

Munslow Parish Council



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Minutes of the Meeting of Munslow Parish Council held on Thursday 4th April 2024.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (chair), Val Fotheringham, Andy Johnson, David Marston, Chris Meeson and Edward Povey. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecila Motley and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Antonia Bury and Nigel Dobson.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Public Forum:** No members of the public were in attendance

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March, 2024.**

RESOLVED: the minutes were signed by the chair as a correct record.

5. Reports

5.1. Chairs Report – Cllr Archer reported that she had attended the chairs meeting on the 14th March. Car Parking fee increases were discussed particularly the introduction of fees on Sundays. Also the potential closure of the recycling centres and charges for green waste collection. There were concerns about the poor highway's signage during road closures, businesses were losing customers in some situations where there were poor directions.

5.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that if charging is being introduced on Sundays, it is likely to be only £1 per day. The parking in Ludlow is not too costly in comparison with other areas. Shropshire Council does not want to close any recycling centres but they are more lenient than other counties and may introduce controls on non-Shropshire residents using the sites. They are looking at all options to keep them open. The cost of providing services in rural areas is a major issue for the county. Their main expenditure is on statutory services for children and social care. There are more children presenting with Special Educational Needs who require transport to school which is a statutory duty for the Council to provide.

5.3. Beambridge Club Room – Cllr Dobson has sent a report: The coffee mornings over the Winter have been a great success, they have been well attended and made approximately £160. There will be a special coffee morning on the 18th April to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

6. Highways

6.1. Update on the Application for a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign – deferred to the next meeting.

6.2. Review of the Vehicle Activated Signs: Cllr Dobson had sent a report that they have been working well and the one presently in Hungerford will be moved to the North end of Munslow this week. If we get a new sign they can be rotated more frequently and extra spots be used. New mounting straps and padlocks are needed.

6.3. Review the letter from Diddlebury Parish Council re: Traffic Calming on the B4368: the council reviewed the proposals from Diddlebury PC

RESOLVED: the Clerk to write to Diddlebury PC informing them that Munslow PC support their proposal.

6.4. Review of Environmental Maintenance and New Tasks: An application to Shropshire Council has been made requesting £600 to be matched with £600 from Munslow Parish Council to continue to provide the service in 2024-25.

7. Planning:

7.1. [24/00917/FUL](#) - Reinstatement of outbuilding. Munslow Farmhouse, Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9ET.:

RESOLVED: to support this application.

- 8. Notice of Vacancy of a Councillor for Munslow Parish Council:** Cllr Andy Johnson has handed his resignation to the Chair, effective from the end of this meeting. Cllr Archer thanked Cllr Johnson for his time with the council and wished him well in his move.
RESOLVED: The Clerk will inform councillors by email of the process and will post the Notice of a Vacancy in the week commencing the 22nd April 2024. Shropshire Council have been informed of the vacancy.
- 9. Consider Vehicles Parking on the Aston Munslow 'Village Green/Car Park':** There have been reports of a motorhome parking overnight on the Village Car Park. The council will keep a watching brief on this situation and will investigate if Land Registry can be asked to inform the Parish Council if a claim of ownership is made by any party.
- 10. Shropshire, Telford, Wrekin and Mid Wales Hospital Transformation Programme:** the Clerk had attended a zoom meeting with the NHS Transformation team. They wished to inform Councils that Shrewsbury Hospital will deal mainly with emergency cases and the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford will deal mainly with planned cases.
- 11. Agree the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting:** The council is keen to attract members of the public to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm Thursday 9th May at Beambridge Village Hall/ Club Room to better understand the needs of the parish. Cllr Povey will produce a poster which can be posted on notice boards, Corvedale News, the website and social media. The Annual Parish Council meeting will follow at 8pm.
- 12. Adopt the Statement of Internal Controls:** The controls were reviewed and it was agreed they were correct and adequate.
RESOLVED: to adopt the Statement of Internal Controls.
- 13. Accounts**
- 13.1. Agree and Sign the Bank Reconciliation: As of the 28th February 2024 the bank account holds £11,129.78 which reconciled with the accounts.
RESOLVED: Cllrs Marston and Johnson signed the reconciliation.
- 13.2. Authorise Payments: H Coonick, Clerk (reimbursement for stationery and inks) £58.54, Costs associated with the Annual Parish Meeting were agreed up to £75. New mounting straps and padlocks for the Vehicle Activated Signs up to £60.
RESOLVED: The above payments were authorised.
- 14. Items for the Next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm on Thursday 9th May 2024 at Beambridge Village Hall**

Signed by the Chair:

Date: