

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 11th November 2020 Via Zoom

Present: Councillors: Tony Broom, Peter Clare, Sue Crow, Huw Ellis (*with technical difficulties*), Craig Emery, Neil Evans, Robert Macey (Chairman), Mike McKenna, Erica Morgan, Simon Westwood-Bate, Lenny Worthing

Hosting the meeting via Zoom: I.F.Cruise-Taylor - Locum Clerk to the Council

In attendance: Bridget Laraway – Parish Clerk

1230	Apologies and reasons for absence were noted from Cllr Tony Bird (Covid/Zoom). Absent: Cllr Steve West Wynn
1231	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests 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. None b) To consider any applications for dispensation None
1232	To confirm the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th October 2020 Cllr McKenna requested an amendment to Appendix B of the minutes. The last two paragraphs of the appendix should be titled as 'Comment'. Proposed by Cllr Mckenna, Seconded: Cllr Emery RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 October 2020 be approved, subject to the above amendment.
1233	Public Participation session – there were no members of the public.
1234	Reports a) Locum Clerk – A report would be available for the next meeting. Cllr Macey thanked the Locum Clerk for his support over the previous months and for seeing the Council through the challenges of Covid. b) Shropshire Council – Cllr Robert Macey reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Removal of barriers in Gobowen village</i> – there is a bollard, or bollards, to be re-instated before the barriers can be removed. • <i>Shropshire Council Street lights</i> – the streetlights at the end of Bypass Road near the Zebra crossing have now been replaced with LEDs and are working. • <i>Hedge maintenance</i> – the list of properties has been forwarded to Shropshire Council. There has been no response to date. • <i>Community Covid Support</i> – This is the day to day priority within Shropshire Council. There have been rising rates across Shropshire and local measures had been put in place prior to the current lockdown. • <i>Local Plan</i> – This is due to be considered at Cabinet on 7th December 2020, followed by a final public consultation and consideration by Full Council. • Requests from Councillors: Cllr Crow requested that a copy of the list of properties requiring hedge maintenance is made available to Councillors. c) Progress with recruiting Parish Clerk

	<p>Cllr Macey reported that the Parish Clerk appointment had been completed. Bridget Laraway had started from 1 November 2020 on a part time basis and will take up the role full time from 16 November 2020. Ian Cruise-Taylor, Locum Clerk, will continue to provide support to the new Parish Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Macey thanked the recruitment panel for their work during these difficult times.</p>
1235	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Monthly statement - Bank reconciliation for October 2020 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>b) Payments – The payments list had also been circulated. It was noted that the armistice wreaths had been purchased twice. The duplicate wreaths will be held for use in 2021. Parish Clerk to arrange cheque payment.</p> <p>c) Income – Income received since the last meeting was also circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Emery noted that he had 2 cheques which he will forward to the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation, payments and income as tabled and appended to the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Macey thanked Cllr McKenna and Cllr West Wynn for laying the armistice wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>
1236	<p>Amenities and Services Committee report- Cllr McKenna reported:</p> <p>(i) <i>Street lighting</i> – upgrades continue in line with the 5 year plan.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Tree Clearance (River Perry)</i>- the work to clear the playing field edge of the River Perry had been completed. It was noted that Perry Road residents are starting to take responsibility for clearing their side of the river in response to the letter that had been sent by Cllr Crow and the Locum Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To record a note of thanks to those Perry Road residents who have cleared the shrubs and trees on their side of the River Perry.</p>
1237	<p>Hengoed Cemetery – Cllr McKenna reported:</p> <p>(i) <i>Cemetery Gates</i> – The refurbished gates are now in place. The Council thanked Cllr Crow and Phil Crow and others for their work.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Grave levelling</i> – The levelling work has now taken place</p> <p>(iii) <i>Outside storage area</i> – Work is in progress.</p>
1238	<p>Shropshire Carbon Action Partnership</p> <p>An offer to present to the Council about reducing their carbon footprint and how to work towards becoming carbon neutral had been circulated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Shropshire Carbon Action Partnership will be invited to give a short presentation at the start of a Council meeting.</p>
1239	<p>Cultural Strategy Consultation and the Community and Rural Strategy Consultation.</p> <p>These Shropshire Council Consultations had been circulated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors will respond to the Consultations as individuals.</p>

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1240	<p>Shropshire Lieutenancy are inviting all Town and Parish Councils to nominate their Covid-19 heroes. Information had been circulated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To publish the details on the Council Facebook page and encourage residents to send their nominations direct to the Shropshire Lieutenancy.</p>
1241	<p>Future Agenda Items The following items were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request from a resident to change Old Chirk Road into a one-way road.• Request for bin at the junction of Rhewl Lane and St Martins Road (A&S Committee)• Parish Roundabout magazine.
1242	<p>To note the date of next meeting. Wednesday 9th December 2020</p>