

Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Present: Mr. D. Mortimer, Mr. R. Martin, Mr. G. Darby, Mr. M. Herridge, Mrs. H. Tanser, Mrs. P. Cumming (District Council) and Mr. Richardson-Brown (County Council).

Mr. Mortimer welcomed Mr. Graham Darby as new councillor. Declaration and Acceptance of Office duly signed.

5/2:1: Apologies: Mr. P. Gorbing, Mrs. K. Hinchley, Mr. J. Hurst, Mrs. C. MacDonald.

5/2:2: Declaration of interest: none

Letter read from Harriet Baldwin MP in reply to Mr. Mortimer's letter regarding our concerns re Retrospective Planning. Councillors were disappointed with the reply received. Consider what process can be taken (Copy to Mrs. P. Cumming)

Email received from Mr. Nathan Smith regarding the various issues at Shavers End – Mr. Mortimer to reply and invite Mr. Smith to our next meeting.

Questions / Comments: there were no items arising.

5/21:3: Minutes of meeting held on 23rd June were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

5/21:4: PARISH PLAN KEY ISSUES

A) Roads / Speed

- i) Shavers End – yellow line painting now completed and the site being visited to check on illegal parking etc. Mr. Mortimer to check on lay-bys.
- ii) Overhanging trees etc. A451 – the clerk had contacted Dunley Hall but no response received Mr. Richardson-Brown will contact the landowners concerned. Highways also chased and follow up on proposed site meeting (it was understood Hannah Davies still off work) . Re-surfacing work to be carried out in Dark Lane.

B) County Council:

- i) Mr. Richardson-Brown gave an update on County matters. Traffic in the county is now back to 97% but public transport negligible. Miss Davies was expected back in office within the next two/three weeks. (The clerk to forward correspondence to Mr. Richardson-Brown for follow up with Highways etc.)

Mr. Richardson-Brown has an amount of Divisional Funding which could be used towards the cost of the VAS sign proposed for Dunley. Mr. Mortimer thanked him for attending and the update given.

Community Asset Protection – Mr. Martin advised there was no further news at the time being.

C) District Council:

- i) Mrs. Cumming advised things were fairly quiet at District Council at the moment. District Council is proposing to reduce the number of district councillors from 38 to 31 but no further information at present. It is to be decided how to spend £500,000 held in reserve at District Council, and district and county are liaising how to work together in communities with vulnerable neighbours, those in social isolation, involvement in more apprenticeships etc. Suggesting people and businesses get involved. Further details on [Spacehive.com/movementworcs](https://spacehive.com/movementworcs).

Divisional Fund – Mrs. Cumming will hope to give some of this towards the purchase of a defibrillator for Dunley for which she was thanked.

D) Environment:

- i) Rights of Way:

Mr. Darby reported on no entry sign on footpath 521 adjacent to Pine Lodge – the clerk confirmed the County Council had re-aligned the route to its correct position having been incorrect for many years. Countryside Access had also been contacted with regard to various footpaths near Burnthorne too overgrown for our contractors to tackle. It is anticipated these will be included in the county winter clearance programme, who will also be looking at the longstanding unofficial diversion adjacent to The Driftway, Netherton Lane.

The clerk had spoken with the County Council with regard to Bridleway 674 Brickly Lane (next agenda).

Accounts for payment: CS Garden Clearance (lengthsman) £130.00, P. Perfect (printing inks) £101.17.

Mr. Mortimer advised of the continuing frustration dealing with HSBC re online security and safeguarding . If this continues then it was agreed to open an account with TSB.

There being no further matters arising, Mr. Mortimer closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m thanking everyone for attending.