

WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7.00pm in the Senior Citizen's Hall, Station Road, Whittington.

Councillors Present: Frank Davis (Chair), Lucy Beaumont (Vice Chair), Jill Whitby, Greg Hickman, Rupert Harvey, Ian Johnson, Keith Stanton, Sue Manford, Steve Pugh and Steve Charmley.

Also in attendance: Mrs Amy Jones (Clerk).

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167.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Vanessa Bromley.

168.22 Declarations of interest regarding the agenda

Members are reminded that the Council's Code of Conduct requires that any Member, having a financial or other interest (bias or predetermination) in any of the business to be transacted, must declare all such interests either at the start of the meeting or immediately before the item is discussed. Members are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable interest.

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.

Cllr Davis declared an interest in item 173b (payments) – Chairman's Allowance Payment.

Cllr Whitby declared an interest in item 173a (payments) – Expenses payable.

Cllr Beaumont declared an interest in 177 (Grounds Maintenance Contract).

b) To consider any applications for dispensation. None received.

169.22 Confirmation of the Minutes

To approve and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23.11.2021. To note that the December meeting due to be held on 14.12.2021 was cancelled.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23.11.2021 and they were signed by the Chairman as a true record. It was noted that the December meeting was cancelled, therefore, there were no minutes from December to approve.

170.22 Public Participation

To allow public participation in accordance with the Council's Standing Order procedure.

No members of the public present.

171.22 Reports

a) **Chairman's Report** – Consider matters arising since the last meeting.

The Chairman reported on the following matters:

- There has been good feedback on the festive decorations around the Parish. The live Christmas Trees have been planted and the lights on the Car Park Tree have now been removed so the tree can now be taken away. **RESOLVED** to note.

Cllr Charmley joined the meeting at 19.05

b) **Clerk's Progress Report** – Consider matters arising since the last meeting (attached report).

Road Safety / Highways (matters not included for discussion elsewhere on the agenda)	On-going
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<p>Signage along Castle Street</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Oswestry directional sign sending people up Castle Street rather than Station Road – SC have confirmed that they will look to renew this sign/posts as part of their works programme. They will also relocate sign to resolve issue with vehicles turning into the dead-end bit of Castle Street. 2. 30mph signage – additional repeater signs requested. <p>Update from Shropshire Council’s Traffic Engineer (12.03.21) – work delayed due to Covid. Followed up 20.07.21 –We will work to progress these signing works as soon as we are able as part of our works programme for this financial year.</p> <p>Footpath through the development off Park Crescent – The path will be installed when the development is completed (minute 108.e.21 refers – Monitor.</p> <p>Implementation of Traffic Calming (a planning condition attached to the development off Park Crescent) – Monitor.</p> <p>Bollard and barriers at junction of Station Road and B5009 – Obstructing visibility and barriers have now fallen to the ground causing a safety hazard – reported to SC on several occasions. Being dealt with.</p> <p>Extension of the 30mph B5009 Gobowen to Whittington Awaiting details on the next stage from Shropshire Council. Plans should be available early in the new year.</p>	<p>Installed but unsure whether it is complete.</p>
<p>Streetlights</p> <p>Project A – In progress. Once completed, Highline will provide the Parish Council with an up to date inventory and survey report for all lights. Queries regarding a possible missing light (Light 17 in Babbinswood o/s the Orchards). A new SP pole has been installed. Being followed up with SP. Light 16 is not currently working – reported. Issues with light on Church House shining into property opposite. A deflector has not rectified the issue, nor has dimming. Highline looking into an alternative lantern. RESOLVED. Light 14 – O/S Hawthorn Cottage Babbinswood is not working – reported. FIXED. Light 50 – Junction with North Drive is not working – reported. FIXED. VAS and light off on Station Road – SP Fault. Reported – no date yet provided for repair. Clerk to check their charter.</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Phonebox in Hindford still needs Painting (Spring) and signs installing (Cllr Davis)</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>VAS in Park Hall</p> <p>Post now installed – waiting for Highline to install the VAS. VAS has been added to Asset Register and Insurance. Installation booked for Friday 28th January.</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>Garden of Remembrance</p> <p>Closure notice has been passed to Shropshire Council and they have responded to say that they will be looking into this. No further update received.</p>	<p>To note</p>

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Energy Charges The 4 (soon to be 5) VAS and Christmas Lights are all connected to the Electricity supplied through the Shropshire Council Joint Energy Scheme. Currently liaising with SC regarding charges. Awaiting an Elexon code from Morelock for the VAS and have supplied them with the information from Highline for the Christmas Lights.	To note
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The Clerk reported that there had been a query regarding the large concrete block blocking coalpit Lane. It was noted that this is a Private Drive (unadopted lane) and therefore the council cannot request for the block to be removed. It is a civil matter.

