

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council meeting held at 7 pm on Tuesday 27 October 2020 by Zoom online video conference

Present:

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

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

Approximately 15 members of the public.

832/20 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

833/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received as follows:

Councillor	Reason for absence
Peter Davies	Family commitment
Tracy Rowe	Illness

These apologies were accepted and AGREED as APPROVED absence.

834/20 Police Report

The following written report was received from the Oswestry Rural South Safer Neighbourhoods Team:

01/10/20 – Bogus callers/theft – Maesbury
01/10/20 – RTC (damage only) – Redwith
02/10/20 – Theft – Mile End Services
03/10/20 – Bogus caller – Morda
03/10/20 – Dangerous driving – A5
03/10/20 – Theft (make off from taxi) – Morda
10/10/20 – Theft – Mile End Services
10/10/20 – Highway incident (mud) – Morda
10/10/20 - Covid rule enforcement - Morda
11/10/20 – Covid rule enforcement – Morda
12/10/20 – Theft – Mile End Services
12/10/20 – Dangerous Dog offence – Morda
17/10/20 – Theft – Mile End Services
17/10/20 – Drink driving offence – Mile End
26/10/20 – Highway incident (sheep in road) – Trefonen.

In addition, a mini-police officer had been given to Trefonen Primary School to assist with traffic/pupil safety.

NOTED.

835/20 Shropshire Councillor Report

Cllr. Joyce Barrow gave the following verbal report:

- There had been a lot of issues around food for children and therefore Shropshire Council would be providing food at Christmas for those in receipt of free school meals. Anyone struggling should contact Cllr. Barrow.
- As Chair of the Place Overview Committee Cllr. Barrow had established a liaison group to look at the problems being caused by agricultural vehicles within the community. The group includes representatives from West Mercia Police, OPEC's, the NFU and Shropshire Council and members will be considering guidance, regulations, advice, joint working, communications and making recommendations to agree an agenda and action plan to develop their remit for at least the next 12 months. A reference group of interested parties would also be formed to understand the impact of local issues, prioritise concerns, focus on delivering improvements and feedback to the liaison group. The first meeting of the liaison group would be on 24 November 2020.
- The COVID-19 rate had reached over 100 in 100,000 in the last week which, if continued, would put Shropshire in tier 2 of COVID-19 restrictions.
- A planning application from McDonalds had been submitted to Shropshire Council which the Parish Council may wish to respond to as it adjoins the parish.

NOTED.

836/20 Public Participation

There were no requests to speak.

837/20 Minutes

The minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 29 September 2020 were considered for approval. It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED** that, following agreed amendments thus; to remove the word "since", at minute number 823/20 and to add "It was **NOTED** that there had recently been a change in trustee membership of Morda and Sweeney Village Hall; one of the three trustees had resigned, thus leaving two trustees", the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record.

838/20 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.

None declared.

839/20 Dispensations

None requested.

840/20 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None declared.

841/20 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

The Chairman advised Members that he had attended planning training provided by Ian Kilby at Shropshire Council.

NOTED.

The following planning decisions were **NOTED.**

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/03012/LBC Penylan Hall, Penylan Lane, Oswestry	Installation of entrance gates and modifications to stone wall (amendment to previously approved 18/01428/LBC). Permission GRANTED 9 October 2020. <i>The Parish Council supported this application.</i>

20/03177/FUL Golden Grove, Treflach	Removal of existing porch and erection of new extended porch and steps. Permission GRANTED 13 August 2020. <i>The Parish Council supported this application.</i>
20/03229/FUL The Waen Farm, Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry	Erection of outbuilding for domestic storage; formation of hardstanding and parking to include change of use of land. Permission GRANTED 22 October 2020. <i>The Parish Council supported this application although expressed concern that the location plans were inadequate.</i>

b) Stopping Up of Highway

The following was **NOTED**.

NATTRAN/WM/S247/4237	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 247 Stopping up of highway at end of access track from Middleton Road, Oswestry Rural, Ball – OS Grid Reference: E:331220, N:328428
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c) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/03851/FUL Maesbury Hall, Newbridge, Maesbury	Erection of new traditionally styled, part glazed rear entrance porch and boot room above existing structure following partial dismantling of existing 20 th century rear lean-to porch. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support.
20/03852/LBC Maesbury Hall, Newbridge, Maesbury	Erection of new traditionally styled, part glazed rear entrance porch and boot room above existing structure following partial dismantling of existing 20 th century rear lean-to porch affecting a Grade II Listed Building. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support.
20/04145/FUL Proposed development at land off Mile End Roundabout, Oswestry	Construction of prefabricated steel pedestrian/cyclist bridge over the central carriageway of the newly created A5 north, with a span of approximately 59m, by 3.5m wide with ramped access on either side; landscaping scheme and all ancillary works. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support.

842/20 Clerk's Report

Members received a written report from the Clerk on action taken following decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk also gave the following verbal update:

- With reference to information from Lanyon Bowdler the Clerk had responded stating that the only interest the Parish Council has in Morda Village Hall and Trefonen Village Hall is as custodian trustee.

NOTED.

