

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council meeting
held at 7 pm on Tuesday 14 April 2020
by Zoom online video conference

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Peter Richardson, Cllr. Janet Barlow, Cllr. Pam Broomby, Cllr. John Davies, Cllr. Bob Kimber, Cllr. Les Maguire, Cllr. Claire Mahoney, Cllr. Paul Milner, Cllr Tony Milner, Cllr. Robert Milton, Cllr. Elliot Roberts Jones.

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

4 members of the public

651/20 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

652/20 Apologies for Absence

The following apologies were received:

COUNCILLOR	REASON
Shirley Jones	Poorly
Phil May	Poorly

These apologies were AGREED and ACCEPTED as APPROVED absence.

Cllr. Peter Davies and Cllr. Martin Jones were absent.

653/20 Shropshire Councillor Report

Cllr. Joyce Barrow was unable to join the meeting but had forwarded a written report which had been passed on to Members.

654/20 Public Participation

No members of the public requested to speak.

655/20 Minutes

The minutes of a parish council meeting held on 25 February 2020 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

At this point in the meeting and in accordance with Standing Order number 1(a) the Chairman changed the order of business so that financial matters could be considered and approved as the next item of business.

656/20 Financial Matters

a) Income and expenditure and bank reconciliations

Members considered for approval income and expenditure and bank reconciliations up to 31 March 2020.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 31 March 2020 be APPROVED.

b) Payments for March 2020

Members considered for approval payments for March 2020.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments for the month of March 2020 be APPROVED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
HMRC	PAYE/NI	175.62
Mark Evans	Bus shelter cleaning	54.00
Lights out Trefonen	Contribution towards notice board at Treflach Green	75.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Lamp post poppies	90.00
Colin Turner	Repairs to broken chain at Aston Square and new glass in bus shelter at Morda	300.25
SLCC	Clerk training	36.00
Silver Marbles	WordPress upgrade	36.00
MDL Carpentry	New notice boards	4500.00
Sharon Clayton	Salary/expenses/reimbursements	850.15
	TOTAL	6117.02

657/20 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

The following interests were declared.

COUNCILLOR	INTEREST
Paul Milner	Member of Shropshire Council's Northern Planning Committee
Elliot Roberts Jones	Employee of Trefarclawdd Farm

658/20 Dispositions

None.

659/20 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None.

660/20 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**.

19/03831/FUL Trefarclawdd Farm, Tref-Ar-Clawdd, Oswestry	Construction of a new access and all associated works Permission GRANTED 24 March 2020 <i>This application was supported by the Parish Council provided the visibility splays being sufficiently large enough</i>
19/05535/OUT Proposed dwelling to the north of Nantmawr Bank, Nantmawr	Outline application for the erection of one dwelling and garage to include appearance, layout and scale Permission REFUSED 26 February 2020 <i>The Parish Council supported the need for an ecological report and did not object subject to the replacement property not being larger than the original property</i>
19/05406/FUL Brookside Cottage, Nant Y Caws, Morda	Conversion of existing detached garage to form one self-contained living accommodation ancillary to the main house Permission GRANTED 9 March 2020 <i>The Parish Council supported this application subject to the S106 agreement being paid and that the new accommodation is not sold as a separate property.</i>
20/00576/REM Land north of The Miners Arms, Morda Bank, Morda	Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to permission 17/05237/OUT for residential development of 8 terraced dwellings Permission GRANTED 23 March 2020 <i>This application was supported by the Parish Council</i>

b) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

20/00841/FUL Trefarclawdd Farm, Tref-Ar-Clawdd, Oswestry	Erection of a covered holding yard and all associated works. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to object based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The concerns of the planning officer and local residents.ii. An Environmental Impact Assessment had not been carried out.iii. There were no details about the disposal of slurry and waste.iv. Concerns about the size and scale of intended and present activities on site. Cllr. Elliot Roberts Jones did not participate in the discussion and abstained from the vote.
20/01363/FUL Trefarclawdd Farm Tre-Ar-Clawdd, Oswestry	Erection of single storey side extensions and front porch following demolition of existing single storey side extension and front porch, new render finish to replace existing render currently only on the front (south west) and side (north west) elevations and associated works. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to object based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The proposed layout implies a change of use.ii. Clarification should be sought as to whether the building would remain as an agricultural farmers building. Cllr. Elliot Roberts Jones did not participate in the discussion and abstained from the vote.

