

Munslow Parish Council



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Minutes of the Meeting of Munslow Parish Council held on Thursday 7th December 2023.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Val Fotheringham, Nigel Dobson, Andy Johnson, Ed Povey, Chris Meeson and Graham Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk).

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Antonia Bury.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Povey (Item 8.2).
3. **Public Forum:** Ten members of the public were in attendance. Comments on item 8.3:
Member of the public (MP) 1: Concerns about the visibility from the higher ground surrounding, including footpaths, in the middle Corvedale Valley. The hedge referred to in the application is not owned by the applicant. The application already approved for solar panels is preferable.
MP2: It will remove the beauty of the area for residents as it can be viewed from properties in Aston Munslow. MP3: It will be very noticeable from local footpaths affecting the views. MP4
The proposed shielding will not be effective in the Winter. MP5: the proposed work will include traffic jams on the B4368. MP6: Although not in the AONB and Conservation area it will affect the views from it affecting businesses and tourism. MP7: They are only of benefit to the applicant rather than the whole community. MP8: The glare from the panels for traffic on the B4368 is of concern. (Item 8.3 was brought forward to this point in the meeting by the chair)
4. **Approval of minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 2nd November, 2023.**
RESOLVED: the minutes were signed by the chair as a correct record.
5. **Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair:** Nothing to report.
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. Chairs Report – Cllr Archer had no issues in addition to those on the agenda.
 - 6.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the council had made substantial changes so far in its attempts to reduce the £51 million deficit. It has not had to make any staff redundant but has made savings by reorganising services. The government has provided £5 million for potholes. Ofsted is reviewing the Childrens Services and there is a planned inspection of Adult Social Care by the Care Quality Commission.
 - 6.3. Beambridge Club Room – Cllr Dobson reported that the Annual General Meeting was held on the 21st November. They are planning future events and refurbishments. The Clerk reported that there has been no response so far from The Land Registry regarding the registration of the lease.
7. **Highways**
 - 7.1. Update on B4368 Report and Meeting with Shropshire Council: Three dates in January 2024 will be provided to SC for a meeting with four representatives each from Munslow and Diddlebury Parish Councils to discuss the report.
 - 7.2. Review of the Vehicle Activated Signs – new post requested from Shropshire Council have not yet been provided. The Clerk continues to request this work to be completed.
 - 7.3. Review of Environmental Maintenance and New Tasks: the contractor has been working around Aston Munslow and Rowe Lane to clear drains and cutting back verges.
8. **Planning**
 - 8.1. [23/04654/FUL](#) Change of use of annexe to separate dwelling, subdivision of outdoor amenity space, conversion of stables into annexe to new dwelling, and installation of solar panels on roof of existing garage The Chains Munslow SY7 9ET:
RESOLVED: to make representation to Shropshire Council a. noting the previous planning application conditions b. overdevelopment of the site.

8.2. [23/04903/LBC](#) Replacement of two casement windows on the northern elevation of the northern wing of the property. The Miller House, Munslow, SY7 9ET: Cllr Povey left this meeting for this item.

RESOLVED: To support the application.

8.3. [23/04929/FUL](#) Aston Hall, Aston Munslow, SY7 9ER Erection of storage building, and installation of PV panels, irrigation borehole and water storage tank:

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the following issues: a. visibility from footpaths, bridleways and properties along a large section of the middle Corvedale. b. Within metres and visible from the Aston Munslow Conservation Area, listed properties in Aston Munslow Village. d. Some of the hedging that is being proposed to be used for screening does not belong to the applicant. e. Will affect local businesses by reducing the attractiveness of the area. f. The previous application for the solar panels was more acceptable. g. Lengthy traffic issues caused by the need to route the power lines under the B4368 and the work involved in the scheme itself. h. The scheme does not benefit the local community but will have a considerable detrimental effect upon them and visitors to Shropshire. i. Concerns about the glare from the panels on traffic on the B4368. j. The PV panels will vastly affect the beauty of the area, impacting local businesses. k. The omission of a Heritage Impact Assessment. l. It is important that the AONB consultation is followed up as this scheme will have detrimental effects upon it even though it is just outside of the AONB. m. The visual impact assessment only considered a very small area and did not consider the whole of the Middle Corvedale which will be affected by this development.

9. Correspondence

9.1. Millichope Foundation – regarding a contribution toward the cost of drawing up the lease for Beambridge Club Room. Noted.

9.2. Corvedale Walking and Footpath Group – Transfer of funds.

RESOLVED: To thank the Corvedale Walking and Footpath Group and hold the funds for work on footpaths within Munslow Parish.

10. Accounts

10.1. Review the Clerks Pay and Hours Including the Pay Award:

RESOLVED: To increase the Clerks weekly hours to five from 1/12/23 and review the pay rate annually starting on the 1/7/24. The Clerks contract to be changed to reflect this. The Clerk to move to point 12 on the NJC SCP scale from 1/10/23 recognising the achievement of the Certificate in Local Council Administration and the period of service. Back pay from the 1/4/23 for the 2023-24 pay award was also agreed.

10.2. Adopt the Budget and Set the Precept:

RESOLVED: To adopt the budget and set the precept at £6,620.24 an increase of 17.84%.

10.3. Agree a report on the Budget and Precept for the Corvedale News which identifies the additional costs for the council for the coming year.

RESOLVED: to publish in the February edition of the Corvedale News.

10.4. Appoint an Auditor for 2024-2025:

RESOLVED: to appoint Mr Kevin Adams as the Auditor for 2024-2025.

10.5. Authorise Payments: H Coonick (Salary including back pay and rate changes as per point 10.1, £900.95 and Travel expenses £27.90 Oct-Dec), H Coonick £33.29 (Reimbursement for postage, inks and collection boxes), D Lewis £68 inv 437 (Environmental Maintenance) and Authorisation for the December invoice. Mr R Lane £94 (Munslow Burial Ground Maintenance).

RESOLVED: To make the above payments.

11. Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 1st February 2024 at Beambridge Village Hall a. Update on the B4368 meeting.

Signed by the Chair:

Date: