

Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At Concord College – Acton Burnell

Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

19.1.1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the proceedings for the benefit of the members of public who were present.

19.1.2 Present:

Cllr J Long – Chairman, Cllr K Faulkner – Vice Chairman, Cllr A Argyropulo, Cllr G Ball, Cllr C Culliss, Cllr P Harrison, Cllr T Johnson, County Cllr D Morris, E Wicks – Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr G Davies, Cllr R Morgan.

Public Attendees: D Humphries, G Mitchell, N Mitchell, C Swain, G Turner, S Boswell, P Wheeler.

19.1.3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

19.1.4 Public Session

Residents of Acton Burnell Village voiced a number of concerns regarding the Planning Application Variation that has been submitted for Mulberry House. It is generally felt that the development restrictions, under which the original plans were agreed, have been completely disregarded and that the Planning Variation seeks to legitimise this disregard. It is also of concern that the roof line is much higher than the neighbouring properties, something that the original plan stated would not be the case, and this is because the builder did not dig down to lower the foundations. The height of the roof line is not included in the Planning Variation and does not appear to be an issue in the view of the Planning Authority. The PC noted the concerns raised.

The Developers of Home Farm Barns attended to explain their plans for conversion of the barns to form 9 dwellings. The work is expected to be complete in 2020. The bridleway through the property will be affected while some of the work takes place, legally it can be closed for up to 6 months. The Developers were meeting with Planning and Environmental the following day to discuss the plans. Bats have been found in the buildings, so development cannot start before the summer.

Concern was expressed by a Frodesley resident about the proposed balcony on the house planned for the site of the former Swan public house and the lack of clarity regarding the line of the public footpath that passes through the site as shown on OS maps.

19.1.5 Confirmation and Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Culliss requested amendment of previous minutes at item 18.11.13.

3rd line should read 'between Frodesley and Longnor'. All agreed to accept minutes so amended.

19.1.6 Clerk's Report:

The PC received the Clerk's report (see attached) of actions and notable items.

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19.1.7 Shropshire Councillor's Report: Co. Cllr D Morris reported that a Place Plan meeting was being held the following evening for the Church Stretton area. It would concentrate on SC homes development, so would not particularly affect our Parish which is designated 'Open Countryside'.

In order to provide more SC support to Town & Parish Councils, five additional Place Plan Officer posts have been created. These posts will be filled by staff from what was the Community Enablement Office.

The Shrewsbury place plan area is very large, it will therefore be split and two extra place plan areas created.

Local policing has been reorganised with the intention of providing a greater and more visible police presence in the rural areas.

With ownership of the shopping centres, SC has seen an increase in occupancy and is now the highest it has been since 2012. An increase in footfall has also been recorded; however, it is not clear how footfall is measured.

19.1.8 Police Report: The Clerk had received and circulated a communication from the local Police Inspector. It is hoped that one of the local policing team will attend our PC meeting when commitments allow. **Clerk to sign up to receive electronic notices.**

19.1.9 Defibrillators: Clerk reported the installation of the defibrillator at Pitchford Village Hall. She advised a concern that it was sited beneath a break/gap in the guttering and that in winter, it could possible freeze up the heated cabinet and may even freeze the door and or lock. **Clerk to report to PVH and request remedy. Clerk to work on installation at Ruckley.**

19.1.10 GDPR: The Clerk received 2 completed Data Audit forms from Councillors. All members have now responded. **Clerk to continue with GDPR compliancy.**

19.1.11 Highways Matters:

19.1.11.1 Clerk advised that Highways issues raised at last PC meeting had been logged with SC. See Clerk's report for detail.

19.1.11.2 Cllr Johnson raised concern that the plastic bollards now installed beside the Row Brook near Cound Stank Bridge. Although they do highlight the road edge, they would not prevent a vehicle or anyone slipping in to the river. **Clerk to advise SC and request an Armco barrier to be put in place.**

Several reports were made about the dangerous exit from the new Stoneleigh Park development. There was no line of sight and therefore impossible to see any traffic approaching from the south. Traffic was increasing and would continue to do so because of the developments at Stoneleigh Park and at the College. The north end of the village was getting very busy and congested at the junction. The road needed to be widened to provide space and line of sight at the approaches and junctions at the north end of Acton Burnell. **Clerk to log with Highways and inform Steve Brown and Ian Walshaw.**

Cllr Harrison reported that 50yds south of Acton Burnell crossroads, surface water was welling up and the tarmac was being pushed up in lumps.

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Cllr Ball reported that the road was crumbling outside Little Langley Cottages due to surface water.

Cllr Long reported that reddish colour water was flowing down the east side of the road between the turn to Acton Piggott from Acton Burnell and Sham Castle.

Cllr Long reported that the drains were blocked along the main N/S road in Acton Burnell, the water floods over the west pavement and in to the gardens. It was confirmed that the drains in Pitchford were also flooding and being pumped almost weekly and the drains between the villages were also overflowing. **Clerk to log issues with SC.**

Clerk to request drains, in and between the two villages to be 'rodded' not just pumped.