- c) **Whittington play area at Fitzgwarine** – Consider the latest visual inspection report provided to the council by Cllr Frank Davis.

Cllr Davis reported that the January check is due to be completed in the next few days and any issues will be reported back to the Clerk. **RESOLVED** to note.

- d) **Police Report** – Consider.

07/12/2021 – Theft of vehicle

26/12/2021 – Unlisted - stalking

Incidents that have been omitted for data protection or non-crime dealt with by police;

ASB – 3

Hoax call, loud music, items through letterbox

Domestic Incident – 2

Missing Person - 0

Suspicious Incident – 3

Cloned plate, Nottingham Knocker

Concern for Safety – 5

Highway disruption (including Road Traffic Collisions) – 3

Dangerous driver, loose dog

RESOLVED to note the report.

The Clerk reported that, following the risk of arson in the village, the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service have been in touch to share information to people about the importance of ensuring their smoke alarms are in full working order. The information is being shared on the Parish Council Facebook Page.

The following concerns were also noted:

ASB at the Cricket Club – Clerk asked to speak to the Youth Club.

Landrover theft locally.

Diesel theft locally and heating oil may become a target due to the price of home energy.

RESOLVED to note.

- e) **Shropshire Councillors Report** – To receive a report from Cllr Steve Charmley.

Nothing to report.

- f) **Councillor Reports** – To consider reports from Councillors (training courses attended, meetings attended as council representatives).

The following reports were provided:

- SALC Exec – Zoom meetings – AGM. Cllr Hickman gave a resume.
- Councillors urged by the Chair to attend Code of Conduct Training if they have not already done so recently. Clerk to re-circulate SALC training dates.

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Planning

a) To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council

I. **Reference:** 21/04698/VAR (validated: 30/09/2021)

Address: Perrymoor Farm , Berghill Lane, Whittington, SY11 4PF

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to planning permission 17/05094/FUL dated 28 February 2018

Decision: Grant Permission

II. **Reference:** 21/04934/VAR (validated: 15/10/2021)

Address: Land West Of Burma Road, Park Hall, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of condition no2 attached to planning permission 16/05110/FUL dated 26/02/2018

Decision: Grant Permission

III. **Reference:** 21/05046/FUL (validated: 22/10/2021)

Address: 10 Western Avenue, Whittington, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4BP

Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension

Decision: Refuse

IV. **Reference:** 21/04599/FUL (validated: 25/10/2021)

Address: Castle Acres , Station Road, Whittington, SY11 4BT

Proposal: Erection of an open fronted garage building

Decision: Grant Permission

V. **Reference:** 21/05700/FUL (validated: 06/12/2021)

Address: 19 Artillery Road, Park Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4AJ

Proposal: Extension to front of dwelling. Single storey rear extension.

Decision: Grant Permission

RESOLVED to note.

b) To Ratify the following Comments submitted between meetings, using Delegated Powers

Cllr Hickman declared an interest in the item I and did not take part in discussions or the decision making process.

Cllr Johnson declared a bias regarding item I and did not take part in discussions or the decision making process.

I. **Reference:** 21/05506/TPO

Development proposed - Reduce tree height and crown radius by 3-4m and reshape for symmetry of 1no Oak protected by the Shropshire Council (Land on Oaklands Drive/Acorn Close Whittington) TPO 2014 (Ref: SC/00177/14)

Location: - 8 Acorn Close, Whittington, SY11 4PU

Comment submitted on 16.12.21 – (neutral) – The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

II. **Reference** - 21/05525/FUL

Development proposed - Erection of a commercial building (canal boat workshop)

Location: - Maestermyn Marina Ltd, Maestermyn Marina, Welsh Frankton, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Comment submitted on 23.12.21 – **Representation with the following comments:**

A new road has already been put in to provide access and the building has been erected. There has been considerable alterations to the ground level and considerable work done along the ditch that might have implications on the water course.

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The planning application states that - (5) no work has started, (8) no pedestrian and vehicle access, (14 + 15 + 20) there will be no waste storage and collection, no trade effluent, no waste management development, (22) the site cannot be seen and accessed from a public road. From the Parish Council's observations, all these points are incorrect and the application needs to be submitted under Section 73A, as a retrospective planning application.

Following further discussions with the Planning Officer and clarification in relation to application 21/03415/AGR, the following comment was submitted on 06.01.22:

The Parish Council make a representation with the following comments:

The Parish Council have no objections to the application, however, they would like to raise two points for consideration by the Planning Officer:

1. Is the proposed access to the commercial building via the new track that has been created and if so, are officers satisfied with the visibility from a Highways perspective?
2. Can a condition be placed on the application to ensure the commercial building is more sympathetic to its surroundings? Can the building be covered in green cladding to soften the impact, as the Agricultural Building (21/03415/AGR) is very imposing.

