



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council, held at Little Ness Village Hall on Tuesday, 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Mullis (Chairman), Arthur, Brooks, Davis, Dickinson, Diggory, Gilbert, Turner
Absent: Cllr. Peters (leave of absence until May 2024 meeting)
In attendance: Cllr. Ed Potter, 1 member of the public
Clerk: Rebecca Turner

93/2324 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Noted as above.

94/2324 **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.*

Cllr. Turner declared a pecuniary interest in payments to the clerk (item 98/2324a) and items 106/2324 and 107/2324.

b) *Dispensation requests*

None received.

c) *Gifts or hospitality*

None declared.

95/2324 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No-one wished to speak.

96/2324 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 14th November 2023, subject to the following corrections:

- Item 81/2324 (1)(b) bullet point 3 should state “Oak Lodge” not “The Oaks Car Park”.
- Authorisation of purchase of flowers for Cllr. Peters and £3.30 for time capsule stone – to be included in December payment schedule. month’s payments.

97/2324 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report*

None.

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

Nesscliffe Training Camp

- Cllr. Potter summarised the situation re the training camp providing temporary accommodation for entitled persons from Afghanistan (not asylum seekers and have settled status). Endeavouring to keep community and parish council informed about this MoD operation.
- Cllr Potter visited the camp last Thursday and was assured would be little to no impact on the community. Has had no feedback from the public.
- It is a military operation so information available is limited - no info on numbers and timescales.
- Cllr. Potter will field enquiries to the camp and MoD press office will respond
- Camp still planning 2024 training exercises as normal.

Budget

- As at end of October, £41 million in savings has been achieved. The vast majority of the required savings have been identified to be completed by end of March 2024. Circa £4 million of savings may not be achieved but the reserves have accrued, through income.
- Budget pressure - social care growth up from £20 million this time last year to £24 million this year.

Nesscliffe Hill

- Cllr Potter to follow up on this.
Action: Clerk to invite Ed Banford and Ed Andrews to 30th January council meeting.

Other

- A5 safety - big push from Montford Parish Council to address this. Parishes encouraged to support them.
- Graham Downes is the Area Highways Manager and the previous local technician is not available. GD has said he will address the road surface at Felton Butler and look at drainage capacity issue at The Prill.
Action: Cllr. Potter to also follow up on Valeswood Lane with GD.

- The PC is seeking clarity from Graham re a number of highways/vegetation management issues

- Cllr. Mullis asked when the lights will be back on at the Felton Butler roundabout and raised the burnt-out car at the former VOSA site.

Action: The VOSA site is now managed by Highways England, so the clerk will write to them about the lights and the poor condition of the VOSA site. Cllr. Potter to also follow up on burnt-out car.

- Cllr. Davis thanked the council for clearing fly tipping within a day of it being reported.

c) *Youth Club* – Cllr. Gilbert reported the club is getting 12 to 20 children attending. Christmas party on 18th December, donations being sought.

d) *Great Mess to Little Mess*

Cllr. Diggory reported that the fly tipping has been cleared. Litter in general is not too bad. Cllr. Davis reported that he had litter picked Milford Road to Sunny Bank and noticed a pattern of similar types of litter.

e) *CIL Working Group*

Not met.

f) *Nesscliffe Country Park WG*

Not met.

g) *Prescott Surgery*

Not met.

h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)*

Cllr. Dickinson had attended the Freedom Fibre meeting and sent a briefing via email. Survey work is currently being completed, in order to plan the build schedule. The build will start in 2024 but the timescale for the parish is not known at this stage.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P58-2324	R Turner	Expenses Nov	BACS	£195.32	£2.60	£197.92
P59-2324	GoCardless	Website	DD	£19.99	£4.00	£23.99
P60-2324	C Dickinson	Flowers & stone	BASC	£15.30	£0.00	£15.30

P61-2324	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£38.99	£2.60	£41.59
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- b) *Income received*
None.
- c) *Mid-year finance check* – it was agreed that Cllrs. Mullis and Dickinson would do this with the clerk in January.

