

Present Councillors: Mrs P Hodgetts (Vice Chairman), Mr N Pulker, Mrs S Whittam, Mrs A Sutcliffe, Mr G Tonkinson and Unitary Cllr Mr K Turley.

Also, in attendance Clerk to the Council – Mrs Jennifer Cree and Mr P Bradburn.

1/25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs J Horne (Chairman), Mr Alan Edwards, Mrs L Edwards.

2/25 . To co-opt new councillor following vacancy

A member of the Parish Mr Paul Bradburn has put his name forward for co-option.

It was proposed by Cllr G Tonkinson and seconded by Cllr N Pulker to nominate Mr Bradburn, on a vote this was carried. Cllr Mr Bradburn, signed his declaration of office and joined the meeting.

3/25. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

None were declared.

4/25. To receive for confirmation and adoption, and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2024.

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr N Pulker proposed, and Cllr Mrs S Whittam seconded the minutes.

5/25. Public Participation

No members of the public present wished to speak.

6/25. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions

Cllr K Turley addressed the council on the following matters:-

- The issue on devolution from central Government, sees Shropshire maybe join with Telford and Wrekin or if its larger numbers then it could be Hereford. This could lead to Mayoral elections in the future, but at the moment its in the infancy stage. The time scale for action is as soon as possible.
- Haughton Hall Hotel, there have been social media questioning the use of this hotel, and at this time there is application come forward to Shropshire Council as an application.
- Speed measuring is happening at the top of the Rock for a planning application. A copy of the data would be helpful to the Parish.
- Waste refuse sites, residents now have to book a time slot for visiting sites, there is movement that a proposal from the public is coming to the next Full Council meeting to stop the booking system.
- Planning application B4379 and the Crackley Bank Triangle, the application was refused, and is in the hands of the Enforcement Officers. Also Leylandi has been planted also on the site. The Clerk to update the Enforcement Officer and copy in the Unitary Councillor.
- Road sweeping – Shropshire Council are responsible, the top of the Rock road are covered in mud and need clearing. The Clerk to request that the road sweeper comes to the area.

7/25. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

The following applications had been received following the last meeting:-

Reference: 24/04373/EIA (validated: 10/12/2024)

Address: Quarry At, Woodcote Hill, Bloomsbury, Shropshire, TF11 8RS

Proposal: Continued extraction and extension to Woodcote Quarry with restoration through importation of inert materials Applicant: NRS Aggregates Limited (C/o Agent)

Reference: 24/04576/AAC (validated: 03/12/2024)

Address: Grangehill, Blymhill Common, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8JN

Proposal: Single Storey Front and Rear Extensions and Detached Triple Garage

Applicant: South Staffordshire Council (Council Offices, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX)

PLANNING REFERENCE - 24/04798/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Erection of two storey entrance extension to front elevation

LOCATION: - P D M Produce 2, Chadwell Park Farm, Chadwell, Newport, Shropshire.

PLANNING REFERENCE - 24/04827/VAR

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Variation of condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to planning permission 23/04724/FUL

LOCATION: - Lilleshall Hall, Lilleshall, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AT.

The above were noted.

The following decisions have been received:-

Reference: 24/00417/FUL (validated: 05/02/2024)

Address: Proposed Workshop And Showroom East Of Yew Tree Farm, Crackleybank, Shifnal,

Proposal: Erection of a workshop with ancillary showroom, reception and offices in association with the change of use to a forklift hire and sales business (sui generis), creation of access, along with parking and servicing areas, installation of treatment plant (re-siting of previous scheme 20/00350/FUL approved 3rd March 2020), and erection of garage for Yew Tree Farmhouse.

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 24/04449/TCA (validated: 18/11/2024)

Address: 40 Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RD

Proposal: Remove a group of self-seeded Sycamores and coppice a group of Holly trees within Sheriffhales Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

The above were noted.

8/25. To receive an update on outstanding items from the list from the roles and responsibilities

Public Rights of Way / Bridle Paths - Cllr G Tonkinson / Mrs A Sutcliffe – update on Lost paths in the Parish – deferred to the next meeting until the next meeting. The new Government are changing the deadline of 2026 and changing it to an undisclosed date in the future.

