

## CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of Pulverbatch Parish Council held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Pulverbatch Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Higgins – Chairman  
Cllr. L. Clarkson  
Cllr. J. Conde  
Cllr. L. Leong  
Cllr. P. Taylor  
Cllr. P. Whitley

**Also present:** Anne Wilson, Parish Clerk

### **34/2023 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### **35/2023 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

### **37/2023 Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** to note that the following declaration of interest was declared under consideration on this agenda in accordance with The Local Government Act 2000 Part III and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

- Cllr. B. Higgins – Pecuniary Interest – he left the room for the discussion on agenda item 7 i) Planning Application at 23/04645/FUL Wilderley Hall Farm, Pulverbatch  
Erection of an agricultural shed for cattle and storage

### **38/2023 Public Question Time and Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

### **39/2023 Minutes**

The minutes of the September meeting were incorrect in terms of the Community Speedwatch figures:

8/9/2023 0 people speeding  
15/9/2023 4 people speeding  
28/9/2023 3 people speeding

**RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting of Church Pulverbatch Parish Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023, with the amendments outlined above.

## 40/2023 Finance

**RESOLVED** to confirm that the following payments be made:

- A. Wilson – salary October – £162.41
- HMRC – October – £38.20
- A. Wilson – salary November – £162.41
- HMRC -November – £38.20

The Clerk was asked to bring bank statements to each meeting in future. Councillors would sign the statements at each meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Bank Accounts move to online so there is easier access to the accounts.

## 41/2023 Planning

Members were asked to consider and note the following:

- i) Planning Applications

Members were asked to consider the attached application:

Cllr. Higgins left the meeting.

- 23/04645/FUL Wilderley Hall Farm, Pulverbatch  
Erection of an agricultural shed for cattle and storage

**RESOLVED** that Church Pulverbatch PC would make no comment on this application.

Cllr. Higgins rejoined the meeting.

- ii) Applications considered in between meeting

There were none

- iii) Planning Decisions

There are none

## 42/2023 Church Pulverbatch Website

Members noted that due to a change in the way Hugo Fox works there will now be a monthly charge to manage the website.

This now may not take effect for a year given the size of the council.

#### **43/2023546 Pulverbatch Bus Service**

Members received the latest update on the 546 Pulverbatch Bus Service.

Posters to put up in areas of the parish were circulated together with the leaflets for Councillors to put through doors, where this had not already been done.

Various examples of the positives and negatives of the service were highlighted.

Members felt that the Roadshows had been very informative and well attended.

#### **44/2023 Annual Pay Rise**

Members were asked to note that the unions have finally agreed the annual national pay rise for Clerks. Clerks up to SPC 43 will receive £1952 additional per annum if working 37 hours per week and pro rata for part-time Clerks.

The Parish Clerk would sort out the backdated pay for both herself and the previous Clerk through the payroll provider.

#### **45/2023 Pulverbatch Bank**

The Chairman said “Congratulations to whoever arranged for the hedge cutter to come in and sort out the Knapp side of Pulverbatch Bank and the other side of the road. All it needs now is someone with a chainsaw to sort out those overgrown trees on the field side at least there is progress so we should be thankful.”

Thanks would be passed on as appropriate.

#### **46/2023 Shropshire Council - Publication of the revised Register of Electors**

Members noted that Shropshire Council has given notice, in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983, that a revised version of the Register of Electors for Shropshire Council area will be re-published on 2 January 2024.

Microsoft Word - Publication of revised Register of Electors - Intention ([shropshire.gov.uk](http://shropshire.gov.uk))

#### **47/2023 Donation to the School**

Members noted that having taken legal advice the Parish Council has been informed that it cannot make a donation to the school towards its new roof.

#### **48/2023 The Shropshire Council (Bridleway 28 & Bridleway 29 (part), Parishes of Longden Church Pulverbatch) Modification Order 2023**

Members had been circulated with the notice of the confirmation of the above-named modification order, along with a copy of the order and map.

The diverted route is open and available for the public to use on foot, on horseback or leading a horse and bicycle.

Members have also received details of The Shropshire Council Public Path Creation Agreement, Parish of Longden. This Order is required to connect the adjoining footpath to the bridleway to ensure connectivity of the Rights of Way network. Since 2010, The Woodland Trust has given away 13 million free trees to schools and communities across the UK.

#### **49/2023 Free Trees for Community Groups and Organisations**

The Woodland Trust wants to make sure everybody has the chance to plant a tree, so we're still giving away hundreds of thousands of them every year. Together, we'll get millions more trees in the ground in our quest to hit the UK's carbon net-zero target.

Members noted this information and agreed that currently no trees were needed.

A question about the oaks along the paths was asked – the oaks are self-setters but any new trees were planted well back from the path.

#### **50/2023 Margaret Perkins Charity**

Members were asked to consider making a donation from the Margaret Perkins Charity to aid work on The Knapp, however it was felt that currently no funding was needed for the Knapp.

Further conversation had been held about the use of funds from the Margaret Perkins Charity and the subject of Men in Sheds was raised.

Further investigation was going to be made about the feasibility of setting up a Men in Sheds in the Church Pulverbatch Parish Council area and a report would be back to a future meeting. It may be that funding be applied for to run a launch event and the publicity for this.

#### **51/2023 Date of next meeting.**

**RESOLVED** to note that the date of future meetings of Church Pulverbatch Parish Council are scheduled for:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

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**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Chairman**