

SHREWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewton Parish Council Held at Shrewton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors

Richard Harris (Chairman), John Berry (Vice Chairman), Dave Hassett, Ron Lock and Nick Sage

In attendance: Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Parish Clerk), Cllr Kevin Daley (Unitary Member) had sent his apologies. No members of the public.

Public Participation None

Meeting commenced at 7.22pm

A303 Stonehenge Scheme – Statement from Highways England

Last week saw the disappointing High Court decision to quash the Development Consent Order for the A303 Stonehenge scheme. This doesn't mean the tunnel's cancelled as has been stated on social media and in the press.

The Secretary of State is currently considering the judgment and the options, which could include seeking to appeal, or redetermining the decision. At this stage there are no indications on what the next steps might be, but what is clear is the High Court ruling was not made about the merits of the scheme itself, but concerned points of law in the way in which the decision was made to grant permission.

We have to wait to see what happens, but in the meantime, the key impact will be that our preliminary construction works including archaeology and the temporary closure of the A360 planned for September will be paused. We will conduct ongoing surveys, and continue with the process to appoint a contractor for the main works phase.

The need for the scheme remains as strong as ever, and we're aware supporters and all those who want to see this congested section of the A303 improved and the landscape opened up, are as disappointed as we are.

With this in mind the Parish Council will continue its campaign for traffic management on the London Road and improvements to the Rollestone crossroads. Cllr Harris is meeting with Cllr Daley and Cllr McClelland (Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding) in Shrewton in the next couple of weeks and has written to John Glen MP.

21/65 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Cllr Elliott

21/66 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th July 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

21/67 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: Cllr Hassett declared an interest in planning application PI/2021/05856. Cllr Berry declared an interest in Shrewton Recreation Charity item.

21/68 Councillor Vacancies. The Parish Council is currently running at 55% capacity in order for them to be effective and support the community up to five Councillor are required. If you wish to find out more about how you could make a positive contribution to your local community, please feel free to contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk.

Members to promote and seek applicants. Clerk to advertise.

21/69 Chairman's report attached.

21/70 Planning applications discussed and responses to be made:

(Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding Body)

PL/2021/05799

Single storey extension to front. 44 Highfield Rise, Shrewton, Wiltshire, SP3 4DZ.

Resolved: Cllr Hassett proposed no objections, seconded Cllr Sage, voting unanimous in favour.

PL/2021/05856

Restoration of two former cottages to self-contained dwellings. St Marys House, High Street, Shrewton, Salisbury SP3 4DD

Resolved: Cllr Berry proposed objecting due to concerns over highway safety; the visibility splay when accessing and egressing the property is limited, no provision to manoeuvre vehicles on site. The property is also in an area at risk of flood and within 20m of a watercourse, contrary to that stated on the application' seconded Cllr Lock, voting unanimous in favour, with Cllr Hassett ineligible to vote.

PL/2021/06696

First floor side extension and single storey rear extension. Junipers, 10 Priory Close, Shrewton, Salisbury, SP3 4LE

Resolved: Cllr Sage proposed supporting, seconded Cllr Berry, voting unanimous in favour.

21/71 Planning Decisions from Wiltshire Council noted: All approved with conditions.

PL/2021/04609

Alterations to the existing roof structure. Raising of the eaves and ridge line and formation of a rear ormer to provide a first floor. Provision of 3no. Velux roof windows in the rear elevation. 15 Highfield Rise, Shrewton, Salisbury, SP3 4DZ.

21/01659/FUL & 21/02527/LBC (revised)

Change of use of paddock land to allow extension of the residential curtilage of the property known as The Grange. Demolition of the existing redundant agricultural building and the erection of a single storey, one-bedroom annexe for use by a member of staff working at The Grange. The Grange, Maddington Street, Shrewton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4JL.

Wiltshire Council decision – approved with conditions.

PL/2021/03932

Increase flue height on external combi-boiler. Halfway Cottage, Rollestone Road, Shrewton. SP3 4HG. Wiltshire Council decision – Approved with conditions.

21/72 CATG scheme Upper Backway, dropped kerb. Option 1 previously approved however, option 2 has now been suggested.

