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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2023, AT 7PM, AT THE URWICK ROOM, FORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr. Horn (Chairman), Cllrs. Carlyle, Clyne, Deane, Paterson

Absent: None

Public: SC Roger Evans, 3 members of the public

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk)

60/2223 **PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Southan.

61/2223 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

None declared.

b) *Dispensation requests* – none being sought

c) *Gifts or hospitality* – none declared.

62/2223 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The applicants spoke regarding application at item Tythe House application, item 67/2223(2).

It was noted that the parish council had taken a neutral stance with concerns being raised re tree loss for a turning area, access, frontage, removing trees for turning area. The house itself was not the issue. The applicants explained that the oak tree is self-seeded and failing to thrive. The large silver birch is out of hand and contributing to damp in the house. The applicants want to re-structure and re-plant some healthy trees, which they advised is in the plans. A landscape architect has suggested making it more of a meadow area with new trees and shrubbery. It was noted that the cart shed is not the applicants' priority at present but they may pursue it in future. The house plans have been amended and the parking area is smaller, but the turning area is not altered on the plans. The plans aim to balance hardstanding areas with the green areas visually.

63/2223 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting dated 15th November 2022 as being a true record and to authorise the chairman to sign them

64/2223 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – none.

b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Evans reported as follows:

- £2 bus fare until end March – up to individual bus companies whether they offer it.
- Low-income family support.
- Consult on hazardous routes to school – if live 2 mile + away at primary get transport, secondary 3 miles. SC looking at how to define hazardous routes.
- Council budget consultation
- Payments to foster carers increasing – 600 children in care in Shropshire
- Library Strategy adopted. No impact on mobile library at present but may be affected by savings review.
- River Strategy – under review
- Affordable Warmth Strategy
- Half price tree offer
- Cabinet meeting to look at charging for things that require a TRO incl. street parties at £40
- Marches LEP – energy grant to businesses

- Shoot Hill drains starting to overflow – just past the warehousing.
 - Cllr. Paterson asked if housing growth will be cut back due to Govt announcement re stopping housing targets. Cllr. Evans said he didn't know and LP is still under review – the outcome of the current hearings re the duty to co-operate with other authorities is awaited.
- c) *Newsletter* – item re including people to use the mobile library to be included. Deadline 15th Feb. Fred England of Ford Heath is no longer able to help with deliveries as moving away. It was agreed to note the community's thanks with a note from the editor in the next edition.
- d) *Ford Parish Paths Partnership* – awaiting notification of date for next project.
- e) *Open Space Working Group*
Action: Clerk to contact Liz Wynne again mid Feb and say very keen to progress and have been completing gym equipment and child's play area – do it in form of update.
- f) *Allotments Working Group* – Cllr. Horn summarised the group's report. In essence:
 - The group can't find land or land they have found can't be obtained.
 - The group have seen paperwork from Bowbrook Allotment Community.
 - They have also looked at security and fencing aspects.
 - Looked at compulsory hiring but SC not very keen.
 - May be grants or loans if have land.
 - Cllr. Horn suggested approaching the developer of FRD011 and asking him for his plans. Cllr Carlyle mentioned another possible area of land that was a smallholding. Tracey Greenside had asked the landowner but there was no potential landAction: It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would email the potential developer of FRD011, asking about their plans in general and report back.
- g) *Public Realm Working Group* – Cllr Deane reported that there has been limited progress due to time constraints of group members.
Action: Cllr. Deane to arrange a meeting to collate ideas.
- h) *Parish councillor reports (of external meetings attended)*
 - Cllr. Carlyle had attended a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner. She reported that online crime a key issue. The new police constable is Richard Walters.
 - Cllr. Deane reported that high speed fibre is almost in place to about 150 properties in Ford Heath/Pontes bury. New Police Constable is Richard Walters.
 - Cllr Paterson had a attended parish hall committee meeting – planning to create warm space a couple of days a week – teas/coffees and possibly food. The hall has asked if PC could assist and it was agreed to help financially, in principle.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) *Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation* – the report was noted as per Appendix 1, the reconciled balance being £87,261.59 as at 31.12.2022
- b) *2023/4 budget and precept – to determine* – it was **RESOLVED** to set a precept requirement of £25,104, this being an increase of 4% per Band D household equivalent. It was further **RESOLVED** to set a budget as per Appendix 1, the expenditure requirement being £26,459 and anticipated income £25,114; the shortfall of £1,345.04 to come from general reserves.
Action: Clerk to submit precept request to Shropshire Council.
- c) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Method	Net	VAT	Gross
P60-2223	R Turner	Salary and backpay	SO	£158.12	£0.00	£158.12
P61-2223	V Abbotts	Caretaker	SO	£737.73	£0.00	£737.73
P62-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£83.33	£0.00	£83.33
P63-2223	Landright services	Grass cut	SO	£245.00	£49.00	£294.00
P64-2223	R Turner	Salary	BACS	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
P65-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£158.12	£0.00	£158.12
P66-2223	V Abbotts	Caretaker	BACS	£33.20	£0.00	£33.20
P67-2223	PWLB	Street lights	DD	£641.77	£0.00	£641.77
P68-2223	Kingsley Press	Newsletter	BACS	£228.00	£0.00	£228.00
P69-2223	EON Highways	Street light maintenance	BACS	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00