99/2324 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) 17/05151/EIA - Proposed Poultry Units NW Of North Farm, Felton Butler
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, eight feed bins, biomass store and amenity building including landscaping and tree planting.
Pending Consideration
- 2) 23/00052/VAR - Proposed Earth Sheltered Eco Dwelling At, Hopton, Nesscliffe
Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to Application Reference Number: 14/03858/FUL and varied by 18/05801/VAR
Decision: Grant Permission
- 3) 22/01262/VRA106 - 5 Darby Close, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DN
Proposal: Variation of the Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to planning permission 14/03259/OUT
Awaiting Decision
- 4) 23/01843/FUL - West Lodge, Little Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2JX
Proposal: Extension and Conversion of existing double garage to form live-in carer's accommodation including associated hard paving
Granted on Appeal
- 5) 23/02093/FUL - 3 Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1AX
Proposal: Demolition of an existing structure, and the erection of 1No. dwelling, associated drainage and ancillary works
Pending Consideration
- 6) 23/02207/FUL - Proposed Residential Development North Of Kinton Business Park
Proposal: Proposed Farm House and all Associated Works at Kinton, Nesscliffe
Awaiting Decision
- 7) 23/04578/FUL - Land SW Of Marsh House, Wilcott, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of stables for private equine use and store (resubmission)
Awaiting Decision
- 8) 23/04482/FUL - Faraways, Hopton, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DJ
Proposal: Extension of dwelling to the front of the property

100/2324 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS– FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 23/04485/FUL & 23/04486/LBC - Oak House, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, SY4 2LE
Proposal: Installation of solar panels on roof and battery storage system at ground level
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.
- 2) 23/05039/VRA106 - 5 Darby Close, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DN
Proposal: Variation of S106 attached to planning application 14/03259/OUT
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application so long as the arrangement is in perpetuity.

101/2324 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways maintenance* – see public session and Cllr. Potter report.
- b) *Play area maintenance matters, including annual RoSPA* – it was **RESOLVED** to agree to the new price for annual inspection, which had increased due to changes to the play area.

- c) *Vision, Outcomes, Business Plan and Action Plan:*
- (i) *Council Vision and Outcomes* – long term.
 - (ii) *Draft Business Plan* – to be reviewed annually.
 - (iii) *Draft Action Plan* – to be reviewed quarterly.

It was **RESOLVED** to consult on the documents until the end of January. Give people to end of January to comment, with a view to adopting them by 5th March and them being operational from 1st April.

Action: Clerk to publish documents for consultation and Cllr. Turner to do a voiceover.

d) *Reports of other parish matters*

- (i) A community group in Staffordshire had asked of they could have the old AED cabinet at the army camp which belongs to the parish council. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to this subject to confirming it does not belong to WMAS and the recipient removing it himself.

Action: Clerk to liaise with the recipient and WMAS.

- (ii) Thanks to The Old Three Pigeons for providing refreshments on Remembrance Day.

Action: Clerk to write and thank them.

- (iii) Tree branch by school gate – comes over onto The Crescent.

Action: Clerk to report.

102/2324 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *Consultation on Diversion of Bridleway 25B (part), under the provision of the Highways Act s119*

It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal as the route seems logical, so long as it is done to the specified standards and maintenance and the grading of the soil and the fence is addressed.

Action: Clerk to submit comments.

- b) *Correspondence from David Spicer, regarding cost-of-living crisis*

David Spicer and Alison Lyster had written regarding the newly formed Ruyton XI Towns Community Action Group, consisting of former councillors. They were asking if GNLN PC want to join them to look again at the cost-of-living crisis. It was **RESOLVED** to write by letter saying GNLN PC do not support actions outside of Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to reply by letter.

103/2324 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Council Meeting – 30th January 2024, 7.30pm, Little Ness Village Hall.*

- b) *Items for agenda*

- Budget and precept, 3-year projection not required.
- Clerk to check with village halls re hire charge.
- Website specification and domain name and email options.
- Go through clerk's report in more detail and assign actions.

104/2324 *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 should be excluded during discussion of Items 105 to 107/2324, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

105/2324 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Action: Clerk to seek quote from Graham Taylor for full contract and quotes from farmers for playing field hedges only.

106/2324 **MID YEAR APPRAISAL**

It was **RESOLVED** to not continue with the current appraisal format and to make the appraisal more of an annual discussion about how things are going.

107/2324 **CLERK'S ANNUAL LEAVE**

It was noted that the clerk is on leave from 18th December until New Year.