

## Ford Parish Council

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**Minutes of an Extraordinary Council Meeting of Ford Parish Council held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. R Blyth (Chairman), Cllr. J. Adams, Cllr. A. Briggs, Cllr. W. Clyne, Cllr. S Hanmer, Cllr J Southan

**In attendance:** Shropshire Councillor R Evans, 33 members of the public

**Clerk:** Mrs R. Turner

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Public Participation Session</b></p> <p><b>X75 Bus Service</b></p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and outlined the application made to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner by Celtic Travel to cease the X75 bus service stops in Shropshire, with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016; it was understood that this application had been made at the request of Powys Council, due to Shropshire Council not subsidising the service. Powys Council did not consult with Shropshire Council prior to notifying the Traffic Commissioner.</p> <p>Cllr. Evans advised that this was because Shropshire Council was not providing any subsidy towards the service. Historically, Shropshire Council had provided subsidy but the service then became commercial for a brief period, meaning they were not allowed to subsidise it. The commercial service did not continue and a subsidised service replaced it, from 2008. From 2008, only Powys Council subsidised the service. Cllr. Evans advised that Shropshire Council officers are in discussions with Powys to reach agreement regarding future subsidies. Shropshire Council was also preparing contingency plans for a community bus service, should the negotiations with Powys fail. Powys Council were originally seeking subsidy of circa £60-£70k from Shropshire. Applications would need to be submitted to the Traffic Commissioner 10 days in advance and therefore it is crucial that this issue is resolved quickly to ensure continuity of service.</p> <p>Many members of the public spoke regarding this issue and the points raised were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bus service provides a vital service for residents. Many residents rely on this service for vital day to day activities such as commuting to work, college, shopping, accessing the hospital.</li> <li>• Ford has a sheltered housing development and a large number of the elderly residents do not drive.</li> <li>• Concern about overall impact on Ford if bus service lost e.g. families moving out of the village and implications for services, such as the school</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> None. Cllr. Pugh absent</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011</b> None.</p>	

4.	<p><b>Proposal to cease X75 bus service</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to write to Shropshire Council and Powys Council objecting to the proposed ceasing of the service. Shropshire Council letter to highlight obligation to provide a service, implications for Ford and urge them to reach agreement with Powys. The letter to Powys to emphasise adverse impacts on their residents and urge an agreement to be reached. The Clerk was given delegated authority to do this, using points raised in the public session as the basis for the letters.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p><b>a. Planning Applications –for comment</b></p> <p>i. <b>16/04180/FUL - The Field House, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9NR</b> - Erection of a two storey extension to side and rear of property and canopy to front elevation <i>No comments</i></p> <p>ii. <b>16/04492/FUL - 6 Chavel, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LB</b> - Erection of single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory and erection of a front porch <i>No Objection subject to SC deeming that it complies with relevant policies</i></p> <p>iii. <b>16/04673/TCA - Honeysuckle Cottage , New Street, Ford, Shrewsbury, SY5 9LN</b> - 3no Cypress to be felled to ground level within Ford Conservation Area <i>No Objection</i></p> <p>iv. <b>16/04486/FUL - Cartref Camping And Caravan Site, Cartref, Ford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9GD</b> - Erection of extension to existing amenity building; change of use of land for 15no. static caravan pitches; formation of wildlife pond and associated landscaping works; installation of foul pumping unit <i>RESOLVED to object as it is contrary to Policy CS5 (inappropriate development in open countryside for which there is no proven economic or community need) &amp; CS6 (requires all development to contribute to the health and wellbeing of communities, including safeguarding residential amenity). The following are specific concerns:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The development is out of scale with the local environment and will lead to more commercialisation</li> <li>2) Issues with drainage</li> <li>3) Loss of agricultural land</li> <li>4) Impact on open countryside</li> <li>5) Noise and light pollution</li> <li>6) Traffic</li> <li>7) The size of the restaurant building is out of scale with the number of pitches proposed</li> </ol> <p>In 2011, the Parish Council supported an application at the site but this was on the understanding that there would be no further expansion of the site. Please also refer to application 12/03558/OUT as the policy principles leading to refusal of this application are also applicable to this current application</p> <p>v. <b>16/04747/VAR - Cartref Camping And Caravan Site, Cartref, Ford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9GD</b> Variation of Condition no. 4 attached to 72/3716 to enable use of the caravan site for 12 months each year to respond to market demand See objection to 16/04486/FUL and concerns re intensification and further expansion of the site</p>	

<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><b>a. Payments</b>  <u><b>RESOLVED</b></u> to approve payment of the following</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Item</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Ref</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sodexo</td> <td>Grass cutting</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£186.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingsley Press</td> <td>Newsletter</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£144.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Item	Ref	Amount	Sodexo	Grass cutting	BACS	£186.19	Kingsley Press	Newsletter	BACS	£144.00	
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<b>7.</b>	<b>Date and Time of next meeting -15 November 2016, 7pm</b>													

Signed by Chairman .....Date .....