P70-2223	Shropshire Council	Street light electricity	BACS	£109.39	£21.88	£131.77
P71-2223	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£66.40	£0.00	£66.40
P72-2223	Broxap	Outdoor fitness equipment	BACS	£11,145.00	£2,229.00	£13,374.00
P73-2223	Landright Services	Tree work	BACS	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00

d) *Income received* – noted as follows:

Ref	Payee	Item	Amount
R12-2223	Lloyds	Interest	£1.93
R13-2223	Lloyds	Interest	£4.14
R14-2223	Lloyds	Interest	£7.74

e) *Bank account opening* – the clerk updated the council that Nationwide do not currently have a competitive interest rate and it was therefore **RESOLVED** to open a Local Council Saver with Cambridge BS instead.

Action: Clerk and signatories to complete required forms.

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PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION

- 1) 22/03450/FUL - Fair Acre, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LH
Proposal: Erection of two 2-storey extensions, porch extension and construction of new roof to provide first floor accommodation
Decision: Grant Permission
- 2) 22/04885/FUL - New Haven, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LE
Proposal: Erection of proposed agricultural covered yard
Decision: Grant Permission
- 3) 22/05453/TCA - Leasowes Recreation Ground, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: To fell 1no. Holly (H1), to pollard to stump level 1 group of Willows (W1) and to fell 1no. Italian Poplar (P1) within Ford Conservation Area
Decision: Grant Permission.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1) 22/05661/FUL - Nos 58, 59, 60 And 63 The Leasowes, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9LU
Proposal: Installation of external cladding to front, side and rear elevations and associated works

Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to not comment.

- 2) 22/04892/FUL and 22/04893/LBC - Tythe House Farm, Ford Heath, SY5 9GD
Proposal: Conversion of barn to form separate residential unit; erection of cart shed to provide garaging for barn; extension and alterations to GII listed house; erection of cart shed barn to provide garaging for main house; formation of altered access for parking and driveway for GII listed house; utilisation of previously approved S184 entrance to provide driveway access to newly formed residential barn.

Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to maintain the neutral stance but state that the parish council's concerns have been answered with the amended plans presented.

- 3) 22/05659/OUT - Proposed Dwelling To The North Of Ford, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1No. dwelling to include means of access

Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application which is contrary to Policy CS5, re development in Open Countryside. In the Local Plan Review, Ford is proposed as a community hub. Both the parish council and circa 94% of the community oppose the hub designation. The development would be outside the settlement boundary proposed in the

Local Plan Review. Therefore, the application is contrary to both adopted policy (SAMDEV) and the LP Review proposals.

68/2223 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highway maintenance matters*
- Issue with drain at Fiveways junction drain- has been reported
 - 40mph signs not renewed on A458 and remove temporary roadwork signs still in place
- Action: Clerk to contact Highways England.
- b) *Playing field matters, including install of new equipment and tree works –*
- SC Trees had reported a person cutting a tree. The tree has fallen from the other side of the brook and is partially blocking it.
 - Noted that permission received for the tree works.
- Action: Clerk to book the tree works and ask the contractor to also make the fallen tree safe.
- c) *Greenbanks –* there was no update but it was noted that the owner's primes to start work before Christmas had not been fulfilled. Vermin are an issue at the property.
Action: Clerk to write to Julia Preston asking for an update and requesting the council now pursue an Empty Development Management Order.
- d) *Councillor recruitment –* no progress.
Action: Clerk to include an article for the newsletter.
- e) *Elizabeth Tree –* the parish council now has an oak tree but needs to transport it from Weeping Cross to Ford and it is quite large. It has been difficult to get permission from SC to site the tree but Derek Furlong is now meeting the council on Friday.
Action:
- Cllr. Horn to investigate transport options for the tree.
 - Cllrs. Carlyle and Horn to meet Derek Furlong on Friday re location. The back up location was agreed to be Quail Ridge on the large grassy area.
 - Cllr. Horn to look into sourcing a plaque and time capsule.
 - Clerk to invite Cllr. Evans to the planting date when agreed.
- f) *Reports of other parish matters –* none.

69/2223 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *Shropshire divisional (ward) boundaries consultation –* Cllr. Evans explained that the consultation is currently looking at divisional boundaries (i.e. Shropshire councillor areas). However, the outcome of this stage could impact on parish boundaries. Cllr. Evans explained that it is possible that Longden division could extend to the Ford side of the A5 and this could mean that an area currently in Bicton parish moves into Ford Parish.

The parish council noted that it is illogical that properties in Ford Heath that look to Ford for services etc are in Pontesbury parish It was **RESOLVED** to request that the parish boundary extend to the Ford side of the Montgomery Road and follows that road.

Action: Clerk to submit comments to include the requested change above re Ford Heath. At this stage, the council had no comment re possibility of the boundary moving to the A5.

70/2223 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Next council meeting –*21st March 2023, 7pm, The Urwick Room at Ford Village Hall
- b) *Items for next meeting agenda-* no requests.