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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM, AT THE COCK INN FUNCTION ROOM, HANWOOD

Present: Cllr. Evans (Chairman), Bromage, Chadwick, Davies, Dowley, Fox, Greenwell, Jones

Absent: Cllr. Butler

Public: 0

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk)

94/2324 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As recorded above.

95/2324 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests*

None declared.

b) *Dispensation requests*

None.

c) *Gifts or hospitality*

None.

96/2324 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No public present.

97/2324 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 26th February 2024 as being a true record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

98/2324 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report and update to police charter priorities Q2 2024*

It was **RESOLVED** to keep the targets as for the past quarter:

1) Speeding, especially outside the school.

Cllr. Evans reported that as part of the 20mph schools project, SC measured speed between railway bridge and school and the parish is not high up the priority list.

Action: Clerk to write to SC and ask for it to be re-measured.

2) ASB, especially fly tipping at Caradoc and dog mess.

Action: Clerk to ask for crime tracking quarterly document and submit charter priorities.

b) *Shropshire Council*

Cllr Evans reported:

- **SC Budget 2023/4** – the aim was to save £51 million, forecast to save £41 million. Social care is overbudget (£20.5 million put in in-year to balance demand). Extra £10 million drawn from general reserves to balance, leaving projected general

reserve of £1.5 million, auditors usually recommend £15 million. Money taken out of highways budget to make savings.

- **SC Budget 2024/5** – predicted need to save an additional £62 million. Must reduce expenditure and increase income. FTE staff may reduce by 300, some may transfer to other organisations such as leisure centres. Possibility of charging for first green bin and closing 2 recycling centres.

Cllr. Chadwick entered.

- **Parking charges** – increases proposed were called in to Scrutiny Committee and it was referred back to Cabinet for review on 13th March. Shrewsbury BID feared losing £7 million of business.
- **University of Chester – Shrewsbury campus** – moved in circa 2015 with an initial 5 years rent free. Covid delayed review of this. Shropshire Council have asked for a rental payment, which the university say they can't afford, so will close the centre. Shropshire Council may look at this building as a possible base.
- **Shirehall** – only a small majority wish to leave the premises. Others may prefer to maintain or alter the Shirehall and stay in it.
- **Swimming pool/gym proposed at Sundorne** – predicted cost £28 million. The Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Cabinet decision by a vote of 6/5. The Quarry site to be examined when the Sundorne pool is nearing completion.
- **NWRR** - £27 million allocated to prepare for planning permission, close to £28 million spent, with the overspend being endorsed by an Executive Director. Permission to spend another £17 million to prepare full business case sought and granted. SC has placed an advert for tenders, expected price £110 million plus the money already spent. Cost of the road unconfirmed to members due to commercial confidentiality. Tender paperwork seeks a contractor for December 2024, but SC has not authorised work to commence. Cllr. Evans and others are seeking an urgent meeting with the Chief Executive. Upcoming national and local elections may affect support for the scheme.
- **Consultations** – Shrewsbury Moves – about how people will access Shrewsbury TC.
- **Local Plan Review** – Planning Inspectors have queried a few things and SC will have to do a further consultation in May/June (at the earliest) on number of houses.
- **Community Governance Review** – draft report says Upper Edgebold will be transferred into Shrewsbury TC. Great Hanwood parish will retain 9 councillors. Nobold to stay in Hanwood. The A5 will be the new parish boundary. The proposed changes to the rest of Hanwood parish, requested by the PC, are not being looked at during this stage and will be reviewed after the 2025 elections.
- Cllr. Evans was asked what increase in Council Tax revenue over last 5 years is. For this year was projected to be £2 million but has been much less.
- **Mobile library** –will have to re-organise in 2024/5. 2025/6 £250k cut proposed.

c) *Youth club*
No update.

d) *Village Hall*
A committee meeting is on tonight.

Cllr. Davies left the meeting temporarily

- e) *Speed Camera WG*
Meeting with PI Tanfield delayed until late March.
- f) *Open spaces/memorial garden/public realm WG*
Bench sponsorship. Can we use CIL NF to replace old PC bench?
Action: Clerk to get quotes and check with Mathew Mead.
- g) *Newsletter*
Draft sent for councillor review.
Action: Comments to clerk in next 48 hours.
- h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)*
Cllr. Jones met with the developer of the new house on the corner of Orchard Lane, the boundary is not going to move.

99/2324 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P85-2324	Newton Flags	D Day flag	BACS	£19.00	£3.80	£22.80
P86-2324	J R Butler	Bench removal	BACS	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
P87-2324	R Turner	Expenses, incl. plaque for time capsule	BACS	£252.74	£0.00	£252.74
P88-2324	HMRC	PAYE Q4	BACS	£966.28	£0.00	£966.28
P89-2324	Shropshire Council	Tree Survey	BACS	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
P90-2324	Copy-Write	Newsletter	BACS	£390.60	£0.00	£390.60

It was noted that a pension balancing payment of £100 and was further **RESOLVED** to authorise this payment be made prior to the May deadline.

- b) *Income received*
None.
- c) *Updated asset register and review insurance cover*
It was **RESOLVED** to agree the changes and delegate to the clerk to make any further changes needed prior to year-end.
- d) *Actions required prior to end year audit*
An initial audit has been completed.

Cllr. Davies re-entered the meeting.

100/2324 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) 23/05133/FUL - 60 Atherton Rise, Hanwood, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8BS
Proposal: Installation of 1.8m close boarded fence contrary to approved landscaping plan (retrospective)
Decision: Grant Permission

101/2324 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR COMMENT**

None.

102/2324 **POLICY REVIEW**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following:
- (i) Dignity at Work Policy
 - (ii) Training Statement of Intent
 - (iii) Equality & Diversity Policy
 - (iv) Councillor Officer Protocol

- (v) Hospitality and Gifts Policy
- b) *Civility and Respect Pledge (see report)* – it was **RESOLVED** to sign the pledge and agree to publish the Bullying and Harassment Statement and Civility and Respect Continuum online.
- c) *Complaints Procedure* – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated policy.

103/2324 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways matters - updates*
 - (i) *Flooding road to Edgebold*
No update.
 - (ii) *Flooding Station Cottages*
No update.
 - (iii) *Orchard Lane*
No update.
 - (iv) *VAS at Edgebold*
No update.
- b) *Lights at Hanwood Village Hall*
No progress.
- c) *Asset Review Report*
 - **Caradoc bus shelter** - Owner of plot of land at Caradoc will cut the hedge.
Action: Cllr. Butler to inspect roof.
 - **Removal of ivy from fence at Caradoc play area, war memorial**– Landright Services have quoted £200.
Action: Clerk to instruct work.
 - **Bollards – Caradoc View due to motorbikes accessing site.**
Action- monitor vehicle activity . Contact Severnside about this and also the decorative 1970s wall.
 - Play inspections for 2024
Action: Clerk to order.
- d) *D Day 2024 event-*
Flag purchased and plaque on order
Action: Cllr. Evans to speak to school re time capsule.
- e) *Place Plan actions – update*
Cllr. Evans reported that the Place Plans are going to SC Cabinet for agreement but only one Great Hanwood parish project included, this being the bridge at Post Office Lane. It was noted that there has not been a bridge there historically.
Action: Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Richard Knight and Cllrs. Greenwell and Fox Planning permission requirements and consultation need to be considered.
- f) *Other parish matters – reports*
 - *Footpath needs clearing by old dairy* – to be done by SC when the traffic calming done. Near accident with parishioner brushed in near miss with a vehicle.
 - *Streetlights between the bridge and Bridge Lane* - now working.
 - *GDPR service* – **RESOLVED** to renew with SC
 - *Newsletter* – Cllr. Greenwell asked for his email to be removed from future editions.

104/2324 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *SALC bulletins*

- b) *Public Space Protection Order* – **RESOLVED** to support.
 - c) *SC Leader's Update* - noted.
 - d) *SALC Training Programme 2024*
- Action: Clerk to re-circulate items c and d.

105/2324 **NEXT MEETINGS**

a) *2024 meetings:*

All at The Cock Inn Function Room, Hanwood:

Monday, 22nd April – Council at 7pm, Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

Monday, 20th May - Annual Council Meeting, 7.30pm -3rd Monday to avoid bank holiday

Monday, 24th June - Council 7.30pm

Thursday, 18th July - Council, 7.30pm

Monday, 23rd Sep - Council, 7.30pm

Monday, 28th Oct - Council, 7.30pm

Monday, 25th Nov - Council, 7.30pm

b) *Items for next agenda*

- Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures and Personnel Committee.
- Gov.uk domain and .gov.uk emails
- Website reviews.

106/2324 **CLERK'S APPRAISAL** – to review recommendations, including salary point review.
This was deferred until April as appraisal not yet done.

107/2324 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASE** –case ref 24/10173/ENF noted.