19.1.12 Finance:

19.1.12.1 Cllr Faulkner proposed to approve payments of accounts as listed, Cllr Ball seconded and all agreed.

19.1.12.2 Cllr Harrison proposed to approve the Bank Reconciliation, Cllr Argyropulo seconded and all agreed.

19.1.12.3 Cllr Ball proposed to agree the Clerk's additional hours, Cllr Culliss seconded and all agreed.

19.1.13 Budget 2019/20

The Chairman went through the proposed Budget and the likely precept requirement.

19.1.13.1 Cllr Faulkner proposed to approve the Budget for 2019/20, Cllr Johnson seconded and all agreed.

19.1.13.2 Cllr Culliss proposed to approve the Precept for 2019/20 of £5,793, Cllr Argyropulo seconded and all agreed.

19.1.14 Planning:

19.1.14.1 Clerk to update on existing planning applications:

Ref: 18/06293/ENF (validated: 15/11/2018)

Address: Mulberry House, Acton Burnell

Issue: Alleged Breach of Planning Control

Status: Pending

Ref: 18/05338/TCA (validated: 18/11/2018)

ADDRESS: The Firle, Acton Burnell

Proposal: Remove 1 Cypress Tree

Status: Consent by Right

Ref: 18/05229/FUL (validated: 20/11/2018)

ADDRESS: Home Farm Barn, Acton Burnell

Proposal: Conversion of Barns to form 9 dwellings

Status: Pending

PC agreed to support, with proviso of return to original roof light design and not Dormer windows. Bridleway to be closed for as little time as possible.

Ref: 18/05398/FUL (validated: 21/11/2018)

ADDRESS: 11 Frodesley Shrewsbury

Proposal: Erect 2 storey extension and 1st floor extension

Status: Pending

PC agreed to support

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Ref: 18/05409/FUL (validated: 29/11/2018)

ADDRESS: Swan Hose, Frodesley

Proposal: Demolish former PH and a dwelling (revised scheme)

Status: Pending

PC agreed to support with proviso that no balcony at back, kerb required at entrance and pedestrian right of way footpath has definition.

Ref: 19/00064/TCA (validated: 7/1/2019)

ADDRESS: Concord College, Acton Burnell

Proposal: Various Works, as per schedule

Status: Pending

PC agreed to support

Ref: 19/00066/TCA (validated: 7/1/2019)

ADDRESS: The Orchard, Acton Burnell

Proposal: Remove Cherry Tree

Status: Pending

PC agreed to support

Ref: 19/00067/TCA (validated: 8/1/19)

ADDRESS: The Warren, Acton Burnell

Proposal: Reduce height and width of Laburnum tree

Status: Pending

PC agreed to support

19.1.14.2 Clerk to report on planning decisions submitted under delegated authority.
There were none.

19.1.14.3 Council to consider new planning applications received since 8th Jan 2019.

19/00097/VAR (validated 11/1/19)

Address: Mulberry House, Acton Burnell

Proposal: Variation to Granted Application 14/01477/FUL (also see 18/06293/ENF)

Status: Pending

PC agreed to oppose.

The application contradicts the original development restrictions.

Other changes have also been made.

19/0056/FUL (validated 14/1/19)

Address: West of Acton Burnell

Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Storage Building

Status: Pending

PC made no objection to this application.

19.1.15 CIL and Place Plans:

19.1.15.1 SC Place Plan Review. See Clerk's report

19.1.15.2 Church Stretton Area Site Allocations Meeting 16th January. Cllr Long to attend.

Cllr Long proposed that the PC should seek to extend the Acton Burnell village pavement, between Acton Lodge and the new Stoneleigh Park development.

C. Cllr Morris confirmed that CIL Local fund was set aside for strategic development with Education being the main recipient, but could be used for highways and pathways needed as a result of development.

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The PC agreed that a CIL Expression of Interest should be submitted, for funding to extend the pavement to reach Stoneleigh Park Development. Deadline for submissions was 15th Feb. **Clerk to prepare and submit an EOI for CIL Local funding by deadline.**

19.1.15 Community Led Plan: Cllr Harrison introduced the CLP Report that had been produced by the CLP working group, from the Parishioner Questionnaire responses. It was intended that the agreed report would be published and Parishioners may make comment by the end of Feb. The finalised report would then be submitted to SC to be included in the SC Place Plan Review. Copies of the Report will be made available at the Post office, at the Village Hall Pub Night, on notice boards and via the Clerk. A notice will be included in the Village Views to advise Parishioners of the Report and its availability.

19.1.16 It was agreed by all Members present, to approve the CLP Report.

19.1.17 LJC. No further meetings are expected. **Clerk to remove standard item from Agenda.**

19.1.18 Parish Matters

19.1.18.1 The Clerk had no Parish Matters to raise.

19.1.18.2 Cllr Argyropulo had occasion to use the local 540 bus. He observed that it was being used as much as a social gathering/meeting venue as it was as a means of transport. He felt that the PC should support the retention of the service whenever necessary.

Cllr Harrison noted that there was a review of Recycle points and we would likely lose the recycle point at the PVH under a cost saving exercise. It was not clear how much it was used and how much of an issue it would cause, as it was noted that our kerbside collections were now very good. **Clerk to ensure PVH are aware.**

19.1.19 Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

5th March 2019, 7.30pm at Concord College

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