

HIGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary meeting of Highley Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7pm at the Severn Centre, Highley.

Present: Cllr. Martin Brooks – Chair, Cllrs. D.Tremellen, R.Honeybourne, A.Honeybourne. T.Holford, Cllr.Bayley, J.Law, J.Marshall, A.Maiden, N.Barker, M.Phipson
Clerk: Mrs.E.Preston

00. Parishioners Time – No Comments

Declaration of Pecuniary interests: Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of member's interest maintained by the monitoring officer.

01. Apologies for absence. Apologies received S.Askey – work commitments Cllrs, D.Thakrar. – Personal, Cllr. J.Law, Cllr. D.Bache - illness. **RESOLVED** to accept apologies

02. To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 4th April 2017 –. **RESOLVED** to accept minutes as a true and correct record.

03. Matters arising from minutes:-

Road Safety Schemes

Barrier Repairs Ashleigh Garden –Awaiting further information.

Severn Centre- Alice Dilly – Shropshire Council provided details of the scheme to install a crossing point below the Severn Centre - No Objections, Redstone Drive – No objections but ask that warning signs are installed from the Severn Centre to Redstone Drive .Clerk stated that letters were to be sent to all the residents in Redstone Drive.

Problem Parking Areas, Woodhill Road, Main Road, High Street, Borle Brook Court, parking bays in the village centre – awaiting a reply from Shropshire Council.

Churchyard – Letter received from St. Marys PCC. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Shropshire Council and the PCC following the Council Elections. Cllr. R.Honeybourne and Cllr. A.Honeybourne declared an interest and left the room.

Replacement of Setts – Village Centre – Graham Downes replied that they would look at incorporating the Thoughts of the Parish Council into the scheme.

Swimming Pool Update – Cllr. Brooks reported that all the meetings regarding the pool had centred around the official opening on the 13th May. He said that a lot of hard work had gone into getting the pool ready for the opening and thanked all the volunteers who had given their time to do this.

CCTV System – Awaiting a response regarding funding application from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Andrew Gough from Shropshire Council informed the Parish Council that no decision on the applications would be taken until September 2017.

Dog Fouling – Awaiting response from St. Marys PCC on this issue.

Castle Inn – Clerk reported that she had contacted the Empty Homes Team at Shropshire Council who have stated that they have been unable to gain contact with the owners of the Castle, so the Council is looking at pursuing the owners to recover the debts owed with a view to applying for a Charging Order which will give them the opportunity to move the property forward. This is being led by the Council Tax team who are instructing the legal officers regarding the action.

04. Correspondence:

Police and Crime Commissioner = Safer West Mercia Plan

SALC – Social Media Training – Monday 5th June

SALC sent the NALC White Paper Consultation on Housing. Closing date for responses is 28th April 2017.

SALC – Notes of the Town and Parish Council Forum held on 13th April 2017.

SALC – Information on the 2D Law firm.

SALC – Information Bulletin with Training Dates

12th June – Chairmanship Training

28th June – Fundamentals for Councillors

30th June – Introduction to Business Planning

7th July – Be a Better Councillor

7th June – Planning Training – If any Councillors interested can they please contact the Clerk.

Highley Minors Welfare Club = wrote to thank the Council for their grant towards tracksuit tops

Application received from the South Shropshire Futsal Academy for funding – Clerk to find out further information and to be put on **AGENDA** for next meeting.

Mr. John Titlow wrote to the Parish Council to ask for additional lighting in Netherton lane. Following discussion is was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council did not feel it was appropriate to put any additional lighting in this area.

05. To look at any planning applications received. – No Application received.

06. Parish Council Accounts – To approve Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts

RESOLVED to accept Balance Sheet and S statement of Accounts

07. Neighbourhood Watch – Request to purchase Hi-Viz Jackets and Torches – Cllr.D.Tremellen

Item withdrawn.

08. SALC Membership Renewal

RESOLVED to renew the membership at a cost of £114.90

09. Web Orchard – Community Hub (Parish Council Website) – Renewal

RESOLVED to renew the contract at a cost of £190 + £38.00 = £228.00

10. Children’s Summer Play Activities.

Cllr. R.Honeybourne and Cllr. A.Honeybourne declared n interest. **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £1970.00 for Children’s Summer Play Activities.

11. Shropshire Councillors Report. – No report received.

11. Finance:

Post Office Counters	Tax & National Insurance	£910.47
M.E.Preston	Salary	£68.86
M.E.Preston	Petty Cash	£30.00
Came & Co.	Insurance	£1203.53
Npower	Street Lighting	£2416.87
Viking Direct	Stationery	£237.14
Web Orchard	Parish Council Website Renewal	£228.00
SALC	Membership	£1114.90
Severn Centre Trust	Children’s Summer Play Activities	£1970.00

Meeting closed 7.35pm

