

Munslow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7:30 pm at Beambridge Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, David Marston, Nigel Dobson, Antonia Bury and Graham Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Fotheringham and Meeson.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Presentation on Aston Hall Planning Application** – Mr Mrs Cleevly gave a short presentation on the application and their plans for Aston Hall. It will be a 2nd home for their large family and the family hope to be in residence 50-75% of the time. They wish to future proof the hall making some disabled access areas and aiming to be carbon neutral. They have listened to the views of neighbours and will make changes - they accept that the drainage needs rethinking and the solar panels are not in the best position. They plan to increase tree coverage despite felling some mature trees.
4. **Public Forum:** Members of the public raised concerns in the following areas
 - 4.1. Parking areas and the new driveway and noise.
 - 4.2. The balcony overlooking nearby properties.
 - 4.3. Changing the appearance of the barns
 - 4.4. Drainage and flooding concerns
 - 4.5. Retain the Yew Hedge for screening purposes
 - 4.6. Reduce the numbers of trees felling planned
 - 4.7. Carry out a rare species assessment
 - 4.8. Noise from the Media roomCllr Motley stated that the Parish Council can only base a decision on the plans as submitted. The Trees and Drainage plans will be scrutinized by Shropshire Council Officers and the application could be called into the Scrutiny Committee.
5. **Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 7th October 2021: Approved** Prop Cllr D Marston, 2nd Cllr A Bury. Cllr Archer signed them as a correct record.
6. **Matters Arising:** None
7. **Urgent Items:** None
8. **Planning Matters:**
 - 8.1. **21/04437 Ful and 21/04438 LBC Aston Hall SY7 9ER** – Councillors had seen letters from 3 parishioners. The councillors discussed the application and considered a neutral response with representation. Cllr Povey proposed to support the application and Cllr Dobson 2nd. A vote of 5 and 1 abstention to support the application with representations was carried. The representation to

Shropshire Council would include concerns about positioning of the solar panels, felling of trees and yew hedge reduction, outside lighting, drainage and flooding issues and sound mitigation.

8.2. Application for Leylandii Hedge in Munslow Conservation Area – The Chair and Clerk decided not to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss this matter.

9. Update on Beambridge Club Room: Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Evans will attend the next meeting. Cllr Dobson reported that a new heating system and possibly new lights are being investigated which will reduce the running costs. The Wifi system is not yet functioning.

10. Reports

10.1. **Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley** reported that a Boundary Review timetable was being prepared. A meeting of Chairs and Clerks to discuss the boundaries will be on the 23rd November. The budget preparation is difficult due to the increasing cost of Children and Adult Social Care.

10.2. **Speed Watch – Cllr Dobson** West Mercia Police have instructed that Speed Watch in Munslow must cease due to the increased speed of traffic through the village.

11. Finance

11.1. The Accounting Statement was approved with £ £13,710.74 in the account as of 7th October 2021. The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Marston.

11.2. The draft budget was considered and will be finalised at the next meeting.

11.3. A letter to the Clerk regarding enrolment in the pension scheme was signed by Cllr Archer in accordance with Pension Regulations

12. Highways

12.1. The VAS sign is being repaired after it was found to have faults in the alignment and radar carrier board. It should be returned by the 5th November.

12.2. The Clerk reported that she had contacted 2 local contractor and will contact the one with the lower charge to carry out work on the ditch near The Swan and the car park.

12.3. Joint Parishes Speed and Noise Meeting on 25th October: Parishes from the length of the B4368 and two representatives from West Mercia Police attended the meeting. It was clear there were many joint issues and existing measures were discussed. It is planned to extend the present report to include the additional parishes before dissemination.

13. Correspondence:

13.1. The Clerk will attend a zoom meeting regarding the Local Policing Charter.

13.2. Caring for God's Acre – online AGM – Cllr Archer to consider attending.

14. To Decide upon the Clerk's Delegated Powers: The Scheme was adopted by the Council. Prop Cllr Bury
2nd Cllr Marston.

15. Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund: Deferred to the next meeting.

16. Items for the Next Meeting: Boundary Review, Update on Joint Parishes Highway Meeting, Neighbourhood Fund, Queens Canopy, Adopt Budget.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd December 2021 at Beambridge Village Hall. Cllrs resolved to have meetings in December and not January in future.

Signed by the Chair:

Date:

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