Speed-watch – Cllrs Mrs P Hodgetts / Mrs S Whittam – This is still happening and there are 4 parish Councillors trained and most weeks a speed session is taking place. This weeks session, there were 4 vehicles over the speed limit in the 50 minutes of the time of the session and there were 300 vehicle movements in that time in total.

Community Events – Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts – Noted, a community diary can be added to a Whatts App group which may be useful – Cllr N Pulker will send information over.

Village Maintenance (noticeboards, grit bins, moles, litter bins, sight mirrors – Green Space maintenance) – Cllr A Edwards Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts – Update on services provided by various contractors

This was deferred until Cllr A Edwards is in attendance. A reminder email to be sent to all members during the next month, before the next meeting. Cllr G Tonkinson will liase with farmers for the coming year to look at where they can help to cut their areas, and this was save time. The plan to be sent out of the areas previously agreed to all members.

Community Solar Panel liaison – Cllr S Whittam – There has been an offer of £6000 towards the play area replacement equipment, from the Community Solar Farm, they want a report to show the benefit to the community, and proof that the funds have been spent before they will release the funds to the Parish Council. Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs S Whittam for her due diligence on this matter. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts to continue to move the project forward, to accept the 50 % funding of £6000, with the conditions attached and continue with the project. This was seconded Cllr N Pulker. On a vote this was agreed.

Cllr K Turley left the meeting at this point.

Play Area Development

Further equipment has come to light as needing repair, a quote has been requested from Shropshire Council and also Ray Parry repairers.

9/25. Clerks report

The following items were noted:-

Shropshire Council Budget 2025/26

M54 concrete renewals - advance notification

Chatwell Lane further correspondence on litter

Fire service Consultation – invite to a future meeting?

Fly tipping briefing note

SID Application has been refused.

Local Nature recovery seminar information

Planned Road Closure Consultation - 17.03.25 - CHATWELL LANE, SHERIFFHALES

Concrete Lorries cutting through the village – The Clerk to progress this matter with Unitary Cllr K Turley for advice on getting this situation resolved. This to be copied to the Lilishall Parish Council Clerk.

Green Spaces & Active Travel Fund - Wellbeing Benches - Expression of Interest by 22nd January

One way system – discussion from last meeting by the school

Extra bin requests

10/25. Accounts for payment

The accounts for payment were listed below:-

26/12/2024	472.46	Clerks salary
26/12/2024	118.00	Inland revenue
06/12/2024	162.00	Dittons Services
11/12/2024	300.00	Jamie Watts
20/12/2024	985.12	Gallagher Insurance
26/01/2025	102.14	J Cree expenses
26/01/2025	472.46	Clerks salary
26/01/2025	118.00	Inland revenue
06/01/2025	162.00	Dittons

It was proposed by Cllr N Pulker and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Whittam to accept the accounts detailed above. On a vote they were agreed.

11/25. To continue to discuss Co-working with other parishes.

The Clerk contacted the following Parishes:-

Lillishall, Tong, Donnington and Muxton, Priorslee, Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard, Shifnal.

3 Parishes have responded:- Lillishall they are not interested, Tong requested that John would call them and St Georges and Priorslee are keen to work together.

This was deferred until Cllr J Horne was in attendance.

12/25. To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan responses

The full comments were circulated to members with their agenda papers, it was noted that only 11 responses were received. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts and seconded by Cllr N Pulker to not move forward with the neighbourhood plan due to only having 11 responses from the whole of the Parish, following each household having a form delivered by hand to their property and only 6 were prepared to fund raise to progress this project. On a vote this was agreed with 5 for and 1 abstention. The decision and the reasons why will be issued in the next newsletter.

13/25. To discuss the community hero nominations

There were 7 nominees for the Community Hero Award, Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts proposed Jenny Mahoney as this years Community Hero as she supports the entire community and has done for many years. She always gets involved fully in village life and events, this is a one off award for this year only and we will present an award to her at the Annual Parish meeting. This was seconded by Cllr N Pulker, this was agreed unanimously.

14/25. To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on the 11th March 2025. It was agreed to have the same format as last year, with a short Parish Meeting first followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk to invite the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council Andy Begley to the Annual Parish Meeting (on the topic of future of Parish and Town Council's).

15/25. Future Agenda items – Chris Mellings April meeting (not March)

16/25. Dates of the next meetings

11th February 2025

11th March 2025 6.30pm (and APM 7.30pm)

8th April 2025

13th May (AGM)