

Munslow Parish Council



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Minutes of the Meeting of Munslow Parish Council on Thursday 5th October 2023

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

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Bury (item 8). Item 8 was moved to the end of the agenda.
3. **Public Forum:** Two members of the public were in attendance. Person A asked if the council is collecting data from the Vehicle Activated Signs. Cllr Dobson reported that data is being collected and will report on it in item 13.2.
4. **Approval of minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 7th September, 2023:** Item 13 should read 'to contribute £150 to the Trust'.
RESOLVED: the amended minutes were then signed by the chair as a correct record.
5. **Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair:** Nothing to report.
6. **Confirm Compliance with the Eligibility Criteria for the General Power of Competence:** The eligibility criteria are a. a majority of councillors are elected rather than co-opted and b. the Clerk has attained a Certificate in Local Council Administration.
RESOLVED: that the Council complies with the eligibility criteria and now has the General Power of Competence.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the Boundary Commission have agreed most of the suggestions made by Shropshire Council. However, the Corvedale division will now include Cardington Parish. The proposals will be ratified by parliament in November. The Parliamentary Boundary Commission Review has been completed but has resulted in some parishes being split so the electoral team will be working on this alongside the review of the polling stations. It is unlikely that the Community Governance review of the parish boundaries will be complete until after the next election in 2025. British Telecom plans to move over to a digital service but there are concerns about how this will affect some groups of people. The government's plan to ban the installation of oil and gas boilers has been delayed until 2035. A memorandum of understanding has been agreed between Shropshire, Herefordshire, Powys and Monmouthshire Councils and is called The Marches Forward Partnership. They would join forces to apply for funding from Government on major projects that will benefit the Marches region. There has been some progress in Cllr Motley's portfolio with funding for people to be cared for at home. There continues to be a high number of children in care.
 - 7.2. Beambridge Club Room – Cllr Dobson reported that the Big Breakfast has raised £430 for the club room and Macmillan Cancer Support. He would like to thank Alan Golden and the team who did the cooking and the generous donations.
8. **The New Beambridge Club Room Lease (dealt with after item 15):** Cllr Bury left the meeting for item 8. The new lease has been signed by all parties. A letter has been received from Mr Lindsay Bury on behalf of the Millichope Foundation with concerns about the cost to the Foundation of preparing the lease.
RESOLVED: The Clerk to register the lease with the Land Registry. A letter to be sent to Mr Bury responding to the issues raised by his letter.

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- 9. The Washwell:** the council agreed that it should apply to the Land Registry for the entry for the Washwell to be changed to return it to public land.
RESOLVED: the Clerk will gather information from minutes, correspondence and historical records and apply for a change of the Land Registry entry for the Washwell.
- 10. Fundraising for the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust for the Defibrillator:** The village fete raised £150 and with other donations a total of £280 can be sent to the Memorial Trust. The teas at the Millichope Park Open Garden will raise further money alongside the money in the collection box at the village shop in Aston Munslow.
- 11. The Website:** Hugo Fox, the present website provider, will begin charging a fee in April 2024. The Clerk reported on the alternatives.
RESOLVED: To maintain the website with Hugo Fox and include the fee in the budget for 2024-25.
- 12. Attendance at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day and the Purchase of a Wreath:**
RESOLVED: that Cllr Archer will attend a short service on Saturday 11th November and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council
- 13. Highways**
- 13.1. B4368 Report from Shropshire Council – the Clerk reported that comments from Councillors had been sent to Shropshire Council on the 22nd September. The Clerk will request a response before the next meeting.
- 13.2. Vehicle Activated Signs: Cllr Archer reported that she had heard from Shropshire Council that the sign for the western entrance to Aston Munslow has been delayed but should be in place by the 10th October. Data from the mobile sign at the western entrance to Munslow shows that the majority of vehicles are now travelling below 30mph. Cllr Williams reported that he has noticed a reduction in the speed of vehicles as they approach the second mobile sign now sited to the east of Broadstone.
- 13.3. Environmental Maintenance and New Tasks: the Clerk reported that the Environmental Maintenance contractor had completed work in the Rowe Lane, Munslow Village and Aston Munslow village areas. The stream near the Swan Inn needs digging out – the Clerk will report this to Shropshire Council.
RESOLVED: the Clerk will ask the contractor to carry out work on the verges up to Five Ways.
- 13.4. Speed of Traffic at Broadstone and Request to Extend the Speed Limit:
RESOLVED: the Clerk will ask for the speed limit to be extended to beyond the Seven Stars, preferably to Slaughterhouse Lane and a speed limit to be requested for Beambridge due to the increase in traffic entering and exiting the B4368 with more events at Millichope Park, Beambridge Club Room and the Wild Goose Nursery.
- 13.5. Communications with West Mercia Police: the Neighbourhood Team officer for the area is changing.
- 14. Accounts**
- 14.1. Finance Report, Expenditure Against Budget and Bank Reconciliation: As of the 1st August 2023 the account holds £16,619.51 with an expenditure since 1/4/23 of 3,511.73. There has been expenditure over budget for the Clubroom rental, defibrillator costs and grants. The VAT for the new vehicle activated signs has been added to the budget but this will be reclaimed. There is a reserve and unallocated funds which will cover the additional expenditure. The bank reconciliation was signed as correct by Cllrs Meeson and Williams.
- 14.2. Items for Inclusion in the Draft Budget: a. Website fee b. Defibrillator costs. Councillors will inform the Clerk of any other proposals prior to the next meeting when the draft budget will be presented for consideration.
- 14.3. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £131.75, Wreath £17, Land Registry for the Washwell £40, Land Registry Beambridge Club Room Lease £45.
- 15. Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 2nd November, 2023 at Beambridge Village Hall:** a. draft budget b. B4368 report

Signed by the Chair:

Date: