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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of Oswestry Rural Parish Council will be held at Rhydycroesau Village Hall commencing at 7 pm on Thursday **28 April 2022** and Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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Signed:
Sharon Clayton MPA, BA (Hons), FSLCC
Clerk

Date of issue: 21 April 2022

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1. Chairman's Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence

3. Police Report

To receive a report from The North Shropshire and Oswestry Safer Neighbourhood Team

4. Shropshire Council Report

To receive a report from Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow

5. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Orders 3(e) members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda. This does not include matters relating to the council's administration. Should anyone wish to discuss business which is not included on the agenda please write to the Clerk who will make arrangements for appropriate action.

6. Minutes

a) To CONSIDER and APPROVE the minutes from a parish council meeting held on 31 March 2022 (appendix 6a)

NOTE: In accordance with Standing Order number 12(a)(b) draft minutes served on councillors shall be taken as read. There shall be no discussion about the draft minutes except in relation to their accuracy.

b) To NOTE and ADOPT the minutes from a Personnel Committee meeting held on 13 April 2021 (appendix 6b)

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests, Bias, and Pre-determination

In accordance with Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 Members are personally responsible for deciding whether or not they should disclose an interest at this meeting. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to a Member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion nor vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest. (Please refer to Appendix B in the Council's Code of Conduct).

Members are also reminded they should not make decisions with a closed mind and must declare a bias and not vote on matters where their decision could be considered to be pre-determined.

8. Dispensations

To consider and approve any requests for dispensations

9. Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

To receive any declarations of acceptance of gifts and hospitality

10. Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

To NOTE the following:

Planning Application Details	Planning Proposals
21/05983/FUL Trenant Chapel, Chapel Lane, Trefonen	Demolition of existing dining room and kitchen structure and erection of new rear extension with roof extending over patio. Demolish and re-position retaining wall in garden and various internal alterations Permission GRANTED 14 April 2022 <i>The parish council supported this application</i>
22/00765/FUL Bridge Cottage, Ball Lane, Maesbury	Erection of single storey extension Permission REFUSED 4 April 2022 <i>The parish council supported this application</i>
22/00782/FUL Barn, south of Nant Farm, Morda	Erection of three bay garage (re-submission) Permission GRANTED 4 April 2022 <i>The parish council had no objection to this application</i>

b) Planning Applications

To CONSIDER and APPROVE a response to the following:

Planning Application Details	Planning Proposals
22/01371/FUL 31 Sweeney Drive, Morda	Erection of first floor extension over existing garage
22/01376/FUL Willow Cottage, Sandrock Lane, Trefonen	Erection of two domestic outbuildings
22/01386/LBC The Wharfingers House, Maesbury Marsh	Replacement of 8 sash windows to front and rear elevations
22/01494/FUL 1 Brookside, Morda	Erection of a two-storey rear extension and front porch
22/01535/FUL Weston Cotton House, Weston Lane	Change of Use of first floor of double garage from storage to self-contained annex ancillary to the main dwelling
22/01540/FUL 13 Nant Y Caws, Morda	Erection of two-storey rear extension

NOTE: Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website will also be considered to meet response timeframes.

11. Clerk's Report

- a) To receive and NOTE a report from the Clerk (appendix 11a)
- b) To receive and NOTE responses from Helen Morgan MP and Shropshire Council and agree any further action (appendix 11b)

12. Financial Matters

To CONSIDER and APPROVE:

- a) Income and expenditure to end of March 2022 (appendix 12a)
- b) Bank reconciliations up to March 2022 (appendix 12b)
- c) Payments for April 2022 (information to follow)
- d) That the maintenance grant of £1,500 received from Shropshire Council has been spent in accordance with the grant terms (appendix 12d)
- e) Reserves as at 31 March 2022 (appendix 12e)

13. Neighbourhood Funds

To NOTE Neighbourhood Funds received and allocated (appendix 13)

14. Morton Closed Churchyard Maintenance

To CONSIDER and APPROVE increasing the parish council's contribution towards the maintenance of Morton closed churchyard (appendix 14)

