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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2019 AT FORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM

Present: Cllr. Horn (Chairman), Cllrs. Briggs, Clyne, Mapp, Southan and Walton

Public: 1

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk), SC Roger Evans, 2 members of the public

74/1819 **PERSONS PRESENT AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs. Jones and Mortimer. It was noted that Cllr. Hanmer had resigned and the vacancy has been duly notified and advertised.

75/1819 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None declared.

76/1819 **DISPENSATION**

No dispensations being sought.

77/1819 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The Director of First Choice Design and Developments spoke in relation to her company's interest in site FRD013 (field by Back Lane/A458/Dinky's Dinah). She was interested in bringing together the hub development and wanted to know what the community wants – she had observed issues re the location of the shop, pre-school and traffic congestion. She was suggesting providing a pre-school and gifting it to Shropshire Council and putting a bridge over the brook to Ford Recreation Ground to access it. She had been to Trinity School and spoken to headteacher. As a company, they build high quality developments of a mix of uses. Proposal would be a mix of family homes – 2, 3 and 4 beds and possibly bungalows and apartments and open space. Timescale – small phases, 2020 onwards. Councillors informed her that the parish is against the proposed hub designation. In terms of mix of uses, she was suggesting putting a convenience store on the site and felt this would not adversely affect NISA and would help the parish. She had contacted some retailers, including the Co-op who have expressed an interest. The council highlighted that planning permission was refused on the site before. The chair highlighted that FRD013 is not the preferred site in the LP Review. The chair highlighted that there still a lot of stages in community hub designation process and suggested she come back with more detail at a later date. Cllr. Evans said it was his understanding that the company will submit the site to SC as part of the Local Plan and that SC will carry out further consultation. It was noted that the company has met with the school and is planning to meet with Dinky's Dinah – potentially offering Dinky's Dinah a new shell for his business.

A member of the public spoke regarding an informal consultation to divert a footpath at The Grain Barn Shoothill. It was noted that the path had already been moved unofficially and the member of the public was asked to clarify. He explained that seed had been planted and people are asked to walk round it but can use the official route if they wish. Cllr. Evans had expressed his support to SC officers but he wanted the PC's views as well.

78/1819 **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following minutes as being a correct record and they were duly signed by the chairman (a and b signed, c noted)

a) *Minutes of the council meeting dated 20th November 2018*

b) *Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated 20th November 2018*

c) *Minutes of the public meeting re the Local Plan Review dated 11th December 2018* – noted.

79/1819 **REPORTS**

a) *Shropshire Council* –

- Invite for parishes to make bids for CIL (Local) - will be followed by a meeting in Spring.
- Consultation re SC withdrawing Bring Back bins from all SC sites, will save SC £230,000 per annum.
- Budget consultation - £27 million gap, £18 million one-off grants, rest to be filled by reserves and one-offs. Proposal to make £18.5 million savings, relating to cuts. Consultation online until 18th Feb. Key items – public health nursing services (school nurses, sexual health advice to people in Wales being withdrawn – unclear how this will work, mental health services, waste and recycling - £1.5million savings – proposal to charge for green bins, concessionary fares on Park & Ride being withdrawn, children's passenger transport services cuts, bus service subsidy cuts. Council Tax overall 3.99% rise proposed.
- Local Plan meeting – 17th January at Guildhall for Shrewsbury Rural North, including Ford.

b) *Youth Club* – AGM scheduled for 31st January.

c) *Ford Village Show* – Cllr. Mortimer had forwarded the accounts which will be reviewed at the next council meeting. In summary, the show was successful, with a surplus of circa £200 on the day. Meeting end of the week re the 2019 show with the PTA at the school. It may be possible to combine the school gala day with Village Show

d) *Ford Village Hall* – closed w/c 18th Feb for decorating, AGM tomorrow.

e) *Other parish councillor reports* – Cllr. Briggs reported some anti-social behaviour and suspicious behaviour which has been raised on the parish Facebook page

f) *Police Report* – statistics for November & December 2018:

