

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 16 November 2023 at Cound Moor Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors S James (Chairman), R Davies, S Green, J Hall, T Roberts, S Scott, M Smith, K Symonds and Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Lisa Harris

60.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor R Sartain.

61.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

62.23 Public Participation Session – *a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak, with a strict 5-minute limit per speaker. Members of the public may speak on matters appearing on the agenda. However, if a matter does not appear on the agenda, a written request should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2 working days before the meeting.*

There were no members of the public present.

63.23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 September 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Davies and
resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 September be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

64.23 Clerk's report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting of 21 September 2023

- Adoption of payphone kiosk - application submitted to BT to adopt kiosk in Upper Cound. BT are unable to act until the current consultation period is up (end of November 2023) regarding the removal of 19 payphones in Shropshire.
- Costings of siting a defibrillator in BT payphone kiosk - research carried out into the costs involved. To be discussed at item 70.23.
- Website hosting – a refund had been received from HugoFox for the direct debit payment made in October when they had introduced a monthly fee for website hosting. However, following correspondence with the provider, it was agreed that it was unfair

to introduce payment midway through a financial year and that charging would not now commence until April 2024.

65.23 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild briefed the Parish Council that on 5 and 6 December there would be some drilling taking place on Cressage Bridge and it would therefore be closed both days between 9.30am and 4.00pm. Full repairs would be carried out at some point between January and May 2024 which would involve the bridge being completely closed for a period of approximately 2 weeks.

A large concrete block had appeared on Cound Bridge with speculation about it possibly being a camera mount. Councillor Wild said that this was a possibility as there were plans for temporary CCTV to be sited there to capture bridge strikes and to monitor larger vehicles crossing over. Since the meeting, Shropshire Council's Engineering Services and Bridges Manager (Gurnek Singh) has confirmed that this is indeed the case.

It had also been reported to Councillor Wild that the red and white trief kerbs on Cound Bridge have been knocked out of place. They are obviously doing their job but they need putting back in the correct place as they are narrowing the carriageway. Gurnek Singh has advised that the kerbs will reset with pins/bedding concrete whilst the trial is carried out and it is hoped this will be for a minimum 6-month period.

66.23 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 12 November and confirmed that both defibrillators were ready to use as and when required.

67.23 Guildhall Matters

In Councillor Sartain's absence, Councillor Roberts provided a brief update: The toilet rebuild has been completed with only a small amount of decorating left to be finished. Very positive feedback so far and quite a few bookings in the diary.

68.23 Current Year Financial matters

a) Payments

Authorised payments for October and November 2023 from Treasurer's Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
16/11/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses Oct/Nov	£ 60.10
16/11/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary Oct/Nov	£ 529.76
16/11/23	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary Oct/Nov	£ 132.20
16/11/23	Miss L Harris	Backdated NJC pay rise to April	£ 166.40
16/11/23	HMRC	Backdated PAYE on pay rise to April	£ 41.60
16/11/23	Royal British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00
16/11/23	D Burn	Environmental Maintenance Sep/Oct	£ 315.00
TOTAL			£1295.06

It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor James and
resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 10 November 2023

The bank was reconciled at £8,529.38, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Councillor Symonds.

c) Half year accounts and review

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments account up to the end of September 2023 and a projection to the end of the year. Costs for the full year are projected to closely align with the budget for 2023/24. The precept to be claimed from Shropshire Council and the 2024/25 budget will be discussed in full at January's meeting. However, it is likely that the precept will have to be increased if the War Memorial is to be repaired and a contribution made to an additional defibrillator in Upper Count. Clerk to prepare several budgets showing different options regarding the precept.

69.23 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 23/03955/FUL

Address: 51 Upper Count Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AS

Description: Erection of single storey side and rear extension

Validated: 08 Sep 2023

Status: Granted

b) Ref: 23/03701/FUL

Address: Highfields Harnage Count Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6EJ

Description: Erection of single storey extension open sided for workshop space and solar panels located on the flat roof

Validated: 08 Sep 2023

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration:

a) Ref: 23/04431/FUL

Address: Spring Bank 4 The Heighways Upper Count Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AR

Description: Erection of two storey rear extension, front porch and pitched roof to existing dormer window, installation of solar panels

Validated: 23 Oct 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

No objections nor comments were recorded on any of the above planning applications.

70.23 To consider purchasing a defibrillator for the former BT kiosk in Upper Count

The Clerk had researched the costs involved in purchasing and installing an additional defibrillator for the parish:

Item description	Cost ex VAT	
iPAD Defibrillator SPR Semi-automatic AED	£	885.00
DefibSafe2 Outdoor AED Defibrillator Cabinet	£	449.00
Installation (electrician)	£	150.00
Kiosk signage	£	75.00
Total cost	£	1559.00

It was agreed that this agenda item would be revisited at January’s meeting once it was known (a) if the adoption of the BT kiosk had been successful and (b) whether any residents of Upper Cound were interested in contributing to the cost of the defibrillator.

ACTION: Clerk to put on January’s agenda and to factor a partial parish council contribution in the budget for 2024/25

71.23 To consider the safety of the ford at Bull Hollow

Councillor Hall showed photographs of recent incidents at Bull Hollow where, when the area was flooded, drivers had been unable to identify the boundary of the road and cars had “fallen” over the edge of the road causing serious damage to the vehicles. It was suggested that either signage be erected directing drivers away from the edge or that bollards are installed for the purpose of clear demarcation of the boundary. It was agreed that Highways at Shropshire Council should be contacted, apprised of the situation, and asked to put in place some remedial measures.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways at Shropshire Council

72.23 Correspondence

Nothing beyond what was mentioned elsewhere on the agenda.

73.23 Future agenda items

None.

74.23 Dates of next meeting

Thursday 18 January 2024 at 7.30pm at Cound Moor Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 18 January 2024