

Munslow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Munslow Annual Parish Meeting on the 4th May 2023

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (chair), Ed Povey (Vice Chair), Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson, Graham Williams.

In Attendance: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk)

1. **Welcome:** Cllr Barbara Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Antonia Bury

3. **Notice Convening the Meeting**

In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting has been duly published on the Council's Notice Boards and website.

4. **Annual Reports**

4.1. Chair's Report – Cllr Barbara Archer reported this has been a very busy year for the council who have held 10 parish council meetings. We have had a number of planning applications to consider, some large and some small but they have all been looked into carefully. One of the major issues which is still ongoing is of course the problem of speeding along the B4368. We will hear more on that later. On a positive side we have changed the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the North end of Aston Munslow as it kept having faults and the new one appears to be working well. We have, with the help of a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner, bought a mobile VAS which is, at the moment, being used in Munslow but will be moved around the parish every few weeks. After many requests to Shropshire Council, the VAS sign at the South end of Aston Munslow, which apparently is now beyond repair, will be replaced with a new one within 4 – 6 weeks. Our latest good news is that we now have a defibrillator in Munslow. Please look out for information as to when we will be having a training day on how to operate it. The defibrillator was donated by the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust. Just a reminder that the Parish Council is here to serve the community and you are always welcome to come to the meetings.

4.2. Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that the Village Hall (aka Beambridge Clubroom) is slowly picking itself up after covid and a change of most of the committee. They have had coffee mornings as part of the 'Warm Welcome' initiative raising £113. There have been various improvements to the building including the drainage. £400 was raised for the Village Hall at the Millichope open gardens.

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4.3. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that it had been a hectic year especially with the changes in government, the cost-of-living crisis and industrial action. A Levelling Up Shared Prosperity Fund bid for Shrewsbury was successful, but application for Craven Arms was not successful. The council has a historic debit of £50 million but they are trying to reduce the debt without making major cuts to services. She thanked the parishes for providing ‘Warm Welcomes’ which had been very successful. Her role has changed and she is now Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Communities and remains on the executive of the Rural Services Network and is vice chair of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The transport manager for the council is planning a demand responsive public transport service for rural areas. The Health and Wellbeing Hub has visited Ludlow Cattle Market offering health checks for farmers and will provide regular sessions. The Local Government Boundary Commission have not agreed to an increase in divisions and are proposing the Cardington Parish should join the Corvedale Division. Members of the public can make comment upon these proposals. She will organise a Chairs and Clerks meeting in June to consider parish boundaries which need to be agreed by this October.

- 5. Update on the Parish Council’s work to reduce the speed of vehicles through the Parish:** A road survey was conducted about 18 months ago after much negotiation with Shropshire Council and a lot of background work was done by the members of the Parish Council. This is still ongoing since the engineer who requested the survey is very unhappy with the report as it bears little relation to what he wanted doing. This has to be rectified but we do not know how long this will take. All the parishes along the B4368 are concerned about the speeding problem and we are in contact with them.
- 6. Consider Updating the Parish Plan:** Cllr Motley suggested that the Clerk contact Vicky Turner, Shropshire Council Community Enablement Officer to check if funding is available to renew the plan.
- 7. Consider Infrastructure Projects to Include in the Place Plan:** There was concern over the lack of drain jetting in the parish. Also, the issue of traffic calming could be added to the Place Plan proposals. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- 8. Open Forum**
There were no members of the public present.

Signed by the Chair:

Date: