	Method	Net	VAT	Gross
P69-2223	R Turner	Salary	SO	£793.73	£0.00	£793.73
P70-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£198.54	£0.00	£198.54
P71-2223	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£33.20	£0.00	£40.40
P72-2223	Shropshire Council	Play inspections	BACS	£624.00	£124.80	£748.80
P73-2223	Landright Services	EMG works	BACS	£1,150.00	£230.00	£1,380.00
P74-2223	J Heathorn	Memorial hedge	BACS	£85.00	£0.00	£85.00
P75-2223	CCC4 Business	Consultancy	BACS	£1,359.42	£269.55	£1,539.87
P76-2223	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£33.20	£0.00	£33.20
P77-2223	R Butler	Noticeboard	BACS	£218.23	£0.00	£218.23

- b) *Income received* – none.
- c) *Nationwide account* – the clerk noted that Nationwide are still processing this and have a backlog.
- d) *Bowling club grant for toilet* – request for funds not yet received.
- i) *Lighting by Hanwood Village Hall* - this item was taken at the end of the public session to allow the Village Hall committee members present to speak. Cllr. Davies circulated information from a company in Shrewsbury regarding the proposed solar pathway lighting. Fred Palmer (VH) explained that 2 blocks of lighting are proposed – along the path in the hall grounds, and the SC path from the shop to the railway bridge along the Brook. EON has suggested 12 lights in total to normal street light level but noted this may not be a requirement, as it is not a road. There was a query re if there is enough sunlight on the path as there are trees there. To protect the bedrooms of neighbouring houses, lights need to shine away from them. The parish council expressed a preference for lights lower than 6 metres high.

Actions:

- Village Hall to seek further quotes from OG Lighting and Highline Electrical (clerk to contact Highline)
- Clerk to ask SC street lighting specialist, Jason Hughes, to offer advice to the hall on what lighting is appropriate and if solar is feasible here.

86/2223 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFO**

None received at time of issuing agenda.

87/2223 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR COMMENT**

- 1) 23/00277/VAR - Proposed Dwelling To The West Of, Orchard Lane, Hanwood
 Proposal: Variation of Condition 9 of Application Reference Number: 21/05010/FUL
Comments: None.

88/2223 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Caradoc play area* - inspection reports noted.
- b) *Weir Rd junction* – no response from SC Highways re the proposals.
Action: Clerk to follow up with David Gradwell.
- c) *Oaklands to Oaklands View footpath* – the letter of consent is now signed.
Action: Clerk to instruct SC to carry out the work
- d) *Drainage works at Orchard Lane* – Cllr Evans reported that he is awaiting a response from SC officers.
- e) *Lights out at Oaklands View* – the clerk said that this has been reported but no response from Homes Plus.
- f) *Fly tipping* – it was agreed to put a note in the next newsletter stating that the parish council has asked for this to be addressed.
Action: Clerk.
- g) *EMG – update on current year’s works* – it was **RESOLVED** to ask the contractor to cut Church Lane and the extra cut through village.
- h) *King’s Coronation* – it was agreed to ask The Cock Inn if they have plans and highlight the possibility of grant funding. The possibility of purchasing a commemorative item for children at the school was raised.
Actions:
 - Clerk to email links to items such as medals.
 - Clerk to contact The Cock Inn and ask what their plans are.
- i) *Other parish matters – reports*
 - Newsletter – articles on parish boundary and LP Review to be included.

89/2223 **CORRESPONDENCE** – noted:

- a) *NALC/SALC updates* – including campaign for remote meetings to be allowed

90/2223 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Next meeting* – 27th March 2023, 7.30pm, The Cock Inn Function Room, Hanwood.
- b) *Items for next meeting agenda- to note requests*

91/2223 It was **RESOLVED** 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 Items 92 to 96/2223 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information

- 92/2223 **CARADOC PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT** – a revised specification was agreed, to allow for the option of retaining the current bark or replacing it with grass mats. The deadline was also extended to 13th March, 5pm It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllrs. Bromage, Evans and Jones to evaluate the tenders, with Cllrs. Davies and Fox as reserves.
Action: Clerk to issue revised specification and arrange an evaluation meeting.
- 93/2223 **SAFER SPEED SHROPSHIRE** –contract extension with CC4 Business for 2023/4 – this was deferred.
- 94/2223 **OAKLANDS VIEW TO THE OAKLANDS PATH** – it was noted that the consent agreement with the owner of The Oaklands had been signed prior to the meeting.
- 95/2223 **DATA PROTECTION SUPPORT** – it was agreed to seek quotes for external consultancy support.
- 96/2223 **CLERK ADDITIONAL SELF -EMPLOYMENT** – the clerk informed the council that she was planning to audit circa 8 councils this year. No objection was raised to this.