

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr M Chaloner (Chair), Cllr A Brown, Cllr M Wilson, Cllr G Bowles, Cllr J White.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts and 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial, or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

The following were raised:

- i) Resident relayed thanks to CWAC for the recent repair work undertaken at Castletown Lane.
- ii) Resident raised concern regarding condition of Worthenbury Road, and it was noted that the drains needed clearing.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with Highways.

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Report circulated prior to meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCSO McKevitt to request a police surgery in Shocklach.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated prior to meeting. Further discussed:

i) Broadband: Encouraging feedback received from CWAC and Connecting Cheshire who accepted that they should ensure rural areas have acceptable broadband speeds. They were looking to improve provision significantly over the next few years.

Resolved: Noted.

ii) Flooding: View was that CWAC were good at solving problems when they arose but not so good at being proactive at identifying problems and cleaning gullies regularly. Cllr Roberts was compiling a list of main problems, with precise locations, to progress over the summer months.

Resolved: Locations to be identified on an interactive map at Item 11 on the Agenda.

iii) Litter: Cllr Roberts was aware that CWAC did not deal with this so well outside of towns and that part of the problem was due to CWAC having split responsibilities. For areas with a speed limit up to 40mph Street Scene were responsible and over 40mph a Highways responsibility. He was striving for litter issues to be dealt with under one department. As CWAC were currently looking to change the waste collection arrangements, hence the Waste Strategy Consultation, the bin wagon design was under review and they were also looking to exchange recyclable containers for wheelie bins which would hopefully reduce the amount of littering.

However, with regards to the green waste collection CWAC were considering charges and a reduced service.

Resolved: Noted.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held 19th November 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J White Seconded: Cllr G Bowles.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

i) Update: Bishop Bennett Way.

Noted: Issue resolved.

ii) Update: Drain at Little Green.

Noted: Some improvement to the drainage issue but the footpath had now been washed away and was significantly worse. Barriers had been erected.

Resolved: Clerk to raise with PROW Officer to ascertain what works were proposed and copy Cllr Roberts in correspondence.

iii) Update: Castletown Lane.

Noted: Issue resolved.

iv) Update: Drainage/flooding Soughans Lane.

Gullies had been cleared but were still flooded. CWAC were to survey and arrange a dig.

Resolved: Cllr A Brown to personally speak with CWAC and copy the Clerk in to any correspondence.

v) Update: School traffic initiative.

Noted: The school had put traffic calming signs up.

vi) Update: Defibrillator at The Bull.

The Clerk reported that NWAS had changed the pads and charge stick recently and that defibrillator was “good to go” as the NWAS put it until December 2022. It did however require a custodian to carry out the regular checks to ensure that it remained action ready 24/7.

Resolved: Cllr A Brown volunteered to act as custodian for the defibrillator and to contact Mark Burton, Malpas First Responder to discuss custodianship responsibilities, access code, Memorandum of Understanding, history of issue with the cabinet door which Mark had attended to etc.

8. PLANNING.

Planning applications/decisions received by the Parish Council since/outstanding from the last meeting:

Applications received or still awaiting decision:

20/03231/FUL Dog Kennel Farm Shocklach hall Lane Shocklach SY14 7BT
Demolition of 2 existing agricultural buildings, erection of a stable block and agricultural shed and the partial demolition of 1 workshop building with extension and the change of use to form 2 dwelling houses.

Decisions:

Approved: 20/03615/FUL Ashgrove House Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach SY14 7BF Single storey rear extension.

9.ACCTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed: Cllr M Chaloner **Seconded:** Cllr G Bowles.

10.CORRESPONDENCE.

Received:

- i) Circulated on email: Various CWAC Covid related advisories: Community Food Offer, New local Covid testing sites, first testing pilot scheme for people without symptoms, online reflection book re-launched.

Resolved: Noted.

- ii) CHALC advisory re Avian Influenza Outbreaks.

Resolved: Noted.

- iii) CWAC Waste Strategy Consultation 21 January 2021 to 18 March 2021.

Resolved: Cllrs to submit any comments to the Clerk by first week in March for forwarding to CWAC.

- iv) CWAC Extended Garden Waste collection suspension to 1 March 2021.

Resolved: Noted.

- v) CWAC Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 13 January 2021: House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings.

Resolved: Noted.

- vi) CHALC speeding questionnaire.

Resolved: Noted.

- vii) CWAC and CHALC advisories regarding flood risk preparations ahead of Storm Christoph.

Resolved: Noted.

- viii) CHALC/UK City Images: Website Accessibility Standards.

Resolved: Clerk to attend CHALC website event on 23 February.

- ix) Zoom subscription.

Clerk had upgraded to Zoom Pro package for Farndon PC and other neighbouring villages.

Resolved: SODPC to share the cost with 4 Parish Councils.

x) CWAC Covid advisory: Testing for people without symptoms.

CWAC had asked for suitable venues to come forward as sites to use for mobile testing units.

Resolved: Noted.

xii) Litter: Letter of concern from resident.

Resolved: Contents noted. Agreed to support the litter picking activities undertaken by the resident by offering to fund signage (a triangle sign "Litter picking in progress" was one such suggested). Cllr Roberts also offered to provide hi vis clothing.

Cllr M Chaloner to speak to the resident.

11. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Flooding in the Parish.

Cllrs, with the use of an interactive map, identified sites where flooding had occurred during the recent floods.

Resolved: Cllr Chaloner to forward the map to Cllr Roberts.

12. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 13 MAY 2021 at 8.00PM. THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL MEETING AND WILL BE PRECEDED AT 7.30PM BY THE VILLAGE MEETING/CHAIRMANS ADDRESS. THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE.