

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 18 July 2024 at Cound Guildhall

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

One member of the public was present

26.24 Apologies for Absence

None *[Apologies were later received from Councillors R Sartain and S Scott]*

27.24 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

28.24 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.*

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

29.24 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Smith and

resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 2024 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

30.24 Clerk's report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting on 23 May 2024

- Submitted required information to external auditor prior to compliance deadline date. Published all necessary accounting records on the website in accordance with the public rights of the local electorate (or other interested person).
- Confirmation has been received that we have been awarded an Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council. Unfortunately, due to budget pressures, this is only half of the amount requested, which was 50% of the total cost of the maintenance contract. This

means that the Parish Council has to fund 75% of the cost of the contract, with Shropshire Council funding the other 25%. It is likely that next year there will be no grant available.

- Annual appraisal has been conducted by Councillors James and Symonds. As a satisfactory appraisal has been attained, a suitable pay increase is requested.

ACTION: Clerk to put a possible pay rise on September's agenda for consideration.

31.24 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild presented a report which covered:

- **Green Waste** - Following public consultation, the decision has been made that the "green waste" service will continue but with an annual charge of £56 per green bin. The payment year will run from 1 October to 30 September. You will be able to register and pay for this service from August onwards. The £56 charge is the average charge being made by other local authorities. Ideally, Shropshire Council would like to see as many residents as possible choose to compost. You will not be able to put your green waste into your residual (grey) waste bin as it will result in the bin being considered "contaminated" and it will not be emptied. Food waste can be placed in the grey bin until the free, weekly food waste collection comes online in 2026. If payment has not been received by 1 October, the collection of your green waste will stop. Green bins will be left with residents until a later date, but not emptied. You can purchase more than one bin at a charge of £56 per bin up to a maximum of three bins.
- **Household Recycling Centres** - The consultation results said loud and clear that residents wish to keep all centres open. Cabinet decided that all four household recycling centres will remain open but close one day a week. Awaiting confirmation of the day but most likely a Wednesday or Thursday as these are the quietest days across all household recycling centres. A booking system will be introduced for all the household recycling centres. You will be able to use an app or phone to book a slot. This works well in other council areas and has cut down on queues, illegal waste and allows the operatives to assist customers. It also allows Veolia a better way to manage the sites including the ability to safely move full containers (not an issue in Shrewsbury). There will be more information on this at a later date.

32.24 To receive defibrillator audit report for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 14 July and confirmed that both defibrillators were ready to use as and when required.

33.24 Guildhall Matters

As Councillor Sartain was not present, Councillor Roberts gave a brief update:

- Cound Craft & Produce Show will take place on 7 September 2024 at the Guildhall. There would be dog classes and a scarecrow competition. Tea and cakes would be available.
- The programme for Flicks in the Sticks, commencing in September, is being planned. Councillor Roberts is happy to receive any film recommendations.

34.24 Current financial matters

a) Payments

Payee	Description	Amount
Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses June/July	£ 60.10
Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary June/July	£ 571.16
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary June/July	£ 142.80
Mr D Burn	Environmental Maintenance – April/May/June	£ 455.00
	TOTAL	£ 1229.06

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 11 July 2024

The bank was reconciled at £11,290.05, being the online banking balance on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

35.24 Planning

1. Decisions to note

a. Ref: 24/01584/FUL

Address: Prince House 8 Cound Park Drive Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BN

Description: Proposed exterior alterations to existing dwelling and erection of detached double garage block

Validated: 22 Apr 2024

Status: Granted

b. Ref: 24/02425/CPE

Address: Pool House Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF

Description: Commencement of building operations sufficient to implement planning permission 17/03171/FUL

Validated: 24 Jun 2024

Status: Lawful

2. Planning applications for consideration

a. Ref: 24/02364/PAAFC

Address: Lower Cound Farm Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AJ

Description: Prior approval application for the change of use of an agricultural shed to indoor pickleball courts

Validated: 19 Jun 2024

Status: Pending Consideration

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

36.24 To consider the re-wilding of verges in parish

Councillor Sartain had asked for this item to be considered. However, in his absence the Parish Council concluded that regrettably it did not have any legal powers to allow for such an undertaking.

37.24 Correspondence

Nothing beyond what already mentioned.

38.24 Future agenda items

None.

39.24 Date of next meeting

Thursday 19 September 2024 at 7.30pm at The Guildhall, Cound.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.09pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 26 September 2024