

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24.11.22 at Pant Memorial Hall.

Present Cllrs Bond (Chairman) K. Allcock, S. Brown, R. Hitch, D. Catmur-Lloyd, I. Pollitt, B. Robinson and the Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

22/145 Apologies received from Cllrs A. Brown, T. Mason, P. Roberts (family commitments and holidays) reasons accepted, also Shropshire Cllr. V. Hunt.

22/146 Police Report. Police were in attendance and gave a report:

11.10.22 RTC in Pant between road works traffic lights, no vehicles on scene.

24.10.22 Suspicious persons walking slowly past properties late evening. People identified and spoken to.

26.10.22 Vehicle damage reported in Llanymynech.

1.11.22 Several reported incidents with temporary traffic lights in Pant.

15.11.22 Highways disruption with Police assistance for pot holes repair on A483

23.11.22 Burglary, person(s) gained entry and items taken. No cctv in location.

A number of Land Rover Defenders stolen overnight, left in location to be collected during the light hours. There were a number of rural burglaries/thefts in Shropshire and across Border. Speed check carried out on Station Rd, Llanymynech. The Ford Transit van owner had been spoken to about parking on Rectory Lane, Llanymynech.

The following were reported to the Police - the 30mph vas sign has been hit and is facing the wrong way. A FPN issued for a vehicle travelling at 34mph only yards from the 40mph sign which was due to having to accelerate into the traffic travelling up the hill after exiting the motor works. The PCSO said it was possible to challenge FPN if it seemed inappropriate.

22/147 Rockwell Meadow Survey - Presentation. Mark Duffell was introduced to present a slide show on the findings of the ecological survey of Rockwell Meadow. Maps from 1800's were displayed showing the stream had not changed it's course. There were 115 species identified on the site. There are no invasive species and the field is comparable to Sweeney Fen which is a nearby Nature Reserve. Photos of the some of the notable flowers were displayed. The field is an important habitat known as BAP Habitats (species rich neutral and marshy grasslands, and hedgerows). Despite its small size, the combination of diverse wildflowers including orchids delights both the casual visitor and keen naturalist. It acts as a sponge, which prevents flooding in the area and it is an NCA of the Oswestry Uplands. This is an exciting opportunity to conserve and enrich this area and the Surveyor suggested this site be kept as an example of a grazing marsh for the enjoyment of future generations. Mr. Duffell suggested erection of a welcoming information board, showing some of the species be placed on the site, There were possibilities such as organising a 'Friends of Rockwell Meadow' group, special field days, e.g. moth study, hay collection, or the possibility of obtaining nature reserve status for the meadow. Mark took questions and was thanked for his presentation. Following the Survey a Management Plan had been commissioned from Arvensis.

22/148 Declaration of Interest. None.

22/149 Planning. The Lion Hotel the Shropshire Council Planning Officer had replied that Powys Planning Dept was responsible for the part of the site which had been partially demolished, as it was outside the English border and they were not responding to enquiries. This was to be raised at the joint meeting.

22/150 Highway Matters. The VAS sign to be reported, the cost of repairing the dropped manholes was queried.

22/151 Minutes of the meeting held on the 27.10.22 were approved. Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

22/152 Rights of Way. The 3P's Group meeting was postponed until February, The adopted diversion for ROW 196 was noted.

22/153 Ukrainian Refugees. Cllr explained they visited the school and the nursery and collected 30 bags of children's clothing, another 13 bags were donated and taken to a room at the LVH and then taken by Cllr's van to the Refugees. It was Resolved to record a Vote of Thanks to Barry, Karen and Adam. Agreed to write to The Mayor and enquire if a payment could be made for the room and refreshments provided from The Mayor's Fund.

22/154 Website Report given by Cllr Catmur-Lloyd website providers and contact with other Parish Councils for information on their websites which would be sent to the Clerk.

22/155 Financial Matters. a) Statement of expenditure against budget to November was tabled and noted.
b) NJC increase in salaries agreed from the 1.4.22 and the Clerk's payment thereof was authorised.
c) Payments of accounts totalling £3,519.76 were agreed.

22/156 Warm Welcome The scheme to provide Warm Spaces for people to use during the cold weather to assist with the cost of home heating to be supported. The public houses were suggested as the best option, the Clerk to contact them with the publicity material for the scheme. The monthly community café organised by Jannet Downes and Duncan Borthwick at St. Agatha's Church Hall to be supported with a £100 donation.

22/157 Donations. Requests from Hope House for portable multi-sensory equipment and MOB Music for music lessons and instrument hire at Bryn Offa School. It was Proposed, Seconded and Approved that £50 be donated to each of these.

22/158 Montgomery Canal Restoration. Request for a letter of support to accompany their grant applications. This was agreed.

22/159 Joint Meeting with Carreghofa Community Council. Agenda for the meeting on the 29.11.22 had been circulated. Apologies for non attendance were given by 3 Councillors.

0114	M & T Pritchard	636.00	Grounds Maintenance Aug	
0115	V E Byrne	1491.21	Salary plus back pay	
0116	HMRC	282.33	Tax & NI	
	Paid December			
0117	S. Power	321.30	Inv 108563861 Sep/Oct	
0118	V E Byrne	968.40	Salary	
0119	HMRC	141.82	Tax & NI	
0120	Med UK	52.68	Defib pads for Cross Guns	
0121	Highline Elec.	244.56	Lighting Maint & repair	
0122	G. Gaskill	20.39	Website cert.	
0123	J. Downes	100.00	Community Café donation	for Warm Space
0124	MOB	50.00	Donation Music Lessons	& instruments School.
0125	Hope House	50.00	Donation for portable	Sensory equipment.
0126	Viking	131.88	Cartridges, files etc.	
0127	S. Power	309.49	Inv 108594180 Nov.	
0128	S. Agatha's PCC	82.00	Clock Maintenance	

Meeting closed at 8.59pm

Signed.....Chairman