843/20 Financial Matters

a) Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations

Members considered for approval income and expenditure and bank reconciliations up to 30 September 2020. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 30 September 2020 be APPROVED.**

b) Payments for October 2020

Members considered for approval payments for October 2020.

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
Scottish Power	Street lighting power	250.49
Silver Marbles	Website accessibility assistance	36.00
Mark Evans	Bus shelter cleaning	54.00
SALC	Councillor training	30.00
Royce Landscapes	Grounds maintenance	1335.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	178.15
Sharon Clayton	Salary/expenses/reimbursements	963.06
	TOTAL	2846.70

844/20 Damage to Verges and Hedgerows

As instructed the Clerk had written to Owen Patterson MP to express concern about large heavy vehicles using narrow country lanes and he had passed on those concerns to the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps MP who advised that Shropshire Council has powers to manage traffic.

NOTED.

845/20 Remembrance 2020

Members considered for approval plans for this year's Remembrance 2020 in light of the COVID-19 Regulations.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) **The Chairman would lay a wreath at Trefonen Cross at 11 am on Sunday 8 November 2020.**
- b) **Due to current COVID-19 restrictions there would be no service.**
- c) **The lamp post poppies would be installed for the occasion.**
- d) **A message would be posted on the local Facebook page advising of this year's plans.**

846/20 Speeding at Coed Y Go

- a) Members received an update from the Safer Roads Working Group following a socially distanced site visit held at Coed Y Go on 26 October 2020. In attendance were two local residents, Cllr. Les Maguire, Shropshire Councillors Steve Davenport and Joyce Barrow, and David Gradwell from Shropshire Council. The meeting discussed concerns about the amount, speed and size of passing traffic. Local residents had collected data from 800 vehicles on one day and 750 vehicles on another day.

Shropshire Council had agreed to install two automatic traffic counters (ATC) for one week; one at Coed Y Go and one near the outskirts, although local residents would continue with their manual traffic counts. The ATC would not be installed during the current COVID-19 lockdown conditions since it may not give normal results of traffic movements.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the written notes taken at the site meeting should be forwarded to all Councillors.

Members also received information from West Mercia Road Safety Team concerning 20mph speed limits. 20mph zones and 20mph limits are generally self-enforcing based upon the conditions of the road and other traffic calming measures. As the local highway authority Shropshire Council is responsible for introducing 20mph limits and has agreed that the police would not be called upon to enforce these limits.

NOTED.

- b) Shropshire Council had agreed to install a traffic/speed counter at Coed Y Go at a cost of £525 + VAT per week.

NOTED.

- c) Members considered for approval how much CIL funds should be allocated to traffic calming. It was agreed that any allocation of funding should be shared equally throughout the parish.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the allocation and prioritisation of funds would be considered when updating the Place Plan.

847/20 Nantmawr Speeding Restrictions

Cllr. Phil May informed Members that a quest to introduce speeding restrictions in Nantmawr had been ongoing for several years. Nantmawr is a split village with part of it lying in Nantmawr and part in Llanyblodwel.

At its next meeting to be held in November 2020 Llanyblodwell Parish Council would be considering how the speed limit could be reduced from 60mph to 30mph along with other speed restriction options. Shropshire Council had repeatedly said that there was no money available and there were insufficient traffic officers to monitor and enforce speed limits. The installation of suitable signage may be the only solution.

NOTED.

848/20 Grant Applications

Members considered for approval the allocation of grant awards.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following awards be made:

Recipient	Award £
Hope House	750
Morton Playing Field Committee	750
Trefonen Defibrillator	120
TOTAL	1620

849/20 Tony Cheetham Community Service Award

Members considered plans for this year's Tony Cheetham Community Service Award.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that, due to the present COVID-19 restrictions, there would be no award this year and plans would be considered further in March 2021.

850/20 Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme

a) Members were informed that this scheme had closed due to unrepresented demand. However, the Woodland Trust was still providing free trees.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to consider acquiring trees at a future meeting.

b) Members considered where new trees should be planted.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this should be considered further at a future meeting.

c) Members considered for approval the purchase of appropriate tree guards.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this should be considered further at a future meeting.

851/20 Consultation

Members considered for approval a response to the following consultation:

a) National Pavement Parking

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support Option 3, National Restrictions, and the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council

b) Shropshire Council's Cultural Strategy

No response.

852/20 Correspondence

Members received the following:

a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information.

b) Information concerning the coronavirus.

c) Letter of thanks from Trefonen C of E Primary School.

d) Letter from Rt. Hon. Owen Paterson MP.

NOTED.

853/20 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

- Maesbury road signage (Cllr. Tony Milner)
- The Terraces brick works (Cllr. Les Maguire)
- Blocked bridleways (Cllr. Pam Broomby)

854/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

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.

855/20 Contract

Members received information concerning the reason for the change of name of the contractor who maintains green spaces for the Parish Council.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to Mrs Royce expressing the Council's good wishes.

856/20 Cemetery

Members considered for approval how to deal with an ongoing breach of regulations at Trefarclawdd cemetery.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the letter as drafted by the Clerk be sent to the family and the subsequent response considered at the next meeting.

857/20 Planning Enforcement

There were no planning enforcement notices received.

The meeting closed at 20:59.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____