

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 21 March 2024 at Cound Moor Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors R Davies, J Hall, T Roberts, R Sartain, S Scott, M Smith, K Symonds and Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Lisa Harris

89.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S James and S Green. As Vice-Chair, Councillor Roberts chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

90.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

91.23 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.*

No members of the public were present.

92.23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 January 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 January 2024 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

93.23 Clerk's report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting of 18 January 2024

- Contacted local stonemason regarding a quote for the war memorial restoration work.
- Advised by the War Memorial Trust that application for grant was unsuccessful in the January round of funding. However, invited to resubmit application for assessment in the next grant round in April 2024. This was done.
- Precept request made to Shropshire Council before the deadline of 31 January 2024.
- Notified that the Cabinet Office is offering every local council in the UK a free framed portrait of His Majesty The King. An application has been submitted.
- Started the process of purchasing the BT telephone kiosk for £1. Awaiting confirmation.
- Received confirmation from Shropshire Council that a Modification Order had been issued notifying the public of proposed changes to the Definitive Map relating to bridleways at Church Lane and Golding Lane. Any objections must be received by

Shropshire Council by the 21 March deadline.

94.23 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild briefed the Parish Council as follows:

- Cressage Bridge – now reopened but would be closed again on 5 April from 9.30am – 4.00pm for a full inspection to take place using specialist equipment.
- Cound Arbour Bridge – would be speaking to Gurnek Singh in the new financial year about permanently altering the access onto the bridge. The new temporary layout is working at protecting the bridge from damage. A CCTV camera is on rotation in the county but as there had been no hits on the bridge since the blocks/bollards have been in place, it remains monitoring Clun Bridge as they are still getting knocks.
- Berwick Wharf – currently repair work of the roads with resurfacing later in the year.
- Much Wenlock – drainage works being undertaken in October.

95.23 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 17 March and confirmed that both defibrillators were ready to use as and when required. He also advised that the pads for both AEDs had been replaced. The batteries are under warranty until July 2025 at which point they will require replacing. For information: If the battery indicator on the LCD screen is showing 2 out of 3 bars, it is perfectly normal and indicates it is approximately mid-way through its lifespan.

96.23 Guildhall Matters

Councillor Sartain advised of a number of successful recent events including Flicks in the Sticks and a Gin Tasting Evening, the latter which had been wonderfully organised by Linda Clutterbuck and had been particularly well received. The “Spring Sizzler” breakfast has been arranged for Sunday 24 March. The village fete will take place on Saturday 18 May.

97.23 Current Year Financial matters

a) Payments

Authorised payments for February and March 2024 from Treasurer’s Account

Payee	Description	Amount
Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses Feb/Mar 24	£ 116.99
Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary Feb/Mar 24	£ 571.16
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary Feb/Mar 24	£ 142.80
Cound Guildhall	Venue hire for parish council meetings	£ 75.00
Cound Moor Village Hall	Venue hire for parish council meetings	£ 100.00
MedUK	Replacement defibrillator pads	£ 127.08
TOTAL		£1133.03

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

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 14 March 2024

The bank was reconciled at £6,113.62 being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Councillor Symonds.

98.23 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 24/00137/FUL

Address: The Rookery Harnage Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6EJ

Description: Installation of ground mounted solar panels and associated infrastructure

Validated: 15 Jan 2024

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration:

a) Ref: 24/00513/FUL

Address: 3 Clockhouse Stables Cound Park Drive Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BJ

Description: Internal reconfiguration/refurbishment and associated external landscaping works including erection of summerhouse

Validated: 13 Feb 2024

Status: Pending Consideration

b) Ref: 24/00514/LBC

Address: 3 Clockhouse Stables Cound Park Drive Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BJ

Description: Internal reconfiguration/refurbishment and associated external landscaping works including erection of summerhouse

Validated: 13 Feb 2024

Status: Pending Consideration

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

99.23 Correspondence

Nothing beyond what already mentioned.

100.23 Future agenda items

Councillor Sartain had been approached by parishioners asking about wildflower seeding of the verges in the parish from Cound Arbour Bridge to Harnage and to Upper Cound.

ACTION: Clerk to put on May's Agenda.

101.23 Dates of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 23 May 2024 at 7.00pm at The Guildhall, Cound.

The Vice-Chair thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 23 May 2024