

Munslow Parish Council



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Minutes of the Meeting of Munslow Parish Council, on Thursday 6th June 2024

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Val Fotheringham, Ed Povey and David Marston. **In**

Attendance: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Dobson and Meeson.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Public Forum:** No members of the public were in attendance.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 9th May, 2024:** Cllr Marston had sent apologies but they were not recorded.
RESOLVED: To add Cllr Marston's apologies and sign the minutes as an accurate record.
5. **Co-option of New Councillors:** The Clerk had advertised the vacancies but had not heard from anyone interested in being co-opted onto the council.
RESOLVED: to place a notice in the Corvedale News regarding the vacancies.
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. Chairs Report – Cllr Archer reported that there were a considerable number of potholes on the lane to the West of The Swan in Aston Munslow.
RESOLVED: to report them to Shropshire Council via Fix My Street.
 - 6.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the council had managed to balance last year's budget but they now face an even bigger deficit of £62 million for this financial year. Social Care is taking up a lot of the budget, despite saving £22 million last year without making any redundancies by changing the way it organised the service. Social Care is presently being assessed by the Care Quality Commission and they are interviewing over 40% of the team. The official report will not be available for six months. The calling of the General Election has disrupted the Council's normal timetable. There is a meeting of the Community Governance Review next week but decisions on parish boundaries are unlikely to be made until after the local government elections in 2025.
 - 6.3. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Archer reported that the main discussion had been on the shortage of affordable housing in rural areas. Older properties, particularly those housing farm workers, were too costly to repair. The issue of some councils having very little contact with their Shropshire divisional councillors was raised. The council noted Cllr Motley's regular attendance at the Munslow Parish Council meetings. The next meeting is on the 10th July 2024.
7. **Planning**
 - 7.1. Consider the Changes to Conditions of Planning Applications: Cllr Motley considered that if changes to a planning application were 'material' then the planning team should inform the parish council.
RESOLVED: to write to Shropshire Council planning asking to be notified of any material changes to planning application after they have been granted permission.
8. **Highways**
 - 8.1. Consider the Police and Crime Commissioners Grant for Traffic Calming: The Parish Council would like to than the PCC for a grant of £2,200 to acquire two battery operated vehicle activated signs to cover the areas of Munslow, Hungerford and Broadstone. The Clerk will obtain further quotes before the next meeting.
 - 8.2. Review of the Vehicle Activated Signs: Deferred to the next meeting.
 - 8.3. Review of Environmental Maintenance and New Tasks: The Clerk has asked the contractor to concentrate on strimming around corners and signs over the Summer.

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9. Review and Adopt the Risk Assessment:

RESOLVED: to add a risk to councillors of moving and handling and adopt the adjusted version.

10. Consider Priorities for the Neighbourhood Policing Team:

RESOLVED: to request the following priorities for the parish a. speeding b. rural crime c. domestic thefts.

11. Accounts

11.1. Note Income: Precept from Shropshire Council: £6,620.24 and Police and Crime Commissioner Grant £2,200. Noted

11.2. Authorise Payments

11.2.1. H Coonick (Clerk) Salary and HMRC April – June: £892.45

11.2.2. H Coonick (Clerk) Travel Expenses: £31.50

11.2.3. H Coonick (Clerk) Reimbursement for Annual Meeting Refreshments: £12.75

RESOLVED: to authorise the payments 11.2.1 – 11.2.3.

12. Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm WEDNESDAY 3rd July 2024 at Munslow Village Hall:

12.1. Consider the Police and Crime Commissioners Grant for Traffic Calming

12.2. Review of the Vehicle Activated Signs

Signed by the Chair

Date: