

Munslow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7:30 pm at Beambridge Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Edward Povey, Antonia Bury, Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Val Fotheringham and Chris Meeson. **In Attendance:** Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Graham Williams and Cllr Cecilia Motley (Unitary Councillor)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Prop Cllr Dobson 2nd Cllr Marston. Cllr Archer signed them as a correct record.
4. **Public Forum:** No members of the public
5. **Matters Arising:** Cllr Archer has received notification of Pension Compliance for the Clerk.
6. **Urgent Items:** None
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. Chairman – Cllr Archer reported that she had laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the war memorial on the 14th November and then attended the church service. She and the Clerk attended a meeting with Cllr Motley and 16 councillors and clerks from Corvedale and Apedale. She also attended a zoom meeting of the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Chairs with SALC, another is being arranged for January and she will attend the South Shropshire Area Committee meeting next week.
 - 7.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley offered her apologies and forwarded a report. Shropshire Council are having a number of meetings to discuss the budget but are hampered by the ballooning cost of social care. Her portfolio responsibilities are in the discretionary category and therefore subject to severe cuts. The Leader of the Council, Lezley Picton, has had numerous conversations with Michael Gove and his department regarding the way Shropshire Council is unfairly penalised by very low funding in a number of budget areas, not least health and social care and public health. She was pleased by the numbers attending recent Chairs and Clerks meeting which considered the Community Governance Review and will organise another meeting in March.
 - 7.3. Beambridge Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that they are waiting for the electrician to connect the wi-fi system.
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1. The Accounting Statement and Bank Reconciliation were approved.: Cllr Marston signed the bank reconciliation as a correct record of the accounts.
 - 8.2. The Payments to H Coonick (Clerk) for salary (£447.20) HMRC (£118.80) Reimbursement for stationary etc (£93.44) and travel expenses (£23.85) were authorised. Prop. Cllr Dobson 2nd Cllr Bury

8.3. The Draft Budget was adopted and the Precept set at £5633 for 2022-2023 which remains the same as the present year. It was decided that the budget for this year should be changed to allow expenditure from the Community Infrastructure Levy (Neighbourhood Fund) to purchase of a Defibrillator and Cabinet in the present financial year. It would be managed and maintained by the Parish Council. The budget for 2022-2023 allows for expenditure up to £5,500 on Traffic Calming Measures. Prop Cllr Marston 2nd Cllr Meeson. Unanimous.

9. Planning Matters

9.1. **1/05164/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990:**

Agreed to support this application

9.2. **21/05413/TCA PROPOSED TREE WORKS:** Agreed to support this application.

10. Highways

10.1. Cllr Archer reported that the Aston Munslow signs had been reported as faulty again. It is reporting speeds and the fastest recorded was 84.2 mph. It was agreed that if after it is repaired another fault occurs a refund or replacement of the unit will be requested.

10.2. The Clerk reported that James Bent will be asked to give a quote to repair the verge near the Swan and tidy the Community Car Park. If further damage occurs to the verge it will be referred to Shropshire Council.

10.3. A letter from Diddlebury Parish Council fully supported combined action from the parishes along the B4368 and a representative would be keen to attend a working party. Cllr Povey will redraft the report to reflect the whole of the B4368 parishes concerns and circulate it with the Route Study Briefing if Nick Newton is in agreement before convening a working party.

11. Correspondence

11.1. A member of the public enquired about siting of the VAS sign in Aston Munslow. Cllr Archer had responded explaining the decision making process regarding its site. She will also inform the correspondent that the Parish Council is setting aside £5,500 for traffic calming in next year's budget.

12. **Parish Boundary Review:** During the meeting convened by Cllr Motley Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk discussed the area at Aston Top which may be an area for consideration for a change of boundary.

13. **Burial Ground and Defra Consultation:** Cllr Archer reported this had been discussed at the Chairs meeting but as the Burial Ground is closed it appears that this will not affect Munslow Parish Council.

14. **Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund:** It was agreed to purchase a waste bin for the Community Car Park which will be emptied by the landlord of the Swan Inn. It was decided not to purchase a bin for the layby as this would cost approximately £200 per annum to have emptied. Parishioners can report incidents of littering (<https://shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-and-cleaning/environmental-maintenance/littering-including-overflowing-public-bins/>) and if enough are received by Shropshire Council a bin will be provided and emptying will then be their responsibility.

15. **Queen's Jubilee Canopy:** Cllr Archer will contact Shropshire Council to request a tree and plaque.

16. **The Code of Conduct was adopted.**

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd February 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall

Signed:

Date:

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