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**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2020, AT 7PM,
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM**

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

Absent: Cllr. Paterson

Public: 0

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk), SC Roger Evans

37/2021 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Paterson had sent apologies which were duly accepted.

38/2021 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None declared.

39/2021 **DISPENSATION REQUESTS** – none received.

40/2021 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION** – no public present.

41/2021 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to:

- (i) Approve the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 21st July 2020 as being a true record and the chairman was duly authorised to sign them.
- (ii) Note the record of the public meeting re the Local Plan Review dated 8th Sep. 2020 and confirm it to be a true record.

42/2021 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – none received.

b) *Shropshire Council*

- Broadband voucher scheme has been launched for people with less than 100Mbps. SC meeting a week on Thursday. £1,500 plus top-up of £2,000 from SC.
- NW Relief Rd – Cabinet to look at enlarging the flooded area north of Shrewsbury but none of those affected had been contacted by SC and this needs to be done before it is progressed.
- Planning White Paper consultation.
- Estimated SC overspend of £2 million by end of 2020/1.
- Cllr. Clyne asked about Oxon P & R – not running – waiting to see what demand is at the Meole Brace & Harlescott sites which are currently operational first. PC to write to SC Cabinet Member and Chief Executive

c) *Recreation ground inspection reports & RoSPA reports*

- Bench – repairs needed and plaque missing – follow up with contractor.
- Quotes to be sought for repairs highlighted in the annual RoSPA.

d) *Newsletter (including to agree content/format)* – next edition due November – clerk, chair and Cllr. Horn to liaise re content.

e) *Other parish councillor reports*

Congratulations to John Southan, winner of 2019 Citizen of the Year Award.

43/2021 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS–FOR INFO ONLY**

- 1) 20/01987/FUL - 39 The Leasowes, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LT

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of The Town & Country Planning Act 1995 for erection of two storey side extension with removal of existing chimney, single storey rear extension and covered garages and stores (part retrospective)

Decision: Grant Permission

- 2) 20/02013/TCA - 62 The Leasowes, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LU
Proposal: To carry out side pruning works to trees on Parish land overhanging 62 The Leasowes details as per attached plan within Ford Conservation Area
Decision: Consent by Right - Trees

44/2021 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR COMMENT**

- 1) 20/02746/FUL - Burtons Cottage, Chavel, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LB
Proposal: Erection of two single storey extensions, carport/garage and new summerhouse/greenhouse
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to not comment.
- 2) 20/03037/FUL - Benthall Stone Farm, Alberbury Road, Ford, Shrewsbury, SY5 9NA
Proposal: Erection of two commercial buildings following removal of existing and associated works
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to not comment.
- 3) 20/03129/FUL - 7 Manor Crest, Ford, Shrewsbury, SY5 9NZ
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear (following demolition); construction of log burner and flue with single storey inglenook to side elevation; conversion of garage to habitable room to include elevational amendments; and re-modelling of driveway
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to not comment.
- 4) 20/02954/FUL - Land To The West Of Crossing Cottage, Shoot Hill, Ford, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Operations to be undertaken for the formation of a pond and the restoration of existing pond
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to not comment.

45/2021 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW –Regulation 18 Pre-Submission Consultation**

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the designation of Ford as a community hub as the criteria for designating the hub have been misapplied for the following reasons:

- Amenity green space at Quail Ridge – if discount gas area, play area etc then area drops below size threshold of 0.2ha to 0.19ha.
- Bus service – not return service between 3pm and 6pm, gets in at 6.09pm. There is one bus that arrives in Ford at 4.52pm but it only stops opp. The Cross Gates Hotel. Not within the development boundary and not within reasonable walking distance of the village.
- Outdoor sports facility- not accessible to the public and in private ownership with planning application for storage units pending consideration

The Parish Council also objects to the hub designation for the following additional reasons

- In Conservation Area (limiting potential for infill and potential harm to character of Conservation Area)
- Soil types classed as good or very good for agricultural (Grade 2 or 3),
- Ridge and furrow pattern at FRD011 should be protected
- Ford is in a mineral safeguarding area
- EIA needed.
- Local housing survey done in 2020 showed that the scale of demand in Ford is low, in particular hard to find tenants for affordable housing at Cross Gates Meadow. Mathew Mead Shropshire Council officer commented on the low demand for development.
- The parish council disagrees that mobile libraries should only get 1 point less than permanent libraries as it is a far more limited service.
- Concerned that once Ford gets hub status it will be permanent and lead to development beyond the boundary in the medium to longer term

It was also **RESOLVED** that the parish council organise a petition in regard to objecting to community hub status. Cllr. Horn to co-ordinate.

It was agreed to also liaise with CPRE prior to the Examination process.

