

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm Tuesday 9 May 2017

Nesscliffe Village Hall

## MINUTES

**Present:** Parish Councillor David Nunn, Shropshire Councillor Ed Potter. Other: Phil Brooks, Zia Robins, Christine Wright, Mike Robins, Leon Lyall, Sue Peters. Clerk: Anne Chalkley.

**Welcome and Opening Comments** – Cllr Nunn chaired the meeting and welcomed all present to the meeting and Shropshire Councillor, Ed Potter, who has taken over from David Roberts.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Janet Wakefield.
2. **To approve the minutes of previous meetings – Little Ness 24 May 2016 and Nesscliffe 7 June 2016.** (The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had agreed at their Parish Council meeting 6 September 2016 to only hold one Annual Parish Meeting alternating between Nesscliffe and Little Ness Village Halls due to lack of attendance).
3. **Matters Arising** – None.
4. **Parish Council Report** by Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council Chairman, David Nunn.

### Planning

The Parish Council was consulted on 37 planning applications from May 2016 to April 2017 and they did their best to reflect the views of the residents, but as usual it is the Shropshire Council who makes the final decision.

The Parish Council responded to the Partial Plan Review consultation in March and highlighted that *‘All six clusters in the parish have seen growth that is far in excess of the SAMDev guidance. All clusters in the parish should return to ‘Countryside’.* We are yet to hear the outcome of this consultation.

Shropshire Planning Department are changing the way they operate with consulting the Parish and Town Councils and from the 31 March 2017 the consultation period in respect of planning applications will go from 21 days to 31 days. The Parish Councils will still be able to request an extension of time to allow comments to be submitted, however, this should be the exception and each request will be considered on an individual basis. At the moment the Parish Council receives both email alerts and paper copies of new planning applications, but from the 1 June all Parish and Town Councils will receive email alerts only. As from the 1 September there will be a cost of £15 per planning application sent to Town and Parish Councils and the Parish Council has opted not to receive paper copies and to review the planning applications via Shropshire Council’s website.

### Dog bin at Wilcot

After liaising with Shropshire Council Dog Warden, we have been successful in obtaining a dog bin for Wilcot and this has been put up near the play area.

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The Parish Council had organised training in July 2016 and January 2017 for any member of the Council and residents to attend and learn how to operate the AED. One AED had been donated by the Ambulance Service at the July training and another was purchased by Guy Davies for Little Ness and we thank them for their generosity. The Parish Council has purchased three cabinets and one AED and they are situated on the wall of the Garage in Nesscliffe, on the wall of the Nesscliffe Training Camp and in the newly refurbished phone box in Little Ness.

### Notice Board – Little Ness

During the very bad weather in January, the notice board in Little Ness was destroyed. The Parish Council are waiting for the delivery of a new notice board very soon.

**Awards/Grants** - The Chairman informed the meeting that the Clerk, Anne Chalkley had worked extremely hard to achieve these awards for the Parish Council and he gave thanks to her for all her hard work.

**Jan Snell Award** - The Parish Council was delighted to receive the Jan Snell Award at the SALC AGM in December 2016 for Parish Council's achievements. The Award was presented by the Chairman of SALC to the Clerk, Anne Chalkley, for the Parish Council's achievements in purchasing the AED for Nesscliffe, Wilcot and Little Ness, paying for a qualified youth worker for the Nesscliffe Youth Club and working towards the Local Council Award Scheme.

**Local Council Award Scheme** – The Parish Council was delighted to see so many residents (30) at their 7 February meeting when the Panel Chairman, Katrina Baker presented the Chairman with the Local Council Award certificate. This indicates that the Parish Councils finance and administration were of a high standard and Katrina announced that the Parish Council had passed with flying colours.

**Additional Transparency Act Funding** - The Parish Council was successful in an additional bid for staff costs and website design from the Transparency Act of £279.84 in February this year.

### **Youth Club**

Once again Cllr Eleanor Gilbert has been keeping the Parish Council updated with the achievements and enjoyment of the Nesscliffe Youth Club and we hope she will continue to do so over the following years.

### **Adcote Bridge**

As residents are aware the bridge has been damaged for over three years and Shropshire Council, Richard Knight, has been dealing with the gathering of quotations to replace the bridge. We do hope that we will hear more from him over the next few months on the outcome of Adcote Bridge.

### **Local Elections**

As you are aware the Local Elections were on the 4 May and Cllr David Roberts has stood down after 21 years' service. The successful candidate is now Cllr Ed Potter.

The Local Parish Council elections has seen Cllrs Tom Evans, Ken Bustard and Jonathan Tailyour stand down, but we do have a new councillor Leon Lyall duly elected with Cllrs Mike Arthur, Phil Brooks, Miss Eleanor Gilbert, Miss Sue Peters and myself.

I would like to thank all the councillors, especially Cllrs Evans, Bustard and Tailyour for their dedication and support over the past year and they will be missed.

