

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Acton Burnell Combined Parish Council

Consisting of Acton Burnell, Pitchford, Frodesley, Ruckley & Langley

On Tuesday 14th January 2014

MINUTES

1. Chairman's welcome: The Chairman welcome all those present to the meeting
2. Present: Councillor K Faulkner- Chairman: Councillor C Culliss- Vice Chairman: Councillor G Ball: Councillor E Plant: Councillor J Long: Councillor G Turner: Councillor R Morgan: Councillor A Argyropulo.
Apologies were received from Councillor G Davies who was working. These were accepted by all members present.
Also Present Shropshire Councillor T Barker; L Pardoe clerk to the Council.
3. Declarations of Interest: None at this point
4. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2013. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor A Argyropulo , seconded by Councillor G Ball and agreed by all members present
5. Public Session: There were no members of the public present.
6. Shropshire Councillors Report: Councillor Barker reported that the first Budget paper is now in the public domain. The Government appears to have changed its mind on planning matters and there is a possible impact on planning policy. If controversial proposals are put forward and there is a shortfall in the amount of planning land then local plans may be deemed irrelevant. Shropshire Council Plans are soon to be adopted and this may put them in a stronger position as some Principal Authorities do not have local Plans.
In parallel with the improvements in Broadband coverage there is to be an attempt to fill the "not" spots in mobile phone coverage. This will probably with the addition of additional telephone masts.
All Highways issues now to be dealt with by Tim Sneddon.
The Voluntary Redundancy Scheme is to be extended further.
The new speed limits within the parishes are working well. There is no progress on Pitchford Hall.
7. Matters arising :
 - Clerk reported that she had been in touch with David Fairclough and as far as he was aware there were no plans to stop the ShropNet websites as he had just started a new one up for Cressage Parish Council. The clerk was asked to contact Neil Langford re the websites for more information.
Councillor T Barker then left the meeting
8. Finance:
 - l) to approve payments of accounts; list to be circulated at the meeting It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor J Long, seconded by Councillor G Ball and agreed by all members present.

100256	L Pardoe	Sal & Exp Dec & Jan	274.55
100259	HMRC	PAYE	29.40
100260	HMRC	PAYE	29.60

ii) To receive Bank Reconciliation Statement It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor J Long, seconded by Councillor G Ball and agreed by all members present.

lii) Council to agree to grant £350 to Village Hall Committee towards improving facilities for presentations at meetings. Councillor G Turner advised the Council that the application for a grant to install Broadband in the Village Hall had not been successful but they were reapplying to the LJC in the next meeting in March. The Council agreed that they would grant £350 towards the project subject to the grant from the LJC being successful.

iv) To agree Precept figure. After a discussion it was agreed to set the Precept figure at the same figure as last year at £5250 plus the grant of £174 from the Government making a total of £5424 and an increase on last year of £0.64 per household. This was due to the cost of the elections this year which are £400 following on from a contested by-election costing £360 last financial year Council is also making provision for the purchase of a laptop for the use of the Parish Council work by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor J Long, Seconded by Councillor G Ball and agreed by all members present.

9.

Planning: **New Applications**

- a) Reference: 13/03260/FUL
Address: Concord College, Acton Burnell Hall, Acton Burnell Shrewsbury, SY5 7PF
Proposal: Erection of two single storey extensions to provide estates office/store and additional workshop space. **Permission Granted**
- b) Reference: 13/03872/TCA
Address: The Old School House, Acton Burnell, Shrewsbury. SY5 7PG
Proposal: Crown reduce by 25% and crown lift to 3m 1 No Copper Beech, crown reduce by 25% 1 No Cherry by 25% and crown lift to 5m boundary hedge within Acton Burnell Conservation Area.
NO Objection.
- c) Reference:13/04191/FUL
Address: Sham Castle, Acton Burnell, Shrewsbury. SY5 7PE
Proposal: Erection of a semi underground domestic annex and associated alterations affecting a Grade II listed building. **Permission granted**
- d) Reference: 13/03935/FUL
Address: West Farm, Ruckley, Acton Burnell. Shrewsbury. SY5 7HR
Proposal: Convert agricultural barn to holiday let accommodation. **Application withdrawn**
- e) Reference:13/4518/TPO
Address: 4 Acton Burnell, Shrewsbury, SY5 7PA
Proposal: Removal of one Yew Tree protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (No 4 Acton Burnell, Nr Shrewsbury) Tree Preservation order 1985
Permission refused
- f) Reference:13/04940/COU
Address: Frodesley Hall Farm, Frodesley, Shrewsbury
SY5 7HF

Proposal: Change of use from an annex to a holiday let to include installation of 2no dormer windows to rear elevation.

After discussion the Council agreed to offer no comment on this application.

g) Reference: 13/04928/FUL

Address: The Old Parsonage, Acton Pigott, Shrewsbury. SY5 7PH

Proposal: Alterations to south elevation of kitchen and conservatory, addition of amended lean-to-porch on north elevation altered joinery details

After discussion it was agree to offer no comment to this application.

10. Highways Matters.

- a) Clerk reported that she had had a conversation with Mike Davies from Shropshire Council about the parking at Acton Burnell crossroads and the safety of the students from the College. He said that Shropshire Council have a Road safety department who would be happy to liaise with the College and work on raising the students' awareness of the dangers.

The clerk was also asked to request a site meeting at the crossroads in question with Mike Davies at around 3.30-4.00pm to see the problems first hand.

- b) Councillor E Plant raised the matter of the road flooding where there is a blocked drain on the left-hand side of the road north of Albert Davies. Clerk to bring this to the attention of Tim Sneddon at Shropshire Council.

Councillor G Turner also asked that Shropshire Council be congratulated on the work between Pitchford and Betton, Councillor J Long asked they be congratulated on the work on the manhole cover on the drain north of Acton Burnell.

11. Place Plans: Council to consider any changes from last year's response. After discussion it was agreed that the amended form be signed by Councillor T Barker for Shropshire Council and the Chairman and submitted to Shropshire Council.

12. Telephone Box: Council to consider repairs needed. It was agreed this needed to go on to the Asset Register. The hedge behind it needs pruning perhaps Concord College could be asked to do this. It was agreed that an article would be placed in the Village News for suggestions of appropriate uses and volunteers to assist in the repairing of the Telephone Box.

13. Correspondence and Parish matters: Correspondence was noted.

Parish Matters: It was agreed that the only bus stop owned by the Parish Council was the one in Pitchford. The one in Frodesley was put up by private sponsors some time ago, this needed some work doing to it. It was hoped that this could be done by volunteers within the village.

It was agreed that the clerk would put the Flood Management Forms and Information on the website and print copies to be placed on the notice boards.

14. War graves and WW1 memorials grants towards rejuvenating these. Councillors G Ball G Davies to report. After investigation it was agreed that there was no grounds for claiming grants for the memorials as all memorials within the parish were within the Churches.

15. Reports: Local Joint Committee- Councillor G Ball. The next meeting will be held in Pitchford Village Hall, Date and time to be arranged.

16. It was agreed that the date and time of next meeting would be Tuesday 11th March 2014. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.19pm