Assault: 4	Criminal Damage: 0	Burglary Dwelling: 0
Vehicle Crime 3	Road Traffic Incident: 17	ASB Nuisance: 10
ASB Personal: 8	ASB Environmental: 0	Concern For Safety: 4
Theft: 3	Burglary Other: 0	Suspicious Circumstance: 3

80/1819 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW** –response to the Preferred Sites consultation

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following comments:

Q3 - Cross-subsidy site exception policy – this refers to mixed sites of affordable housing and open market where the open market element is allowed as a policy exception to enable the delivery of affordable housing. It was noted that this type of housing could occur regardless of settlement status – i.e. in both open countryside and community hubs/cluster. Demonstrating need is likely to be a key requirement of the policy. The policy is worded quite vaguely as cross subsidy is a new initiative in national policy and it is difficult to know how it will work in practice. Concern was expressed that it could have an adverse impact on rural areas by railroading development into them. Concern was also expressed that time could be spent carefully considering the development boundary but cross subsidy could go outside of the boundary.

Response: There should be no policy – the policy forces development on rural areas and possibly outside of development boundaries and is more applicable to urban areas.

Q5: Windfall – 19 windfall dwellings proposed. It was queried as to why 28 commitments to date are identified in the Plan when 32 have been permitted on the site adjacent to Trinity CE School. The clerk said that this was likely to be due to the cut off for calculating completions being 31.3.17 whereas the permission was issued after 31.3.17. Yes.

Q6: d/know

Q53: Community Hub

Response: Against community hub for the following reasons:

Points – scoring system inflexible, no flexibility re whether have library and what type of library:

- Bus service – does not meet criteria re timings. Subsidy for the service under threat.
- Public house – not got one, got 2 restaurants

- Library – only 10 mins per fortnight
- Outdoor sports facility – bowling green not an active or useable facility, condition and private land so not publicly accessible. The PC will look to pursue with Sport England its de-designation
- Superfast broadband – 75% to have more than 30Mbps. Haven't got it consistently.
- School capacity
- The village does not have the facilities needed to be a hub
- Traffic issues – very busy and dangerous on Butt Lane and the problem will become more acute. The village is already bisected by a busy A road and a bypass would be needed
- People like the countryside character of Ford and do not want more houses.
- 100 houses would make the community unsustainable added
- Minerals safeguarding area – Ford is in the middle of a sand and gravel area.
- Development should be focused in villages that want to be community hubs

Q53b – housing survey not a need for more. 100 more on top of 307 at present- over development, 33%

Q53c – boundary – notwithstanding the PC objects to Ford being a hub on the presumption it is a hub Draw FRD011 out of it.

Q53d – site FRD011 – ridge and furrow, mineral safeguarding, Grade 3 agricultural land, safety issues re access, drainage issues.

Want to be consulted on proposals by other parties on the other sites.

Q63 – clusters – no do not add.

81/1819 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**– *For information only*

- 1) 18/04534/OUT - Proposed Dwelling North Of Appleby, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of a detached dwelling and garage
Decision: Refuse
- 2) 18/04707/TPO - Station Bungalow, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LG
Proposal: Reduce crown overhanging neighbouring property including removal of approx. 5 branches of 1no Oak protected by the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Station Bungalow, Ford) Tree Preservation Order 1992 (Ref: SA/243)
Decision: Grant Permission
- 3) 18/04427/FUL - West Bank, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LZ
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling, detached garage and widening of existing site access
Decision: Grant Permission
- 4) 18/04751/FUL - New House Farm, Shoot Hill, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9NR
Proposal: Creation of a replacement vehicular access parking area and visibility splay
Decision: Grant Permission
- 5) 18/05145/FUL - Hollybush Cottage, Shoothill, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9NR
Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey extensions
Decision: Grant Permission
- 6) 18/05246/TPO - 35 Manor Crest, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9NZ
Proposal: To fell to ground level 5 tall Ash stems protected by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Bank Farm, Ford) Tree Preservation Order 1988
Decision: Grant Permission

82/1819 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received at time of issuing agenda.