661/20 Clerk's Report

Members received a written report from the clerk on action taken following decisions made at the last parish council meeting.

NOTED.

662/20 CIL and Neighbourhood Funds

Members considered for approval where CIL and Neighbourhood funds should be spent, and it was proposed that the funds be spent on the village hall in Morda. Unfortunately, the old building was full of dry rot and needed to be demolished. This meant that a huge amount of money was needed for a re-build that would also serve as a hub to include health provision and other local services and activities.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the Parish Council would earmark funds towards the re-build of the building, the details of which would be discussed further at the next meeting.

663/20 Risk Assessment

Members considered for approval the annual risk assessment.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the risk assessment be APPROVED.

664/20 Newsletter

Members considered for approval a draft spring edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the newsletter be APPROVED and published on the Parish Council's website.

665/20 The 2020 Tony Cheetham Community Service Award

Members considered for approval:

a) The launch date and closing date for the 2020 Tony Cheetham Community Service Award.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the launch of the Award should be postponed until after the coronavirus lockdown had ended and details of this decision posted on the Parish Council's website.

b) The quantity of printed applications forms.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that no printing was necessary at present since applications for the Award had been postponed.

666/20 Grant Applications

Members considered for approval that the closing date for this year's grant awards be extended.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that consideration of grant applications be postponed for the time being and kept under review.

667/20 Local Connection

Member considered for approval the confirmation of a local connection to allow the building of an affordable home in Middleton.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the local connection be CONFIRMED on the proviso that Shropshire Council carried out the necessary checks.

668/20 Affordable Housing

Members considered the response from Shropshire Council concerning Shropshire Council's plans to deliver affordable housing in Morda. At the last Parish Council meeting Members had agreed to support a planning application for 8 terraced houses at the Minors Arms in Morda and therefore, Members felt that the housing need for affordable homes had been covered. However, Shropshire Council had said that it would continue with affordable housing provision without any input from the Parish Council.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that Shropshire Council should be asked to confirm how they perceived the difference between affordable and open market housing.

669/20 Local Plan Review

Members considered for approval a response to the Local Plan Review.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that, as the consultation period had been extended, a response be deferred to the next meeting.

670/20 Shands Lane

Members received a response from Shropshire Council concerning the procedure of how Shands Lane had been prioritised for re-surfacing.

The information was NOTED, and Members agreed that the information received did not add any value to how the lane had been prioritised.

671/20 Consultation

Members considered a response to the Oswestry Economic Growth Strategy.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that, since the consultation period had been extended, a response be deferred to the next meeting.

672/20 Correspondence

Members received the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information.
- b) Notes from an Oswestry Area Committee meeting held on 16 January 2020.
- c) Letter of thanks from Shropshire Council concerning the Parish Council's response to the BT Payphone consultation.
- d) Information from Shropshire Council concerning the proposed removal by BT of 12 payphones in Shropshire.
- e) Information concerning the coronavirus.

NOTED.

673/21 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the following matters should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting:

- Speeding through Coed y Go
- Morda Village Hall (Cllr. Robert Milton)
- Retrospective approval for an application for free trees from the Urban Tree Challenge (Cllr. John Davies)

674/20 Date for Next Meeting

Members **NOTED** that, due to the coronavirus pandemic and whilst the country was in lockdown, all future physical meetings were cancelled, and virtual meetings would be held as required.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that:

- a) In accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020 the Annual Parish Council meeting would not be held this year, neither would the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) As there would be no Annual Parish Council meeting the Chairman, Committee Members and representatives on outside bodies would remain the same for the ensuing year.
- c) The next Parish Council meeting would take place on Tuesday 26 May 2020 by video conference using Zoom.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

675/20 Grounds Maintenance

- a) Members considered for approval which contractor to appoint to carry out grounds maintenance for the next 3 years. Four tenders had been received.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that, as his work was excellent, the present contractor, Royce Landscapes be awarded a 3-year contract at a cost of £5,355 per annum.

- b) Members considered for retrospective approval the cost for crown lifting the lower branches of the tree at Glentworth Green in Morda, including waste disposal, at a cost of £55.00.

it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the cost of £55 be APPROVED.

676/20 Planning Enforcement

There were no planning enforcement notices received.

The meeting closed at 20:47.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____