

Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 10 April March 2024 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: I Mercer (chair), P Rodenhurst, A Rawlinson, M Evans.

Shropshire Councillors: E Towers, P Broomhall

Clerk: A Roberts

Other Organisations Natural England

Members of the Public: 3

26/24 Public Session

- a. A member of the public raised concerns regarding lack of maintenance on Browns Brook and the impact this is having on his and other properties. He was advised to speak directly to the landowner concerned.
- b. A member of the public highlighted opportunities for saving energy and lowering emissions both at a single property level and Parish-wide. Additional information is to be provided to the Council.
- c. Members of the public outlined information relating to a planning application on which the Council will shortly be consulted.

27/24 Update from Natural England

Pete Bowyer, Senior Reserve Manager, updated on the following:

- a. The Lord Hill Drain letter has yet to be distributed by Shropshire Council.
- b. Natural England has purchased the bungalow at Dobson's bridge along with 4.5 acres of land. They plan to consult local residents about it's proposed use which includes visitor toilets, a nature hub and displays of machinery from the history of the Moss.
- c. The meeting about the Marlot culvert is scheduled for 1 May.

28/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr B Harris (family matters), Cllr J Spenser (Holiday), Cllr C Weedall (Illness)

The Chair asked that all Councillors be reminded that apologies are required for non-attendance.

29/24 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

30/24 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 March 2024 should be signed.

The Chair signed the minutes.

31/24 Reports

A report from the Shropshire Councillors were circulated in advance. It's content was noted. Cllr Rawlinson raised the ongoing issue of cows on the road. As this matter has already been reported the the appropriate bodies, no further action will be taken.

32/24 Parish Matters

- a. The MCG report, circulated in advance was noted. An update on the culvert replacement will be provided at the next meeting.
- b. Request to put Shropshire Councillors details on the parish noticeboards
- c. Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED: Grant recipients will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to explain the role of their organisation and explain how the recent grant has/will be spent. Shropshire Council's Flood Risk Manager will be invited to speak at the meeting.

33/24 Planning

a. To consider applications

24/01014/FUL Hornspike Lane Farm, Dobsons Bridge, SY13 2QD
Single storey extension to provide new sitting room, internal alterations and application of external wall insulation (EWI).

RESOLVED: The Council supports this application.

b. To note planning decisions made by Shropshire Council

23/05262/FUL Proposed new build detached dwelling
Marhaba, Platt Lane, SY13 2NY
Refuse Permission

34/24 Financial Matters

a. To receive monthly bank balance record and bank reconciliation.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
31 March 2024	Current Account (Working Budget)	£40.56
	Savings Account (Reserves)	£16,359.10
TOTAL		£16,366.66

The bank reconciliation and statements were checked by Cllr Evans prior to the meeting.

b. To resolve to approve outstanding accounts

RESOLVED: All payments are authorised. Outstanding accounts should be paid and the payment transactions authorised by two nominated councillors.

Payments Made Before the Meeting			
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	81.23DD
New Payments to be approved			
HMRC	PAYE	78.60	1.24
Employee	Salary	314.46	2.24
NEST	Pension Contributions	78.12	3.24DD
Employee	Reimbursement	35.45	4.24

Scheduled date of the next meeting
8 May 2024 (7.30pm)
This will include the Annual Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.