

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30pm ON 21st January 2021 BY REMOTE VIDEO CALL

Present: Parish Councillors S Scott, T Roberts, L Clutterbuck, R Davies, J Hall, S James, R Sartain, R Smith,
Shropshire County Councillor C Wild, One member of the public, and Clerk 'elect' Lisa Harris

Clerk: Kathy Symonds

The meeting could not be conducted face-to-face due to the restrictions imposed during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Council took advantage of The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 allowing local authorities to conduct meetings remotely.

60.20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S. Green was absent due to a work commitment

61.20 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

62.20 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

A member of the public, Mr James Healey, was present for part of the meeting. Mr Healey is a candidate standing in the forthcoming Shropshire Council local elections attending the meeting to introduce himself to the Council.

63.20 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 November 2020

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 19 November 2020 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

64.20 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19 November 2020

a) Update on A458/Cound park speeding traffic (min ref 36.20 & 50.20)

The results from the speed strips placed at either side of the entrance to Cound Park had been received from Shropshire Council. These indicate that the vast majority of road users are well within the 60mph speed limit although there are a significant proportion in the 60-65mph bracket, and a handful clocked doing speeds in excess of 85mph.

After some discussion and different suggestions as to what steps (if any) should now be taken Cllr Wild re-iterated that the police have to agree to any speed reduction as it is an 'A' road. The police will not reduce a speed limit without the stats to back it up, and if any steps are to be taken Steve Brown of Shropshire Highways needs to be 'on side' to push the case forward.

It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the March 18th meeting Steve Brown and Chris Lewis (and/or other Cound Park residents) invited to attend.

ACTION : Clerk to email Steve Brown and Chris Lewis re attendance at 18th March meeting.

b) Update on Clerk's recruitment and hand-over plan (min ref 55.20)

Cllr Scott introduced the incoming Clerk, Lisa Harris, to the Council and Cllr Roberts gave a resumé of Lisa's experience to date.

Lisa will commence as Clerk/RFO on 1st February.

65.20 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

- Cllr Wild welcomed the new Clerk, stressing that if she could be of any assistance she would be pleased to help wherever possible.
- Cllr Wild had reported a broken drain at Bull Hollow to Jonathan Stigwood (Shropshire Highways Drainage Engineer). Also reported the excess mud on the road at Evenwood Farm, now cleared up.
- Cllr Scott reported that he had needed to chase up for Shropshire Council support relating to the gritter/snowplough a couple of times recently. No service/maintenance had happened until he requested it and the salt was very late in being delivered and only recently received. Cllr Wild said she would follow up on this.

66.20 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 17th January 2021. The British Heart Foundation had asked for an update recently. There were no issues to report.

67.20 To consider appointment of Highways Maintenance Contractor for 2021/22

Another contractor had expressed an interest in quoting for the 2021/22 contract. It was decided to delay the appointment to the March meeting to give the interested party time to respond.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the interested party inviting their quotation to be received by 28th February 2021.

68.20 Current Year Financial matters

a) Payments

Authorised Payments for Dec 20/Jan 2021 from Treasurers' Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
21/01/2021	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's expenses Dec/Jan	47.04

21/01/2021	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's Salary Dec/ Jan	376.20
21/01/2021	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary Dec 20/Jan 21	94.20
21/01/2021	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection fee	40.00
Total			557.44

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

**Resolved (without opposition)
that the above accounts be approved for payment.**

b) Bank reconciliation to 15 January 2021

The bank was reconciled at £6,009.82, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

c) Projected year end accounts 2020/21 and budget/precept 2021/22

The Clerk presented a schedule showing comparisons of budgeted and actual receipts and payments for the current year and a suggested budget for the next financial year. As last year the budget and precept requirement assumed that Shropshire Council will award an Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG) to the Parish. The proposal was to leave the precept at the same level as the three previous years at £5,756. The projected reserves at the end of 2021/22 on that basis were £4,981, being approx. 9.6 months expenditure at 2021/22 budgeted levels. This was regarded as a necessary 'safe level' to cover for eventualities such as the EMG being withdrawn.

It was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Smith and

**Resolved (without opposition)
to accept the budget as presented and to set the precept for 2021/22 at £5,756.**

ACTION: Clerk to apply to Shropshire Council for a precept of £5,756 by the 29th January deadline.

69.20 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 20/04853/FUL

Address: The Georgian House 8 Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6EJ

Description: Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of part of the garage to domestic ancillary accommodation

Validated: 23 Nov 2020

Status : Granted 13 Jan 2021

b) Ref 20/04130/LBC & 20/04129/FUL

Address: The Riverside Inn, Cound, Shropshire, SY5 6AF

Proposal: Erection of new 1200mm high brick wall and extension to existing car park following partial demolition of former stables; make good party wall to neighbouring property affecting a Grade II listed building

Validated: 20 Oct 2020

Status : Granted 02 Dec 2020

2. Planning applications for consideration

a) Ref: 20/05008/LBC

Address: Pear Tree Farm, Upper Cound, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6AS

Description: Alterations in connection with replacement of existing bathroom rooflight with double glazed conservation rooflight at first floor level; reopening of blocked ground floor doorway to kitchen from utility room and erection of new partitions to utility room to form WC affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Validated: 9 Dec 2020

Status: Pending consideration

No objection nor comment was recorded on this planning application

70.20 Correspondence

Note of thanks received from Chris Lewis re speed strip results.

71.20 Minor matters not included elsewhere on agenda and future agenda Items

- Cllr Hall reported a damaged foot bridge on St Stephens Hill
And
- Cllr Clutterbuck pointed out that the stiles along the snowdrop walk needed checking over prior to extra walkers during the snowdrop season

ACTION: Cllr Scott (Chairman & Footpaths Officer) will contact Alison Foxhall at SC asking for these to be addressed

- Cllr Sartain asked whether there was any 'official' way that good works in the Parish could be recognised - e.g. an official letter of thanks from the PC, or a certificate acknowledging the effort.
This to be an **Agenda item at March '21** meeting.

72.20 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30pm at Coundmoor Village Hall, or by virtual meeting as appropriate.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Signed by Chairman: _____

Date: _____