

Munslow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Munslow Parish Council on Thursday 1st September 2022 at Beambridge Club Room.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Nigel Dobson, David Marston and Graham Williams. **In Attendance:** Councillor Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Antonia Bury, Edward Povey, Chris Meeson and Val Fotheringham.
2. **Declarations of Interest – None**
3. **Presentation by Restoring Shropshire’s Verges Project:** Deferred until the meeting in November
4. **Public Forum:** No members of the public.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2022:** Approved. Prop Cllr Dobson 2nd Cllr Marston
6. **Matters Arising from those minutes that are not covered on the agenda:** None
7. **Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair:** None
8. **Planning Matters**
 - 8.1. [22/03704/TCA](#) Tree Felling at Old Willow House, Aston Munslow: Cllr Dobson Proposed to support the application. 2nd Cllr Marston. Unanimous.
 - 8.2. Land South Of Bowgate Farm, Rowe Lane, Alleged breach of Planning Control had been reported to the Clerk who advised reporting to Shropshire Council Planning Enforcement Team.
9. **Reports**
 - 9.1. Chairs Report – Cllr Archer had nothing to report that was not already on the agenda.
 - 9.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the highways recent programme of works was being reviewed to look at how to improve communications about road closures and diversions. Shropshire Council has made another bid to the Levelling Up Fund for improved public transport services. The outcome will be known in October. There are changes to the Health Services in Shropshire with the introduction of an Integrated Care System and there are plans for a Health Hub in Shrewsbury. Shropshire Council are setting up ‘Warm Spaces’ in community centres to help people cope with the increased costs of heating their homes. Cllr Marston reported to Cllr Motley that the road closures had been disorganised and caused major problems for local residents and businesses and drains were not being properly jetted or repaired.
 - 9.3. Beambridge Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that 2 members of the committee are resigning in September, but he hoped there would be at least one new person joining the committee. There are concerns about the cost of heating the hall over the Winter with the increase in the cost of electricity. The old meter has been removed and the committee will decide how to recoup the cost of electricity.
10. **Correspondence:**
 - 10.1. Easthope Shipton and Stanton Long Parish Council Letter regarding Joint Highways Meeting – Noted.
11. **Update on the Defibrillators:** Millichope has been asked to turn the telephone box outside The Crown at Munslow where the new defibrillator will be sited. As the site of a further defibrillator has not been identified the application to the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust cannot be made yet.
12. **Finance:**
 - 12.1. The Accounts, Bank Reconciliation and Budget were considered and approved. As of the 14th July 2022 the bank account holds £17,950.78. Prop Cllr Williams 2nd Cllr Marston.

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12.2. Payments: Insurance including cover for the War Memorial £371.73 fixed for 3 years, VAT refund return (VAS) £804.11, Gods Acre £30, Clerks Salary (£586.56) for July - Sept and Travel Expenses for April – July £34.20. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 199 £148.75, Defibrillator has not yet been ordered. All authorised. Prop Cllr Archer 2nd Cllr Marston

12.3. CILCA training for the Clerk £165. CiLCA forms part of the criteria for the council to exercise the General Power of Competence which gives councils the power to do anything an individual can do provided it is not prohibited by other legislation. Approved. Prop Cllr Archer 2nd Cllr Marston

12.4. Options for External Auditor: Council resolved to remain in the central procurement regime managed by SAAA. Prop Cllr Archer 2nd Cllr Williams.

13. Highways

13.1. The Parish VAS sign refund: A full refund of £4,824.65 had been received from TWM Traffic Control for the faulty sign at Aston Munslow. The VAT claim of £804.11 will be returned to HMRC.

13.2. Vehicle Activated Signs: Deferred to the next meeting.

13.3. Update on the Joint Parishes Highways Proposals: An email from Nick Newton (Shropshire Council) stated that a report was almost complete, and he would discuss proposals with each Parish Council involved.

13.4. Update on the Environmental Maintenance Contractor: The Clerk reported that Mr Dave Lewis had been contracted to carry out the work across the Parish and has already started work. He has Public Liability Insurance.

14. Next Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 6th October, 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall

Signed by the Chair:

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