**Minutes for Meeting of the Parish Council held on**

**Monday 11th April 2022** **in the village hall large hall** **at 7.30 pm.**

**In the absence of the chair Councillor Stevens volunteered to chair the meeting.**

1. **Public Session.**

Three members of the public were present. A question was asked what activities are to be arranged for the celebration of the platinum Jubilee. Questions were raised regarding the traffic management scheme at The Wrekin.

1. **Record members present.**

Councillors Pennells, Cooper, Mack and Stevens were present. Also, present Borough Councillor Seymour.

1. **Receive apologies and reasons for absence.**

Councillor Betts sent his apologies which were accepted.

1. **Dispensations and declaration of personal or prejudicial interests.**

Councillor Pennells declared a prejudicial interest in item 9a.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022.**

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022.

1. **Borough of Telford and Wrekin Liaison.**

Borough Councillor Seymour reported that, due to Covid, she could not personally attend the Plans Board meeting that considered the Steeraway Solar Farm application.    However, her report was read out and the application was subsequently refused.     She further explained that, because the applicants had made a significant offer of funding to the Halfway House on The Wrekin Community Interest Company – should the application be approved – this compromised the Trustees.    She therefore resigned as a Trustee, along with another Trustee, before the Plans Board Meeting.    The remaining Trustees plan to meet after Easter to decide the future of the CIC.

**7. Finance.**

**a**.  **Consider payment of invoices.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices.

1. SSE street lighting £9.81, £16.76, and £28.42 dd

2. Mrs J E Madeley Salary £620.80. Chq 36.

3. HMRC PAYE £3.20. Chq 37.

4. Shropshire Council Pension (online payment) £197.08

5. Mrs J Madeley Expenses £20.85 Chq 38.

6. SALC £30.00, £30.00, and £30.00 = £90.00 Chq 39.

7. Telford and Wrekin £483.00 Chq 40.

**b.** Bank Reconciliation. March 22 bank reconciliation was noted.

c**.** Telford and Wrekin Council £7190.25 first payment of precept. Noted.

**d.** Consider purchase of Glasdon nexus er 200 recycling bin and installation. It was RESOLVED to go ahead and purchase a bin from Leafield environmental and decide how to install once received.

**e**. Electricity Quotes. The quotes should be received for the next meeting. It is likely the increase is going to be substantial.

**f. Consider insurance quotes and pay for the preferred one.**

It was RESOLVED to change insurance companies to BHIB with effect May 2022.

1. **Parking at the foot of The Wrekin.**

No further update.

1. **a. New Applications:**

**Councillor Pennells left the room**

* TWC/2022/0302 (full planning) and TWC/2022/0303(listed building) The Old Rectory Church Lane Little Wenlock. Erection of a single storey detached garage and workshop following demolition of existing triple garage. **It was RESOLVED to raise no objection to these applications.**

**Councillor Pennells returned to the room.**

**b. Decisions:** None.

**c.** **Any other planning matters**:

* **TWC/2021/0737 Land West of New Works Lane appeal Solar Farm**. public enquiry. Clerk confirmed that the new comments have been submitted to the planning inspector.
* **TWC/2021/1071 Site of Steeraway Farm Limekiln Lane Wellington Solar Farm.** The planning committee refused the application. Clerk has received the decision notice. Noted.

**10. Community Safety**

**a. SID.** data. No data.

**b**. SID Quote for solar panel. The quote is £499.00 plus VAT the device will need to be returned to Morelock for alteration.

**c.** SID Offer of regular battery changing at a period of the parish council choosing. It was RESOLVED to ask for the batteries to be returned. Clerk to action.

**d.** New Works streetlights update. The street light column 1 will have the bulb replaced with a Victorian style one.

**e.** Community Speed watch group the future. It has been reported the group will fold.

**11. Clerk’s Report.** Noted. Clerk pointed out the offer of 3 for 1 rights of way volunteer group to enhance rights of way working. Chair had asked that the delegation wording be noted also.

**12. Individual Councillors Report and updates:**

**a.** Update from Rights of Way. Noted.

b. Village Hall and playing fields/ committee. Noted.

**13. Annual Parish Meeting.**

The meeting will be on 25th April 2022. Clerk to arrange nibbles and drink.

**14. New Works book cupboard.** Councillor Stevens will measure the size of the cupboard.

**15. Correspondence:**

**a.** Telford and Wrekin Town and Parish Council Climate Change Working Group. Noted.

**b.** Letter from Mark Pritchard MP. Noted.

**c.** Jubilee mugs information. Noted. It was Resolved to obtain information.

**d.** Queens Award for Voluntary Service. Clerk to attend the presentation.

**e.** West Mercia PCC mission statement. Noted.

**f.** Severn Hospice Yearbook. Noted.

**g.** NALC legal topic LTN 89 sustainable energy and electric vehicle charging.Noted.

**16. Items at Chair’s discretion including items for next agenda.** None.

**17. Date of next schedule meeting 9th May 2022 Annual Meeting of The Parish Council.**

The meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm.