

Munslow Parish Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Munslow Parish Council on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, David Marston and Chris Meeson. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Val Fotheringham
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Public Forum:** No comment.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd July, 2024.**
RESOLVED: to approve the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the chair.
5. **Welcome the New Councillor –** Cllr Richard Wilks was not in attendance.
6. **Consider Co-option of 2nd New Councillor:**
RESOLVED: to co-opt Mr Richard Arnold who then joined the meeting.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. Chairs Report – Cllr Archer reported that the Jubilee Oak Tree plaque need to be on a post as the surrounding grass was hiding it. Cllr Dobson will install a post. The council wishes to thank the resident who is caring for the bus shelter at Beambridge. There is continuing concern regarding the drains at the Eastern entrance to Aston Munslow
RESOLVED: the clerk to contact Shropshire Council's Flood Risk Manager to ask for an assessment.
 - 7.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council will now be entering a tough few months as it is experiencing considerable trouble balancing the accounts. The number of children and adults needing services is increasing as well as the cost of the services needed. So far there has been no indication from the new government on there plans for local government except that they will be encouraging devolution. The National Planning Policy Framework is proposing 70% of new housing will be in rural areas where the infrastructure is poor or non-existent with insufficient employment opportunities. The policy is being consulted on at present.
 - 7.3. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Archer reported that there was a presentation by the Rural Housing Enablement Officer who stated that there was a shortage of affordable housing in rural areas. There is a survey of rookeries in Shropshire due to the reduction in rooks. Members of the public can report rookeries to the team.
8. **Consider the Survey from Shropshire Council re: Future Options with Town and Parish Councils Survey:**
RESOLVED: to defer to the next meeting.
9. **Place Plan Project Nomination Feedback:**
RESOLVED: to defer to the next meeting.
10. **Waste Collection**
 - 10.1. Consider the Green Bin Collection for the Burial Ground: Shropshire Council are planning to charge £56 per year for Green Bin collections from 1st October 2024.
RESOLVED: To order a green bin collection.
 - 10.2. Consider the Collection and Disposal of Greenery Cut Down by Caring for God's Acre:
RESOLVED: to approach a local resident who may be willing to collect and dispose of the waste.

10.3. Consider Changes to the Craven Arms Household Recycling Centre: Cllr Motley informed the meeting that the centre will not be closed one day per week and it has not yet been decided if a booking system will be introduced.

11. Highways

11.1. Update on the Purchase of Two Further Vehicle Activated Signs: the two new signs have been received.

11.2. Review of the Vehicle Activated Signs: The council will request for more volunteers to assist in moving the signs to the allocated sites around the parish. An advert will be placed on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

11.3. New Tasks for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor: to request that the contractor cleans the direction sign near the Wildgoose Nursery at Beambridge.

12. Consider an Application to the Police and Crime Commissioner 'My Community Fund':
RESOLVED: defer to the next meeting.

13. Correspondence:

13.1. Letter from the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust:

RESOLVED: to request that Janet Cobb, Shropshire Hills Landscape Trustee attend a meeting to clarify what type of project might be considered.

14. Establish Ownership of Bench in the Community Car Park and Decide on Repairs:
RESOLVED: to add the bench to the asset register and ask Mr Lewis to repair it.

15. Update on the Sign for the Commonwealth Graves at the Burial Ground: the clerk has made the application but it maybe up to a year before it is installed.

16. Accounts

16.1. Review the Asset Register and Agree the Insurance Cover:

RESOLVED: the asset register was updated and the insurance cover was deemed to be adequate.

16.2. Income Noted: Donations Towards Defibrillator Cost from Public at Aston Munslow Garage: £30.38. The council would like to thank those who have made donations via the box and for the garage for hosting it. Cllr Arnold offered to host a box at the Crown Inn at Munslow.

16.3. Authorise Payments

16.3.1. H Coonick (Clerk, salary July-September) £892.45 & (Travel) £16.20

16.3.2. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 594 £72

16.3.3. Zurich Insurance £421.02

16.3.4. Cllr Dobson (Fixings for Vehicle Activated Signs reimbursement) £55.01

RESOLVED: to make the above payments.

17. Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd October at Munslow Village Hall:

- a. Survey from Shropshire Council
- b. Place Plan Project Nomination Feedback
- c. Application to the Police and Crime Commissioner 'My Community Fund'

Chair:

Date: