

Munslow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Munslow Parish Council, held on **Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7:30 pm** at Beambridge Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), David Marston, Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, Chris Meeson. **In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Val Fotheringham and Antonia Bury. Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. **Public Forum:** No members of the public in attendance.
4. **Minutes from meeting held on 3rd March, 2022:** were approved and signed. Prop Cllr Marston, 2nd Cllr Dobson
5. **Matters Arising from those minutes that are not covered on the agenda:** Cllr Marston reported that the broken manhole cover that he had reported to Shropshire Council had now been cordoned off.
6. **Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair:** None
7. **Planning Matters**
 - 7.1. [22/01354/LBC](#) - Internal alterations to form additional staircase, The Swan Inn, Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9ER. The Council resolved to not make a comment about this application.
 - 7.2. Planning – Rowe Lane – Cllr Meeson had received a report of building works that may not have the appropriate planning authorisation. The property is in Stanton Long not Munslow Parish.
 - 7.3. Ownership of Land near The Chains, Munslow – The planning applicant has applied to the Land Registry for adverse possession of the small area at the front of The Chains. It is not clear who owns this land and the Parish Council resolved not to investigate this issue further.
8. **Reports**
 - 8.1. Chairman – Cllr Archer reported that she attended the Parish Council Chairs meeting on the 24th March which was attended by John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner. He reported that there were 400 more officer now than in 2017. Pippa Mills became the new Chief Constable last September. There are 16 Speed Watch teams across Shropshire. There is a trial of number plate recognition speed cameras that if successful will be rolled out further. John Campion does have a budget for road engineering schemes. He did warn about the increases in fuel theft.
 - 8.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley had sent a report which the Clerk read out. The bid for improvements to public transport that Shropshire Council had made to the Department of Transport was not successful. Her team are looking at increasing the services based in libraries.

8.3. Beambridge Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that the updating of the electrics for the hall had not yet been completed.

9. Finance:

- 9.1. The Annual Accounts and Bank Reconciliation were discussed and agreed. The bank account holds £12,451.40 as of the 31st March 2022. There are ring-fenced holdings with £7,404.65 of unspent money of which £5,500 has been allocated to speed calming measures in the forthcoming financial year. Cllr Dobson signed the bank reconciliation.
- 9.2. Clerks pay scale for 2022-2023 - It was resolved that the Clerk will align with point 10 on the NJC scale which is £11.28 per hour. Prop Cllr Archer 2nd Cllr Dobson
- 9.3. Payments: resolved to pay Mr R Lane (Munslow Burial Ground Maintenance) 1/8/21 – 30/11/21 £102. Prop Cllr Marston 2nd Cllr Dobson.

10. Highways

- 10.1. The Parish VAS sign has been replaced. Cllr Archer agreed to investigate the new guarantee.
- 10.2. Maintenance and Repairs of Speed Signs – The Clerk has reported both of the faulty Shropshire Council Speed Signs.
- 10.3. Update on the Joint Parishes Highways Proposals: Cllr Archer will follow up the report from Shropshire Highways. It had been noted that speed measuring tapes had been in place along the length of the B4368 over the last few weeks.
- 10.4. 20's Plenty For Us: Cllr Archer reported that she had attend this meeting. It was agreed that this issue would be placed on the Parish Meeting Agenda.
- 10.5. Car Parking Charges Consultation – It was resolved to object strongly to the car parking charges as rural residents have no option but to travel by car into the towns due to the lack of public transport.
11. **Risk Assessment** – It was resolved to adopt the risk assessment with the addition of the Vehicle Activated Sign risks and the defibrillator once it has been purchased.
12. **Community Governance Review and Parish Boundaries** – Cllr Archer will discuss the boundary of the parishes of Munslow and Diddlebury, specifically Aston Top, with Cllr Hedgley, Chair of Diddlebury Parish Council. This issue will be added to the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda.
13. **Arrangements for Jubilee weekend of June 3rd to 6th 2022:** The Village Hall Committee are leading in plans for the celebrations.
14. **Update on the Queen's Jubilee Canopy:** Cllr Dobson collected the tree from Shropshire Council, and it has been planted at The Deans with a plaque. Cllr Archer will add it to the Queen's Jubilee Canopy Map.
15. **Action regarding a Defibrillator:** Cllr Dobson will discuss an electric supply for the cabinet for a defibrillator with The Crown Inn. The Clerk and Cllr Dobson will look at the costs of defibrillators and cabinets and investigate grant making organisations.
16. **Items for the Next Meeting:** Defibrillator costings.

Date of Next Meeting – The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings: 7.30pm Thursday 5th May, 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall

Signed by the Chair:

Date:

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