5. **Finance Report** – The Finance Report was attached to the agenda and minutes for all members at the meeting to see. The Clerk asked if there were anything that the public would like to ask about the finances. A question was asked about the Restricted funds and the Clerk explained that this was money towards projects.
6. **Other Reports -**
  - a) **Police Report** – The Chairman reported that he had gone through the last Police Report and had noted that out of all the areas covered, we were the only one with Zero incidents. He then handed over the meeting to CSO Tim Griffiths. Tim reported that rural crime was on the increase especially in Bicton with business properties being targeted and recommended that the residents purchase a shed alarm to help with this problem. He realised that a lot of people were going on-line to purchase their items and some could be scammers. He told the meeting that even if you see a padlock on the screen for that site, it may not be secure. He had recently learned to look for the letter 's' after the hppt/ and this means that this particular site is secure. Zia Robins reported that the signs on Nesscliffe Country Park were being taken down and destroyed. The Chair thanked Tim and he left to attend another Annual Parish Meeting.
  - b) **Shropshire Council** – Cllr Ed Potter reported this was his very first report and thanked all present for voting for him in the Local Elections and I am here to work for you over the next four years. Not a lot to report as I am in the early stages of induction and we are waiting to see who will be the leader of Shropshire Council on Monday. The General Election is on the 9 June. Lots of councillors had retired and there are lots of new faces. Please email me on ed.potter@shropshire.gov.uk.
  - c) **Church Report** – None.
  - d) **To receive any other reports relating to the Parish not listed as follows:**

**Youth Club** – Cllr Eleanor Gilbert – Firstly I would like to thank the residents for supporting the Youth Club and if it was not for you we would not be going as long as we have been. We meet every Monday night, term time only. We get

between 30-40 youngsters some weeks and they come from all round Nesscliffe and surrounding villages. We take ages from 10-17 years and we do cooking, snooker, table tennis, table football, Wii and other activities as well as walks on the hill. We took the youngsters to the Severn Theatre to see Cinderella and we also had a Christmas Party which was well supported by the residents. We must not forget our Youth Worker, Lee which the young people like. Thank you again from Eleanor, Victoria, Emma and Becky (Volunteers). The Chair thanked Eleanor for her report.

**Little Ness Village Hall Report** – Janet Wakefield (In the absence of Janet, the Clerk read out the report) - The committee have been working hard all year on different fundraising events which on the whole have been well supported. Line dancing was a hit and it was a shame we couldn't find another caller.

Our regular whist drives are popular though could do with another table, often supported by Kynnerley residents. Xmas bingo was a usual hit. Quiz. Cadavers. To come is a car treasure hunt, and village fete. Look out for the dates. We have continued to hire the hall to private parties. On the maintenance side we have had the fuse box replaced. We have work done on external of roof, no payment until they finish the inside. The solar panels are now on track being funded by Roy Kemsley. We are refreshing our website. We have had to have extra fire extinguishers and notices to comply with latest fire regs. We have received £1800 from Parish / Neighbourhood fund against the cost of the car park. There has been a lot of discussion re the land boundar with Guy Davies but until we receive a report from the PCC no decision on that can be made. The village hall trust would require a valuation of the land as part of a building plot. Our aim for the year to have a new kitchen in place by next Christmas Bingo.

Account details.

Current AC £1666.10

Reserve AC £4,408.44

Total Funds £6,803.88

N.B No adjustments to Bank St as funds not yet cleared and cheques not cashed.

7. **Collapse of Adcote Bridge** – The Chair read out the email from Shropshire Council Richard Knight regarding the cost of the bridge. The costs that I sent you on the 4<sup>th</sup> April are still relevant. I have copied them below as a reminder (in black script):

- The cost estimate to replace the bridge like for like is in the region of £75,000.
- The cost estimate for a single span steel bridge with timber deck and handrail is in the region of £35-40,000
- I still await final costs for a single span bridge on the Unclassified County Road to the east, but it is looking similar to the cost of installing it at the Mill.
- Although this last estimate has been sought for a bridge on the road to the east, it is for information only at present, as the current feeling is that installing a bridge here will not satisfy Shropshire Council's statutory duty as it will effectively extinguish the bridleways through the Mill and leave other routes unconnected. I have sought this estimate anyway so decisions are fully informed.

I am now taking these figures to Senior Management, Councillors and our legal department for further advice on how to proceed.

8. **Open forum where members of the public may raise any subject for the exchange of information and general discussion.**

Mike Robins – (1) Planning regarding extensions if needed. The Chair reported that the Parish Council will still ask for an extension if need be. (2) Mike asked if the Parish Council could approach Baschurch and Ruyton XI Towns to see if they would contribute towards their youth attending the Nesscliffe Youth Club. The Chair said that this will be discussed at the Annual Parish Council following this meeting, but could see no reason why a letter could not be sent to these Parish Councils.

9. **Meeting closed: 7.40pm.**