15. Asset Register

To NOTE the contents of the parish council's asset register, and to further NOTE that land for which the parish council is responsible was acquired in pursuance of the Open Spaces Act 1906 (appendix 15)

16. Road Safety

- a) To receive information concerning the request for a 30mph speed limit to be introduced at Coed-y-Go (appendix 16a) (Cllr. Les Maguire)
- b) To CONSIDER and APPROVE asking Shropshire Council to implement a 40mph speed limit at Coed-y-Go
- c) To receive an update on the extension to the 30mph speed limit to the north of Maesbury (Cllr. Peter Richardson)

17. Village Hall in Maesbury

To consider the lack of a village hall at Maesbury and approve any action required (Cllr. Peter Davies)

18. Oswestry Leisure Centre

To consider the increased fees at Oswestry Leisure Centre and approve any action required (Cllr. John Davies)

19. Litter Bin

To CONSIDER and APPROVE the purchase and installation of a new litter bin at Maesbury Marsh bus shelter (Cllr. Peter Richardson)

20. Website

To CONSIDER and APPROVE:

- a) The addition of a new page on the parish council's website dedicated to the Road Safety Working Group
- b) The content of a page dedicated to the Road Safety Working Group (appendix 19) (Cllr. Martin Bennett)

21. Consultation

To CONSIDER and APPROVE a response to consultation received (appendix 21)

22. Date for Next Meeting

To NOTE that the next meeting will place on Thursday 26 May 2022 at Trefonen Village Hall

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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

23. Morton Post Box Area

To CONSIDER and APPROVE a quote for improvements to the Morton post box area (appendix 23)

24. Tree Survey

To CONSIDER and APPROVE a quote for a tree survey to be carried out (Cllr. John Davies) (appendix 24)

25. Staffing Matters

To receive a report and CONSIDER and APPROVE a recommendation from the Personnel Committee

26. Planning Enforcement

To NOTE any planning enforcement notifications received

Minutes
of a Parish Council meeting
held at 7 pm on Thursday 31 March 2022 at Trefonen Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Martin Jones (Chairman), Cllr. Martin Bennett, Cllr. Iain Campbell, Cllr. Peter Davies, Cllr. Roger Jones, Cllr. Bob Kimber, Cllr. Peter Richardson, Cllr. Jas Singh, Cllr. Steve Watts, Cllr. Mike Weston.

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

3 members of the public in attendance at the meeting and 3 members of the public attended by Zoom.

1272 Chairman's Welcome

In the absence of Cllr. Paul Milner, Cllr. Martin Jones chaired the meeting and welcomed all those present. He said that he had spoken to the Clerk and the Clerk had agreed to publish information on the parish council's website about how people wishing to assist refugees of the war in Ukraine could do so.

1273 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: Cllr. John Davies, Cllr. Les Maguire, Cllr. Paul Milner, Cllr. Chris Woods.

Apologies were also received from Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow who was on holiday.

Cllr. Robert Milton was ABSENT.

1274 Police Report

There was no report from the police at the time of the meeting.
NOTED.

1275 Shropshire Council Report

There was no report as Cllr. Joyce Barrow was not present.

1276 Public Participation

One member of the public spoke on behalf of the Morton Playing Field Committee in support of its grant application for funding towards the maintenance of the playing field.

One member of the public referred to the addition of a road safety page on the parish council's website and made recommendations about access links to and from the page. He also referred to how the council had allocated its funds and asked for an update on how these funds had been spent.

1277 Minutes

The minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 24 February 2022 were considered for approval. It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes be APPROVED and ADOPTED as a true record.**

1278 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

In accordance with Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 Members were informed they are personally responsible for deciding whether or not they should disclose an interest at this meeting. Members were also reminded they should not make decisions with a closed mind and must declare a bias and not vote on matters where their decision could be considered to be pre-determined.

Cllr. Jas Singh and Cllr. Martin Bennett both declared an interest in planning application number 22/00847/FUL, Morda chapel.

1279 Dispensations

None requested.

1280 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None declared.