83/1819 PARISH MATTERS

- a) *Quail Ridge sign* – wood still rotten, sign not there.
- b) *Noticeboard at school* – just the felt.
- c) *17/03865/FUL - Land off Welshpool Road, Ford - 32 Dwellings – drainage & bus shelter & open space commuted sum* – development likely to start in next couple of weeks.
 - Cllr. Horn to attend with the clerk and Cllr. Evans.
 - Invite Mark Blount to next parish council meeting.
- d) *Bowling Green* – no-one has come forward looking to take forward a proposal for the site to be used as a bowling green or purchased as a community asset. The clerk was asked to enquire with Sport England as to how the site can be de-designated as a bowling green.
- e) *Football team* – an enquiry had been received from The Smoke Stop re putting together a community football team and using the recreation ground. It was agreed to respond that whilst supporting the idea in principle, the PC can't agree at present as issues need looking into re dogs, insurance, behaviour, cost of marking out pitch/maintaining it, changing facilities, parking.
- f) *Reports of other parish matters*
 - *Distribution of leaflets re Local Plan* – plans are in place to send them out. Cllr. Evans to hold a surgery before end of consultation. Consultation now closes on 8th Feb 2019.

84/1819 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) *Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation* – deferred as the reconciliation needs finalising following review of Ford Village Show accounts.
- b) *2019/20 budget and precept requirement* – it was **RESOLVED** to set an expenditure budget of £21,186, this to be balanced by income comprising a precept requirement set at £21,177 and bank interest of £9.
- c) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Chq	Net	VAT	Gross
P59-1819	R Turner	Salary	SO	£467.29	£0.00	£467.29
P60-1819	Landright Services	SO	SO	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
P61-1819	Kingsley Press	Newsletter	BACS	£192.00	£0.00	£192.00
P62-1819	R Turner	Salary	SO	£467.29	£0.00	£467.29
P63-1819	Lloyds	Safe custody fees	SO	£7.50	£0.00	£7.50
P64-1819	PWLB	Street lights loan	DD	£641.77	£0.00	£641.77
P65-1819	A Horn	Whist raffle	BACS	£24.50	£0.00	£24.50
P66-1819	Ford Parish Hall	Hire, defib electric & cleaner	BACS	£428.87	£0.00	£428.87
P67-1819	Kingsley Press	Local Plan leaflets	BACS	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00
P68-1819	SCPF	Pension	BACS	£74.18	£0.00	£74.18

- d) *Income received* – noted as follows:

Ref	Payee	Item	Amount
R21-1819	Lloyds	Interest	£0.77
R22-1819	Landright Services	Credit of overpayment	£240.00
R23-1819	Lloyds	Interest	£0.74

85/1819 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) *SALC Info Bulletins* – noted.

- b) *Parking at Albany Court, Ford* – a resident had raised concerns re vehicles being parked in a manner that blocks access to some residents' properties. It was agreed to put a request in the newsletter that people park considerately and to also put in a reminder re school parking.
- c) *Carriageway resurfacing work Pump House Lane, Chavel - 22/02/19 - 08/03/19, closure 08:00hrs until 16:00hrs with a local diversion* – noted.
- d) *Shropshire Council Local Plan Meeting 17th January*
- e) *CIL Local – invite to submit applications* – it was agreed that the bus shelter is a possible scheme and that a decision on whether to submit a funding request would be made after the site meeting with Highways England.
- f) *Diversion of footpath at The Grain Barn, Shoothill – informal consultation* – it was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection

86/1819 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Next Council meeting – 19th March 2019, 7pm at Ford Village Hall*
- b) *Items for agenda- to note requests*
 - Invite Mark Blount to discuss use of commuted sum for open space arising from the affordable housing development adjacent to Trinity CE School.
 - Football team request to use the playing field

*It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded during discussion of Item 87/1819 as it concerns exempt matters*

87/1819 **CLERK'S APPRAISAL** – *to review feedback and agree actions arising*

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the appraisal paperwork and to award the clerk a salary increment to SCP26 and back date this by 7 months, to align with anniversary date of clerk's appointment as salary is reviewed annually on appointment date.