Option 1 single dropped kerb at SHRE22 - £2,500 (25% contribution £625) which has already been agreed and allocated.

Option 2 upgrade to 2 sets of dropped kerbs (one either side of Upper Backway) - £3,500 (25% contribution £875)

Resolved: Cllr Lock proposed option 2, seconded Cllr Berry, voting unanimous in favour.

21/73 Shrewton Sports & Social Club funding. After much investigation and discussion members approved funding could be granted under LGA (Miscellaneous Powers) 1976 section 19 (3)

Resolved: Cllr Hassett proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr Lock, voting unanimous in favour.

21/74 Shrewton Recreation Charity – financial support for maintenance costs of the grounds.

After investigation and discussion members approved funding could be granted under LGA (Miscellaneous Powers) 1976 section 19 (3)

Resolved: Cllr Sage proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr Lock, voting unanimous in favour, with Cllr Berry ineligible to vote.

21/75 Accounts for Payment: LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Resolved: Three payments listed authorised to be paid online. Proposed Cllr Berry, seconded Cllr Sage, voting unanimous in favour.

Clerks Salary	£487.07
HMRC (PAYE)	£2.60
Hurdcott Landscapes Limited	£324.00

21/76 Approval and signing-off of Parish accounts for the month ending 31 July. As previously circulated, along with spend against budget to 31 July 2021.

The reported Bank balances as at 31 July 2021 were: -

Treasurers account	£ 94.13
Business Interest account	£ 52,298.46
Less Outstanding payments	£ 2.40
	£52,390.19

Resolved: Cllr Hassett proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded Cllr Berry voting unanimous in favour.

21/77 Public Rights of Way. Clerk to report to Rights of Way officer issues SHRE18 and SHRE32. Cllr Harris to speak with flood warden regarding the bridge on SHRE39 and the ford and look into waste bin requests. Cllr Sage to report silted storm drain to Parish Steward.

21/78 Footpath and Village Maintenance Contract Tender. Resolved: Clerk to arrange tender for the business for the next three years.

21/79 Rights of Way and Countryside Management. Parishes were encouraged to get in touch with the Countryside team at Wiltshire Council if they are keen to discuss setting up local volunteer groups to support, improve and maintain local rights of way networks.

Resolved: Publicise and seek support from villagers to take this forward.

21/80 Queens Platinum Jubilee June 2022. Resolved: Project working group to consider how the Parish Council would like to commemorate the platinum jubilee and budget accordingly. Suggestions tree planting with plaque, seat, play equipment.

21/81 Gambling Statement of licensing Principle's consultation.

Resolved: No comments to be made.

21/82 Shrewton Rural Housing Needs Survey - Affordable Housing Need. (Survey took place March 2020) Wiltshire Council wrote - The next step of the process of undertaking a rural housing need survey is to have an informal discussion with the parish council to find out if more housing would be supported to meet the local need and how we can work in partnership to achieve this.

It would also be good to hear about any update the Parish Council has with its neighbourhood plan, their objectives or aspirations for the parish and see how we could work together, to meet the needs of the rural housing need survey.

Resolved: Due to the Parish Council currently running at 55% capacity and most of their efforts are spent on traffic issues and rights of way, support from Wiltshire Council is sought.

21/83 Wiltshire Life Awards 2022. Entry deadline by 15 October. **Resolved:** Suggested nominations were made and to be followed through.

21/84 Update on items from previous meetings.

- a) White lining A360 – Cllr Harris following through.
- b) Closure A360 – this is currently on hold.
- c) Emergency access Nett Road/Highfield Rise – replacement officer at Wiltshire Council, Clerk to follow up.
- d) Update/new website – Clerk to give access to Mike Wren
- e) Bus Shelter assessments – Clerk progressing

21/85 Correspondence. Various noted.

21/86 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.15pm at Shrewton Village Hall. (The Parish Council resolved to hold meetings at the Village Hall for a further 3 months)

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record.

Signed

Dated

The minutes of this meeting will be available to all members of the public from the village website <https://shrewton.com> or by contacting the Parish Clerk.