1281 Planning Matters**a) Planning Decisions**The following planning decisions were **NOTED**.

Planning Application Details	Planning Proposals
21/05028/FUL 2 Plas Pentre, Cefn Court, Craig-llwyn, Trefonen	Conversion of existing garage into a holiday let accommodation Permission GRANTED 23 March 2022. <i>The parish council had no objection subject to the garage not being changed to residential in the future.</i>
21/05442/VAR White House, Crickheath	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 15/02392/FUL for the erection of one affordable dwelling and detached garage with plant and wet room. Permission GRANTED 3 March 2022. <i>The parish council objected due to concern about the size of the garage and that it would be too big for an affordable dwelling.</i>
21/05880/HRM Yew Tree Farm, Crickheath	Remove 8m of hedgerow to create safe access. No objection dated 25 March 2022. <i>The parish council had no objection, but attenuation should be considered for the water run-off and the hedges that would have absorbed some of it.</i>
22/00262/FUL Holiday Camp at Weston Cotton Farm, Weston	Siting of five holiday cabins. WITHDRAWN. <i>The parish council objected to this application stating that the siting of more cabins would be over-development that will lead to excess traffic on a busy road with a hazardous road junction.</i>
22/00374/FUL Draengwynion, Nantmawr	Erection of a domestic storage building. Permission REFUSED 14 March 2022. <i>The parish council had no objection.</i>
22/00574/VAR Stonehouse Brewery, Weston	Variation of Condition No: 7 (hours of operation) attached to planning permission 20/00333/FUL to allow for longer opening hours. Permission GRANTED 25 March 2022. <i>The parish council supported this application.</i>

b) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered for comment:

Planning Application Details	Planning Proposals
22/00588/FUL The Laurels Barn, Sweeney	Conversion of barn to form one dwelling, formation of vehicular and pedestrian access and installation of package treatment plant. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED no objection.
22/00720/FUL Moorehouse Farm, Craig-llwyn, Trefonen	Change of use of former equestrian centre, to include conversion of existing stable building to workshop, re-surfacing existing manège to outdoor vehicle store and erection of new building, to support the re-location of an existing established tractor vehicle and sales enterprise; to include all associated works. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED no objection.
22/00747/FUL Sewage Disposal Works, Maesbury Road	Installation of a Returned Activated Sludge (RAS) Secondary Activated Sludge (SAS) & Tertiary Solids Removal (TSR) kiosk, Aeration MCC kiosk, Combined Motor Control Centre (MCC) kiosk and Polymer Dosing kiosk and the provision of associated landscaping. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support.

Planning Application Details	Planning Proposals
22/00765/FUL Bridge Cottage, Ball Lane, Maesbury	Erection of single storey extension. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support.
22/00782/FUL Barn south of Nant Farm, Morda	Erection of three bay garage (re-submission). It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED no objection.
22/00815/FUL Springfield Bungalow, Oak Lane, Treflach	Erection of single storey side extension with elevational alterations. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED no objection.
22/00847/FUL Morda Methodist Church, Trefonen Road, Morda	Conversion of chapel into a single dwelling, replacement of existing outbuilding and formation of a dropped kerb for vehicle access. After declaring an interest Cllr. Martin Bennett and Cllr. Jas Singh left the meeting and did not participate in the discussion. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support. Cllr. Martin Bennett and Cllr. Jas Singh returned to the meeting.
22/01014/FUL Trefarclawdd Farm, Tref-Ar-Clawdd	Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act for the retrospective formation of two balancing ponds with all associated works. Due to concerns about surface water disposal affecting neighbouring properties; it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to object due to insufficient information and no Environmental Impact Assessment had been submitted with the application.
22/01215/VAR Land to the north of Weston Road, Morda	Variation of Condition no: 2 (approved drawings) attached to 21/00442/FUL to allow replacement block plan. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to object and that the development should comply with all planning conditions.

1282 Clerk's Report

Members **NOTED** a written report from the Clerk on action taken following decisions made at previous council meetings.

