



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council held at Little Ness Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr. Mullis (Chairman), Arthur, Brooks, Dickinson, Diggory, Gilbert, Nunn, Turner  
**Absent:** Cllr. Peters  
**In attendance:** Cllr. Ed Potter, 0 members of the public  
**Clerk** Mrs R. Turner

139/2122 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Peters.

140/2122 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Disclosable pecuniary interests and bias*

- Cllr Turner declared a pecuniary interest in payments to the clerk
- Cllr. Arthur declared a potential perceived bias in relation to application 22/00227/FUL, as he previously owned the land.

b) *Dispensation requests* – none.

c) *Gifts or hospitality* -none.

141/2122 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Planning application 22/00227/FUL was summarised – it will be the same footprint and size as previously permitted but rather than re-using the original oak frame it will be clad with oak on the outside.

142/2122 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 as being a correct record and the chairman was duly authorised to sign them

143/2122 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – the police officer had been invited but was unable to attend. He had reported that crime in the area is very low.

b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Potter circulated a breakdown of Council Tax for this year and made the following points:

- *Adult and children's social care* high proportion of costs.
- *Reserves used to subsidise council tax* but can't happen next year as no reserves
- *Levelling Up* – will need to work in partnership with neighbouring authorities.
- *NWRR* – Shropshire Star ran a story re a letter about the road. It appears letter hadn't come officially from DfT. Business case has already been agreed. Environment Agency and Natural England are outstanding hurdles.
- *Local Plan* heading towards public hearing stage, unlikely to be any challenge in Nesscliffe.
- *Broadband rollout* – current position needs to be checked with Connecting Shropshire

c) *Youth Club* – Cllr. Gilbert reported that the club is getting a few new members from surrounding areas. She asked if the club could use £125 for coach travel and it was confirmed this amount is available in the account and a BACS invoice will be sent to the club from Birch Travel.

d) *Great Mess to Little Mess*

- 15 trees from Woodland Trust plus trees from local residents

- 22 litter bags collected.
  - Raffle made £48.
  - Grant for £500 for new equipment achieved. A few people had expressed an interest in borrowing kits.
  - Grant applications for benches / bins at the playing field/community land unsuccessful.
  - Waste oil has been found at the VOSA site
- e) *CIL Working Group* – the group has been managing the tender process for the play area and quotes for outdoor gym equipment.
- f) *Clerk's Report*- see appendix.
- g) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)* - Cllr. Dickinson reported that she had attended Nesscliffe Village Hall committee meeting.

144/2122 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) 14/03797/OUT - Development Land West Of Oakfield, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 6 No dwellings (to include access)  
***Awaiting Decision***
- 2) 14/05257/FUL - Proposed Dwelling Adj. Hopton Farm, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Erection of a Single Plot Exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and formation of access  
***Awaiting Decision***
- 3) 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***
- 4) 20/03976/EIA - Land Adjacent To The A5, Kinton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, nine feed bins, landscaping scheme and all associated work  
***Pending Consideration***
- 5) 21/00860/VAR106 - Proposed Dwelling North Of Top Farm, Kinton, Shrewsbury,  
Proposal: Variation of S106 agreement (13/05065/OUT) to vary the affordable housing contribution  
***Awaiting Decision***
- 6) 21/05128/FUL - Antlins Field , Valeswood Lane, Valeswood, Little Ness, SY4 2LH  
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension and detached carport  
***Pending Consideration***
- 7) 21/05607/FUL - Land At Broomy Bank, Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1AX  
Proposal: Use of land for siting of four holiday cabins together with associated recreation area and parking area  
***Withdrawn***
- 8) 21/05674/FUL –Oakfield, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, SY4 2LB  
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and alterations to access  
***Pending Consideration***
- 9) 21/05688/FUL - Badger House , Valeswood Lane, Valeswood, Little Ness, SY4 2L  
Proposal: Erection of a detached garage  
***Pending Consideration***
- 10) 21/06013/FUL - The Shrubs, Valeswood Lane, Valeswood, Little Ness  
Proposal: Extension to annex and replacement porch  
***Pending Consideration***

- 11) 22/00233/TCA - Dower House, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2LE  
 Proposal: 20% reduction in crown size of one Copper Beech tree and removal of branches of Walnut tree over growing Bradley apple in vegetable garden to ensure ongoing health of both trees within Great Ness Conservation Area  
**Pending Consideration**
- 12) 22/00131/FUL -24 Kingsway, Wilcott, Shrewsbury, SY4 1BG  
 Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey side extension, works to existing outbuilding and bathroom for habitable use as gym/wet room and replacement front porch  
**Pending Consideration**
- 13) 22/00151/VAR - Willow Lodge , Gibraltar Lane, Nescliffe, Shrewsbury, SY4 1AY  
 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission SA 03/15533/F dated 12/01/2004  
**Pending Consideration**

145/2122 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 22/00630/LBC - The Gallop, Great Ness Barns, Great Ness, SY4 2LP  
 Proposal: Insertion of window into ground floor toilet affecting a Grade II Listed Building  
Comments: No objection.

*Cllr. Arthur left the room.*

- 2) 22/00227/FUL - Church House Barn, Church House Farm, Little Ness, SY4 2LG  
 Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the part retrospective application for the rebuilding of a collapsed listed agricultural building to form a single dwelling to include the erection of a single storey link to an existing former pig pen/cowhouse to be converted to provide living accommodation, erection of a detached double garage and construction of new vehicular access and driveway replicating earlier implemented planning permission SA/02/1110/F  
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application and noted that it is positive to see this derelict site rebuilt and complementing the existing farmhouse.

*Cllr. Arthur returned to the room.*

146/2122 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways maintenance. Incl. EMG works* – a quote is being sought from Graham Taylor with a view to clearing the remaining pavements in 2022/3, when more EMG is received. to quote. It was also agreed to enquire again about the lack of pavement on phase1 and 2 of Hopton Park.
- b) *Noticeboard at bus shelter* – Matt Morris of Shrewsbury Homes felt the oak board quote from a specialist company was too high and had suggested an aluminium board but there were concerns re design and durability. It was agreed to invite Nick Mullis to give a further quote for an oak board.
- c) *Jubilee – paper from Cllr. Dickinson* – the paper was noted and Cllr. Dickinson and Cllr. Gilbert offered to attend a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Nesscliffe Village Hall to discuss this further. It was **RESOLVED** to set aside up to £700 towards projects, from the Parish Plan and Heritage Grant reserves.
- d) *Request to plant tree at The Crescent and offer of bird boxes* – it was agreed that the bird boxes be managed by Great Mess and Little Mess. A suggestion of a cherry tree at an area of ground on The Crescent had been received; it was noted that this would usually need SC Highways permission but there is precedent as there was a tree there.

William Gilbert had 2 oak tree saplings to donate which Cllr. Dickinson offered to collect. It was suggested that when the play area is re-done, there will be a grand opening which will include tree planting.

- e) *Slurry from manure heap at Wilcott/Kinton junction* – Cllr. Diggory offered to speak to the landowner.

- f) *Tree survey Nesscliffe and Wilcott and emergency action taken*- it was **RESOLVED** to remove the cherry trees at Wilcott and the emergency tree works at Nesscliffe were retrospectively authorised.
- g) *S50 works progress update and repairs to VAS* – work underway, permits for crossing and removal of concrete columns at Wilcott being obtained by contractor.
- h) *Reports of other parish matters*
- Resident not happy with the new board at Kinton. It was confirmed the old boards are being removed.
  - The Crescent sign is standing up on a tree and the one by the school – both loose signs to be reported.
  - Fingerpost Little Ness to Ruyton XI Towns is on the ground – needs reporting.

147/2122 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P70-2122	Survey Monkey	Subscription	BACS	£320.00	£64.00	£384.00
P71-2122	R Turner	Salary	BACS	£818.25	£0.00	£818.25
P72-2122	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£37.99	£2.40	£40.39
P73-2122	HMRC	PAYE Q4	BACS	£439.17	£0.00	£439.17
P74-2122	SCPF	March extra payment due to payrise	BACS	£35.88	£0.00	£35.88
P75-2122	Canopy Tree Care	Tree survey	BACS	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
P76-2122	Seth Bradbury Tree Services	Tree works Nesscliffe	BACS	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00
P77-2122	E Gilbert	Bus shelter cleaning	Chq. 10626	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00

- b) *Income received* – noted as follows

Ref	Payee	Item	Amount
R5-2122	Nesscliffe YC	Donation to worker fee	£500.00
R6-2122	Cambridge BS	Interest	£19.99
R7-2122	Cambridge BS	Interest	£0.17

- 148/2122 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 149 to 152/2122, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information.

