

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**
in The Bull, Shocklach.

Present: Cllr G Bowles, Cllr J White, Cllr I Carr.

In Attendance: C Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Chaloner.

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. **Noted:** No declarations made.

3. RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations were formally recorded from M Chaloner and A Brown. Both Cllrs would be greatly missed and their services to the Parish Council were acknowledged.

The Clerk would now begin the process to fill both vacancies.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr G Bowles was appointed to the position of Chair.

Proposed: Cllr J White Seconded: Cllr M Wilson.

5. CO-OPTION TO VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR.

Following a vote by show of hands Iain Carr was co-opted to the vacancy of Councillor.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The following matters were raised:

i) Farndon crossroads petition: A member of the public attended and offered to canvass more signatures from neighbouring villages. Interactive sign raised as not working.

Resolved: Noted. Interactive sign already reported to CWAC but would report again.

ii) Verge cutting: Concern expressed that verges were not cut until the end of August by CWAC when Cheshire East had cut earlier.

Cllr Roberts advised that where sight lines were compromised a complaint should be reported online and if there was no response it should be escalated to him.

iii)Road signs: Signs in hedges were an issue where they had become obscured by growth: Cllr Roberts advised that they should be reported online to CWAC and again raised with him if not dealt with in a timely manner.

7. POLICE UPDATE.

Police report circulated prior to the meeting.

i)Speed gun had been deployed 3 times over previous weeks. **Resolved:** To further consider interactive speed signage and funding when setting budget if required.

ii) Clerk had asked the Police if they could hold a police surgery in the village and they had advised that they would look to organise. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask the landlord of The Bull if their car park could be used to host the surgery.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

i)Broadband: Noted that Airband had been commissioned to deliver to various places including some SY postcodes by the end of Summer 2022. An alternative option was for a line-of-sight wireless link which was also available from a mast in Llay.

ii)Local Heritage List: Noted that the Parish Council were to be contacted soon.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 6th May 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr G Bowles Secounded: Cllr J White.

10. MATTERS ARISING.

i)Drain at Little Green: **Resolved:** Clerk to ask PROW Officer for an update on progress with works.

ii)School traffic initiative: **Resolved:** Clerk to confirm request for financial assistance from Members Budget.

iii)Litter picking initiative: **Resolved:** Clerk to confirm request for financial assistance from Members Budget.

iv)CWAC Community Resilience Plan: **Resolved:** Clerk to recirculate the papers for further discussion at November meeting.

v)Village Meeting: **Resolved:** Next Village Meeting to be held during 2022.

vi)Defibrillator: **Resolved:** Cllr Andy Brown confirmed that the tenant at The Bull was now custodian of the defibrillator outside The Bull and that he would ensure that the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is transferred from his name to that of Jason/Landlord at The Bull and all history of the unit (including cabinet)/checks required explained to him. No requirement at this point for Rob Selby, Tattenhall First Responders, to visit Jason to give

advice /help facilitate the transfer of custodianship as Mark Arden was assisting. If there was any requirement for Rob Selby to visit Cllr Brown would let the Clerk know.

11. ACCOUNTS.

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 G Bowles Secounded: Cllr J White.

Resolved: Cllr Bowles to become a signatory on the PC account to replace M Chaloner. To explore online banking in the future.

12. PLANNING. Noted that any planning applications/decisions had been circulated to members between meetings.

Applications received or still awaiting decision: None.

Approved:

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.

21/01453/FUL The Bull Inn Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach SY14 7BL 2 free standing wooden gazebos.

21/02509/FUL New House Farm Green Lane Shocklach SY14 7BN Creation of one pond.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

i)Notification of MBNA Chester Marathon and Metric Marathon 3 October 2021.**Resolved:** Noted.

ii)River Dee Water Safety Week Event 25 August 2021.**Noted:** The Clerk had attended this online event.

iii)UK City Images: Website renewal. **Resolved:** To renew.

iv)Platinum Jubilee: **Resolved:** Cllr White to arrange for a short article to go in the Yellow Pages asking for suggestions for commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022.

14. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i)Gully emptying: **Noted** that CWAC Highways had promised to draw up a schedule for gully emptying.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Noted: Nothing raised.

16. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2021 (TBC) AT 7.30PM AT THE BULL, SHOCKLACH.