1283 Financial Matters

a) Income and Expenditure

Members considered for approval income and expenditure from 1 April to 28 February 2022.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that income received to date of £87,413.72 and gross expenditure of £37,014.37 be APPROVED.

b) Bank Reconciliations

Members considered for approval bank reconciliations for February 2022.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that bank reconciliations to the end of February 2022 totalling £254,172.55 be APPROVED.

c) Payments for March 2022

Members considered for approval payments for March 2022.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments for March 2022 be APPROVED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
EE	Wi-Fi mini monthly plan	15.00
HSBC	Bank charges	8.00
Sharon Clayton	Clerk's expenses	1183.99
HMRC	PAYE/NI	266.35
Mark Evans	Bus shelter cleaning	60.00
Colin Turner	Bus shelter cleaning	25.00
Viking	Stationery/postage	136.43

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
SALC	Councillor training	30.00
	TOTAL	1724.77

1284 Cemetery Fees

b) Members considered for approval a fee for interments that take place outside of normal approved hours.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED there would be no fee as interments would not be allowed to take place outside of normal hours.

c) Members considered for approval a charge for not notifying the council of interments without sufficient notice.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that there would be no fee as interments would not be allowed to take place without sufficient notice.

1285 Health and Safety Policy

Members considered for approval a revised Health and Safety Policy.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the policy be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

1286 Risk Management

a) Members considered for approval the annual risk assessment.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the annual risk assessment be APPROVED and that it should be regularly reviewed and considered again at the next meeting.

b) Members considered for approval councillor responsibility for risk assessment inspections of the parish council's assets.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that councillor responsibility would be as follows:

- o Cllr. Roger Jones – notice board at Coed-Y-Go.
- o Cllr. Martin Bennett – notice board, bus shelters, and land at Glentworth green (Morda).
- o Cllr. Bob Kimber – land, seat, notice board, hand pump, and bus shelter (Treflach) and the notice board in Nantmawr.
- o Cllr. John Davies – notice board, seat, bus shelter and the Old Cross cemetery in Trefonen.
- o Peter Davies – land and property at The Cliff and the notice board at Rhydycroesau.
- o Cllr. Peter Richardson – bus shelter and notice board (Maesbury Marsh), seat (Back Lane, Maesbury), notice board (Ball Lane, Maesbury), notice board (Gwern Y Brenin), notice board and post box pole (Morton), grass area, hand pump and notice board (Aston).

1287 Trefarclawdd Cemetery

a) Members considered for approval Terms of Reference for the Trefarclawdd Cemetery Working Group.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Terms of Reference for the Trefarclawdd Cemetery Work Group be APPROVED.

b) Members received the minutes from a meeting of the Trefarclawdd Cemetery Working Group held on 15 March 2022.

NOTED.

1288 Tony Cheetham Community Service Award

Members considered for approval the launch of the Tony Cheetham Community Service Award.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that nominations for the Award would be accepted from 1 April 2022 until the closing date on 20 May 2022 and that the award would be presented at the June Parish Council meeting.

1289 Annual Parish Meeting

Members considered for approval items for inclusion on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting that was to take place on 14 April 2022 at Trefonen Village Hall.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) **The agenda should include a 'Chairman's Report' and 'Questions from members of the public'.**
- b) **The meeting date would be changed from 14 April 2022 (Maundy Thursday) to 12 May 2022 to allow the maximum amount of people to attend.**

1290 Grant Application

Members considered for approval a grant application from Morton Playing Field Committee.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

1291 Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party Nominations

Members considered for approval the nomination of 2 people who had served their community to attend the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party on 8 June 2022.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that there were no nominations as members could not think of anyone who met the criteria.

1292 Website

a) Members considered for approval the addition of a new page on the parish council's website dedicated to the Road Safety Working Group.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this be deferred to the next meeting.

b) Members considered for approval the content of a page dedicated to the Road Safety Working Group.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this be deferred to the next meeting.

1293 Trefarclawdd Farm, Trefonen

There was no further discussion as this had been debated sufficiently at minute number 1281(b), when a response to planning application number 22/01014/FUL was agreed.

1294 Tree Survey

Members considered for approval that a tree survey should be carried out for all the trees on parish council land.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this be deferred to the next meeting.

1295 Power Failure

Members considered the issues caused by power failure and the potential for loss of communication, especially in rural areas, when mobile phones could not be charged.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to Shropshire Council and the local MP and inform them of the parish council's concerns over the potential for loss of communication, especially in rural areas, during power outages and request that these concerns be addressed as part of the emergency planning process.

1296 Rebate for Council Tax Bands A – D

Members considered for approval how to advise the public of a possible scam arising from the government's recent announcement that households in England in Council Tax bands A to D should receive £150 rebate.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the parish council's website should publish information to warn members of the public of a possible scam arising from the government's recent announcement that households in England in Council Tax bands A to D would receive a £150 rebate.

1297 Mile End Service Area

Members discussed the progression of the Innovations Park at Mile End roundabout and expressed concerns about how the area seemed run-down with the old TIC office empty and the roads and grounds were in an appalling state which contrasted badly with the Innovations Park opposite.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Shropshire Council should be asked for an update on its plans for investment and improvements in this area to showcase it as a welcoming place to visit.

1298 Spiggots Bridge

Cllr. Martin Jones expressed concern that Shropshire Council had neglected to keep Spiggots Bridge well maintained. Thanks to the endeavours of the late Cllr. Tony Milner the bridge had been awarded Listed Building status due to its historic links with Thomas Telford. The bridge is situated in a tourist area and next to a pathway alongside the canal used by pedestrians. There were weeds growing and an unsightly cable hanging from the bridge which ought to be hidden.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

a) **Shropshire Council should be asked to ensure that the bridge is well maintained.**

b) **A site inspection should be carried out with Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow and appropriate officers to agree an adequate maintenance programme.**

1299 Local Flooding and Pollution of Water Courses

Cllr. Martin Jones expressed concern about the pollution of water courses and local flooding. Heavy rains were leading to flooding due to inadequate drainage and soakaways, and pollutants were reducing biodiversity and affecting wildlife and ecology.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED:

- a) **To write to Shropshire Council's planning department and ask how they intend to manage and protect our water courses.**
- b) **To write to the local MP and ask for assistance in managing local flooding and pollution issues.**
- c) **To copy all correspondence to the Environment Agency (EA) and invite the EA to the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May 2022.**

1300 Consultation

No consultation was considered.

1301 Date for Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 28 April 2022 at Rhydycroesau Village Hall.

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.

At this point in the meeting, **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to suspend Standing Order number 3(x) to enable the meeting to exceed more than 2 hours.**

1302 Morton Post Box Area

Members considered for approval a quote for improvements to the Morton post box area.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this be deferred to the next meeting.

1303 Grounds Maintenance

Members considered for approval an annual increase of £289 for the grounds maintenance carried out by A G Royce based on an inflation rate of 5.4%.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the increase be APPROVED.

1304 Social Media

Members received information and a quote for setting up a Facebook page following a free social media health check carried out by Breakthrough Communications from which the parish council was advised to communicate via Facebook. Members expressed concern about adverse comments that may ensue via Facebook and the time it might take to administer.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that no action be taken at this time and any decision deferred until the parish council's website was working satisfactorily.

1305 Planning Enforcement

Members **NOTED** recent planning enforcement cases.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21:10.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

Clerk's Monthly Report on action taken following decisions made at the last parish council meeting.