- 149/2122 **TENDERS / QUOTES FOR PLAY AREA AND OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT**– it was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Working Group to proceed to pre-contract negotiations with Ray Parry Playgrounds, the preferred contractor. The total project budget is up to £90,000 plus VAT, with £45,000 to be funded from CIL Local balance from CIL NF and VAT to be reclaimed. The following points were noted and delegated to the clerk to action, with the Working Group

- No fencing to be put in place
- Quote to be sought for path from MUGA to be extended to the outdoor fitness equipment area.
- Grass mats to be used apart from around roundabout where wet pour will be used.
- Fireman’s Tower to be substituted for an alternative item which the school children will have a vote on.

- 150/2122 **LEASE ON PLAYING FIELD / ACCESS TRACK** – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the updated agreement and to authorise the clerk to sign it.

151/2122 **COMMUNITY LAND AND CAR PARK**– a number of outstanding issues have been raised and Shrewsbury Homes are following up with their solicitor.

152/2122 **QUOTE FOR TREE WORKS AT WILCOTT** – it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £300 accepted to remove the two cherry trees at Wilcott from Seth Bradbury Tree Services.

**NEXT MEETING**

- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022, 7PM, LITTLE NESS VILLAGE HALL

**Clerk’s Report – tracks actions from 11.01.2022 meeting**

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>Update</u>
91/2122d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit card</li> </ul>	Clerk	Needs researching
117/2122	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community land &amp; play area survey</li> </ul>	Clerk & CIL WG	Survey complete and results published
127/2122a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite PC Lewis to next meeting</li> <li>• Report broken glass on play equipment</li> </ul>	Clerk	PC Lewis invited
130/2122a	Seek quote for further pavement clearing in Great Ness & Nesscliffe	Clerk	Not received yet but hope to have by the meeting
130/2122c	Defib training – date to be booked for March	Clerk	Booked for 7 <sup>th</sup> May
130/2122f	Quote to be obtained for new car park sign	Clerk	Not done yet
130/2122g	Noticeboard for bus shelter	Clerk	Nick Mullis has said timber supply/price is an issue at present so would be better going to a notice board supplier who has larger stocks of timber. Need Matt Morris to agree this.
130/2122h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUGA agreement – School happy to advertise that if people want to book it can contact school. Cllr. Mullis to liaise with school</li> <li>• Electricity capacity</li> <li>• Drainage Nesscliffe Hill</li> <li>• Pavement coming up from bungalows to school side a few holes appearing</li> </ul>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk	Surface is uneven and school would prefer to fix this before allowing public use.  To be actioned for June  To be actioned for June  Reported.
133/2122	Tenders/quotes – clerk to send quotes and tenders to members once received and arrange for them to be opened in the presence of Cllr. Dickinson	Clerk	Done and preferred contractor identified. CIL Local obtained pending returning signed agreement. Order to be confirmed with supplier today.  It has come to light that both play area title deeds are at old clerk’s address and it is suggested solicitor is paid to update this and associated leases.

134/2122	Community land/car park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence line</li> <li>• Tree at rear of The Crescent – needs removing and re-planting with a shrub as not room for it where it is.</li> <li>• Kerb – needs a bush</li> <li>• Confirm where services are</li> </ul>	Clerk to action first 4 bullet points, SP to action point 5.	This is being chased by PC's solicitor but no reply as yet
143/2122b	Broadband	Clerk	The tender process for Project Gigabit is ongoing and should know in May/June if the parish is in the public intervention area.
146/2122e	Slurry from manure heap at Wilcott/Kinton jnc.	JD	
146/2122f & 152/2122	Tree works Wilcott	Clerk	Works order issued
146/2122h	Broken road signs at the Crescent and Ruyton/Little Ness fingerpost	Clerk	Reported to SC Highways
149/2122	Pre contract negotiations re play area	Clerk & CIL WG	Contract re-negotiated, CIL Local agreement obtained, works order to be issued by this Friday