

**MINUTES OF THE SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY
2019 AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: Dr Alan MacWhannell (Chairman); Mr Neil Pulker (Vice Chairman); Mr John Horne; Mr Gordon Tonkinson; Mr Kevin Turley.

In attendance Clerk to the Council – Miss Jennifer Cree

18/19. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mr Nicholas Edwards, Mr James Bubb and Mr Stewart Edmondson.

19/19. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

None were declared.

20/19. To receive a report on progress with Environmental Maintenance Grant application and agree any further actions required.

Members were informed that the requested grant sum had not been given by Shropshire Council, as the projects were not suitable for the grant funding, However a grant of £300 has been issued which has to be spent by the 31st March and match funded by the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor J Horne and seconded by Councillor N Pulker that as the funds need to be spent by the 31st March 2019, the other parts of the project should be completed which were to clear the green area off the A41 (Heath Hill) with the bench etc on it and arrange to have the weed spraying undertaken on the footpath from Sheriffhales towards Woodcote (as undertaken in October last year). If any funds are left following this work, then the balance of the funds could be used to ensure the visibility splays at the main road junctions are cleared. The work to be advertised locally for a contractor to give a price as soon as practicable due to the deadline of the 31st March 2019. On a vote this was carried.

21/19. To receive a status report on the Playing Field Community Space including Play Area and agree next actions and objectives now the boundary has been surveyed and Arboricultural report completed.

A brief summary was presented by the Chairman of the Council regarding the boundary issues relating to encroachment of the Playing fields. Advice has been sought from the Legal Officer of Shropshire Council on this matter.

Councillor K Turley proposed and Councillor J Horne seconded that the new Boundary line is accepted, the land at the bottom of the site (nearest the bungalow) is transferred into their ownership. All liabilities relating to the encroachment and transferred land are subject to the correct legal advice to ensure liability lies with the land owner / persons that have encroached onto the Council owned land. In addition it was agreed to also clarify with the solicitors what happens in the future if any geographical issues should happen in relation to procedure / liability on the Parish Council.

On a vote this was carried with 4 votes for and 1 abstention.

Members agreed that the Clerk should contact the Playing Fields Association to discuss a average rate / cost for this type of work. Members discussed possible ideas for the reinstatement of the land, i.e wild flowers, re seed or plant a community garden. All of the above to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor N Pulker and seconded by Councillor A MacWhannel to start remedial works to the edge of the playing fields to clear the immediate edges of the scrub / brush and deal with the larger area to the rear of the site as the second phase. On a vote this was carried.

22/19. Items for future Meetings.

Closing date for agenda items to be included at the next meeting is Monday 4th March 2019.

Specification for the playing field clearing

Invite Peter Nutting / Clive Wright to attend a meeting

23/19. Dates of Next Meetings .

14th March 2019

16th May 2019

11th July 2019

12th September 2019

7th November 2019