11a

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
2021				
October	1183	Determine the demand, if any, for allotments.	Work in progress	Posters have been provided for notice boards throughout the parish and included on the website. Only one person has expressed an interest at the time of writing.
2022				
February	1259	Arrange for a 'no parking' sign to be installed on Treflach green.	Work in progress	
	1263	Write to the DofE and Helen Morgan MP in response to the parish council's concerns about the Levelling Up White Paper	Yes	The following response has been received from Helen Morgan MP: "I very much agree with the comments of your Council. Shropshire has again been ignored and the suggested changes to governance are not appropriate for a large county as Shropshire, which will lead to more remote government instead of being more grass root based. I have shared your comments with the Secretary of State". Response from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is appended. Once the council has considered this response Helen Morgan MP has offered to assist the parish council further if necessary.
	1265	Arrange for the parish council's name to be renewed on the notice board at Morda.	Work in progress	
March	1281(b)	Respond to planning applications	Yes	
	1286(b)	Risk assessments to be carried out by councillors as agreed.	Work in progress	
	1288	Launch the Tony Cheetham Community Service Award	Yes	Posters are displayed on the notice boards and details are on the website.
	1289	Change the date for the Annual Parish Meeting	Yes	Details are on the website.
	1295	Write to Shropshire Council and Helen Morgan MP and express the parish council's concerns about potential loss of communication during power outages and request that these concerns be addresses as part of the emergency planning process.	Yes	Helen Morgan MP says "This is an important issue for rural communities and there is a need for the power system to have sufficient resilience in the event of such situations. My Office has been in touch with BT, for example, regarding its planned phasing out of landline communication. In recognition of the resilience issue, BT has put its programme on hold whilst it works to ensure adequate provision is made. Given the concerns of the Parish Council, I have written to the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to ask what steps it is taking with the utility companies and within its own emergency

Clerk's Monthly Report on action taken following decisions made at the last parish council meeting.

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MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
				planning process / response to address the issue". She will report back to the parish council once a response is received.
	1296	Publish information on the parish council's website about the council tax rebate scam.	Yes	Posters are also on notice boards. The latest information from Shropshire Council concerning when the payments will be made is also on the website.
	1297	Write to Shropshire Council and ask what improvement and investment plans they have for the Innovation Park at Mile End.	Yes	Response awaited.
	1298	Ask Shropshire Council to inspect Spiggots Bridge and agree an adequate maintenance plan.	Yes	Wrote to Cllr. Dean Carroll who has asked Shropshire Council's Bridges Engineer to inspect the bridge as requested and look at ongoing maintenance. The bridge engineer has sent information concerning the last bridge inspection and has agreed to a site visit.
	1299	Write to Shropshire Council and ask how they intend to manage and protect our water courses, write to local MP to ask for assistance in managing local flooding and pollution issues, copy correspondence to the Environment Agency and invite someone from the Environment Agency to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.	Yes	Helen Morgan MP has written to the Chief Executive at Shropshire Council to ask what steps the council is taking to address the concerns of the parish council. She will report back to the parish council once a response has been received. Tracy Darke at Shropshire Council has informed that that the officer responsible for flooding will provide a response in due course. Cllr. Lezley Picton is liaising with colleagues and will provide an update in due course.

Expenditure	Budget	Balance	March	Allocated	Unallocated
	2021/2022		2022	Reserves	Reserves
General Administration					
Clerk Salary / Employer NI/ Home Working Allowance	£13,112.00	-£691.69	£13,803.69		
Stationery	£730.00	£305.69	£424.31		
Postage	£403.00	£70.02	£332.98		
Clerk Travel Costs	£474.00	-£154.20	£628.20		
Audit Fee (internal)	£75.00	£10.00	£65.00		
Audit Fee (external)	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00		
Professional/Legal Fees	£500.00	-£795.00	£1,295.00	£1,000.00	
Insurance	£850.00	£23.61	£826.39		
Meeting Room Hire	£300.00	-£176.89	£476.89		
SALC Subscription	£1,624.23	£0.00	£1,624.23		
SLCC Subscription	£256.00	£0.00	£256.00		
Data Protection	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00		
Quality Award Scheme	£0.00				
Bank charges			£24.50		
Communication					
Newsletter and Annual Report	£40.77	£40.77	£0.00		
Website and domain name	£1,427.00	-£30.00	£1,457.00		
Notice board maintenance	£1,021.00	-£0.30	£1,021.30		
Training					
Clerk	£486.00	£171.00	£315.00		
General (Councillor)	£350.00	£170.00	£180.00	£275.00	
Elections	£3,430.00	£3,430.00			
Parish Maintenance					
Street Lights - electricity	£960.00	£11.04	£948.96		
Street Lights - repairs	£100.00	-£26.25	£126.25		
Street Lights - new	£0.00				
Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries	£3,450.00	£468.00	£2,982.00		
Grounds Maintenance - Green Spaces	£2,205.00	-£483.00	£2,688.00		
Donation	£550.00	-£0.50	£550.50		
Bus Shelter - cleaning	£1,020.00	£0.00	£1,020.00		
General Repairs	£850.00	£500.00	£350.00		
Other	£473.00	-£533.99	£1,006.99		
Leisure and Community					
Grants	£3,070.00	£3,070.00	£0.00		
Grants LGA 1972 S137			£520.00		
Strategic Plan (VAS)	£3,781.00	-£0.04	£3,781.04		
Morda Village Hall	£0.00				
Tony Cheetham Community Award	£55.00	£55.00			
Contingency	£0.00	£0.00			
AED	£0.00			£400.00	
Traffic calming					
VAS (Treflach)					