46/2021 **PARISH MATTERS –**

- a) *Highways matters*
- (i) “Give way” sign just off A458 – now cleared.
 - (ii) Ford Village Hall directional signage – SC have said this will be considered as part of SC’s minor works programme
 - (iii) Any other highway matter(s)
 - Signage into village needs repairing from Shrewsbury end – report to Highways England
 - Drainage issues still outstanding – New Street, storm drainage. Have been reported previously.
- b) *Recreation ground*
- (i) Temporary play area closure – it was **RESOLVED** to re-open, using the circulated Risk Assessment with a maximum capacity of 6 and signage as circulated.
 - (ii) Tree works update
 - Application now made and amended to include 50% crown reduction of hawthorn and cutting branches by fence of hawthorn adjacent to 4 Albany Court back to trunk.
 - Letter received from SC Tree Officer explaining approach taken and apologising that scope of survey not what PC had requested. Request for SC to pay for additional survey being considered.
 - (iii) Bin contract 2020/21 – contract renewal form sent.
 - (iv) Other play area maintenance matters
 - Knotweed re-growing so contractor has been asked to treat it.
 - (v) Expenditure of S106 money (from affordable housing development)
 - Ask people what open space projects would like it spending on?
 - Plan of action to be discussed at November council meeting
- c) Ford Village show monies – proposal to spend on B-Line (bees) project – it was **RESOLVED** that the PC will release the money under S137 powers and delegate authority to how its spent to last show committee.
- d) Flooding/drainage issues - Cllrs. Evans and Jones met with Severn Trent, SC and residents. Issues recognised and SC agreed to follow up if needed. Clerk to write to Helen and ask for updates. STW said they would check why bottom of Back Lane floods. STW to check drains etc.
- e) Council vacancy – permission to co-opt received from SC Elections – noted, vacancy to be advertised for co-option.
- f) Reports of other parish matters – none.

47/2021 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Payments including payments made between meetings – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Method	Net	VAT	Gross
P35-2021	Landright Services	Maintenance July	SO	£245.00	£49.00	£294.00
P36-2021	SCPF	Pension July	SO	£100.30	£0.00	£100.30
P37-2021	EON	Streetlight repair	BACS	£150.03	£30.01	£180.04
P38-2021	G Taylor	Play area repairs	BACS	£656.00	£131.20	£787.20
P39-2021	R Turner	Salary August	SO	£501.45	£0.00	£501.45
P40-2021	Landright Services	Maintenance Aug	SO	£245.00	£49.00	£294.00
P41-2021	SCPF	Pension Aug	SO	£100.30	£0.00	£100.30
P42-2021	Shropshire Council	Energy costs Q2	BACS	£117.56	£23.51	£141.07

P43-2021	Kingsley Press	Summer newsletter	BACS	£212.00	£0.00	£212.00
P44-2021	R Turner	Expenses Aug	BACS	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00

b) *Income received* – noted as follows:

Ref	Payee	Item	Amount
R10-2021	Lloyds	Interest August	£0.63
R11-2021	Lloyds	Interest September	£0.15

48/2021 **CORRESPONDENCE** - noted as follows

- a) *SALC Info Bulletins*
- b) *Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service - Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2021-25 consultation*
- c) *Road safety fund from PCC*
- d) *Training*
- e) *Shropshire Housing Strategy consultation*
- f) *Planning consultations (national)* – Cllr. Evans outlined the potential implications of the consultations:
 - When Local Plan adopted by a council, any plan designated as suitable for development, developer has outline planning permission. Therefore, largely just reserved matters outstanding
 - Below 40 houses, no need for affordable housing
 - S106 and CIL to go into central pot and given to LA to use as they wish.
 - Housing numbers insufficient – may mean up to 2,100 homes per year in Shropshire
- g) *PCC Parish Council Survey*
- h) *We Don't Buy Crime (Smartwater)*
- i) *SC Youth support changes* – no support for Ford as not currently getting any support.

49/2021 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Finance Committee* – 20th October 2020, 7PM
- b) *Council Meeting* – 17th November 2020, 7PM
- c) *Items for next agenda*
 - S106 Monies
 - Newsletter items

*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 Items 50 to 52/2021 as they concern exempt matters*

50/2021 **TREE WORKS** – it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Landright Services to do the works to trees at the recreation ground, this being subject to planning permission being granted.

Re the Cherries between 3 and 4 Quail Ridge – it was **RESOLVED** to look to pollard them by 50% (subject to advice of suitably qualified contractor). It was agreed to ask Dave Greenside, Max Newall and Landright to quote.

51/2021 **FENCE BY THE BROOK** - it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Dave Greenside to brace the fence with support struts.

52/2021 **EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

- (i) *NJC salary scales* – it was **RESOLVED** to apply the revised NJC scale backdated to 1st April 2020
- (ii) *Work from home allowance* – it was **RESOLVED** to increase the allowance from £20 to £26 per month to bring in line with revised HMRC rates and backdate to start of 2020/21 tax year.

Meeting closed 9.32pm