Year to date balances:

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	BALANCE
	£	£	£
31-Mar-21		B/F	203833.46
2021			
April	-6829.24	36,183.46	233187.68
May	-4350.42	45,255.99	274093.25
June	-3405.11	80.99	270769.13
July	-1995.13	1500.66	270274.66
August	-1164.26	325.60	269436.00
September	-5823.25	281.66	263894.41
October	-3433.22	497.73	260958.92
November	-2708.98	-60.26	258650.52
December	-1904.00	400.58	257878.19
		1,131.67	257878.19
			over pmt -60.26 credited Oct
			257817.93
2022			
January	-2452.07	801.87	256167.73
February	-2948.69	953.51	254172.55
March	-1724.77	767.10	253214.88
BALANCE	-38739.14	88,120.56	

Bank balance as at 31 March 2022:

Current account 10649120	4420.78
Deposit account 11313924	223508.51
Reserve account 21514768	285.59
PSDF	25000.00
	<u>253214.88</u>

EARMARKED RESERVES 2021/2022			
Reserves approved in accordance with Strategic Plan fund allocations on 23 November 2021 - minute number 1205			
Budget Heading	Neighbourhood Funds	Unallocated Reserves	Allocated Reserves
	£	£	£
Traffic calming	17500		
Treflach VAS	6500		
Litter picking equipment			100
Hanging baskets			1000
Play improvements	10000		
Cycling and walking facilities	10000		
Cycling and walking promotion			5000
Dog waste/litter bins	3000		
VAS - Maesbury	7500		
Promotion of meeting facilities			2000
Green spaces and infrastructure	5000		
sub total	59500		8100
<i>Plus reserves previously agreed</i>			
Professional/legal fees			1000
Councillor training			275
Streetlights - new	2000		
AED			400
	61500		9775
<i>Plus unallocated Neighbourhood Funds</i>	79514		
	141014		9775
Neighbourhood Fund reserves 2021/2022	141014		
Allocated reserves			9775
Unallocated reserves		102426	
Total reserves as at 31 March 2022	253215		

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Neighbourhood Funds received to date

YEAR	CIL FUNDS RECEIVED		TOTAL CIL FUNDS AVAILABLE		CIL FUNDS ALLOCATED		CIL FUNDS SPENT		CIL FUNDS RETAINED		REASON FOR SPEND
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Neighbourhood Funds received and spent											
2014/2015	231.45								231.45		
2015/2016	1311.53	1542.98	1542.98						1542.98		
2016/2017	7220.02	8763.00	8763.00				2120.31	6642.69	6642.69		£2120.31 maintenance and improvements to Trefarclawdd cemetery
2017/2018	25167.96	31810.65	31810.65				4930.00	26880.65	26880.65		£400 cemetery and £4530 street lights
2018/2019	48485.59	75366.24	75366.24				19134.10	56232.14	56232.14		Street lights upgrade
2019/2020	7547.16	63779.30	63779.30				1501.02	62278.28	62278.28		Street lights upgrade
2020/2021	34405.40	96683.68	96683.68				0	96683.68	96683.68		
2021/2022	44330.34	141014.02	141014.02	61500			0	141014.02	141014.02		
	168699.45	141014.02	141014.02	61500			27685.43				