III. **Reference:** 21/05534/FUL (validated: 24/11/2021)

Address: Big House, Station Road, Whittington, SY11 4DB

Proposal: Erection of a replacement garden room extension to incorporate a new roof over part of the utility section following demolition of existing modern rear garden room and side extension utility roof, removal of modern brick chimney stack and replacement with a stainless steel flue (revised scheme)

Comment submitted on 16.12.21 – (neutral) - The Parish Council request that the Planning Officer ensures that the new stainless-steel flue will be in keeping with the listing of the building, that is within a conservation area.

IV. **Reference:** 21/05535/LBC (validated: 24/11/2021)

Address: Big House, Station Road, Whittington, SY11 4DB

Proposal: Erection of a replacement garden room extension to incorporate a new roof over part of the utility section following demolition of existing modern rear garden room and side extension utility roof, removal of modern brick chimney stack and replacement with a stainless steel flue affecting a Grade II Listed Building (revised scheme)

Comment submitted on 16.12.21 – (neutral) - The Parish Council request that the Planning Officer ensures that the new stainless-steel flue will be in keeping with the listing of the building, that is within a conservation area.

V. **Reference:** 21/05700/FUL (validated: 06/12/2021)

Address: 19 Artillery Road, Park Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4AJ

Proposal: Extension to front of dwelling. Single storey rear extension.

Comment submitted on 16.12.21 – (neutral) - The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

VI. **Reference:** 21/05735/TPO (validated: 08/12/2021)

Address: 2 Park Issa Gardens, Whittington, SY11 4PW

Proposal: Fell 1No. Ash tree due to Ash dieback and risk of harm protected by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (Cambrian Avenue, Whittington)TPO 1981

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Comment submitted on 23.12.21 – (neutral) – The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

RESOLVED to note and ratify the comments submitted outside of the meeting.

c) Consider Planning Applications:

VII. Reference: 21/06019/FUL (validated: 04/01/2022)

Address: Henlle Farm, Hindford, Whittington, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4NL

Proposal: Erection of slurry store and all associated works

It was **RESOLVED** to **MAKE A REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:
The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

d) Consider Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and are included on Shropshire Council's website. None received.

173.22

Finance and Accounts

a) Ratify the following payments that were made on 20.12.21:

Cllr Whitby did not take part in discussion or decision-making regarding payment number BACS60.

CHEQUE / BACS NUMBER	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT	GROSS (£)
BACS54	Clerk	Salary Month 9 (plus expenses (16.00 home office allowance, mileage)	997.06	0.00	997.06
BACS55	HMRC	Clerk - PAYE Payments (Month 9) Employer NI	74.12	0.00	74.12
BACS56	D & R Brewer	Grounds Maintenance – Month 9	87.50	0.00	87.50
BACS57	Highline Electrical	Installation of Christmas Bracket Lights in Park Hall and around the Church (as per quote) - £450 each site.	900.00	180.00	1080.00
BACS58	Shropshire Council	3 rd Quarter S/Light Energy Charges	586.61	117.32	703.93
BACS59	SLCC	Annual Membership	186.00	0.00	186.00
BACS60	J. Whitby	Expenses – mileage and magnets for noticeboards	26.24	0.00	26.24
Direct Payment	Unity Trust	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00	0.00	18.00
Direct Debit	NEST	Pension (Employer & Employee Contribution)	35.63	0.00	35.63

RESOLVED to approve.

b) Consider the following accounts for payment.

Cllr Davis did not take part in discussion or decision-making regarding payment made via cheque number 300003.

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RESOLVED to approve.

CHEQUE / BACS NUMBER	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT	GROSS (£)
BACS61	Clerk	Salary Month 10 (plus expenses (16.00 home office allowance)	990.76	0.00	900.76
300003	F. Davis	Annual Chairman's Allowance (minus PAYE Payments)	280.00	0.00	280.00
BACS62	HMRC	PAYE Payments (Month 10) Employer NI	144.12	0.00	144.12
BACS63	D & R Brewer	Grounds Maintenance – Month 9	87.50	0.00	87.50
BACS64	Highline Electrical	Purchase and Installation of Festoon Xmas Lights on Trees (including donation from contractor)	400.00	80.00	480.00
		S/Light Maint. Dec 2021	132.00	26.40	158.40
		S/Light Maint. 12.10.20 (old invoice)	26.00	5.20	31.20
BACS65	SALC	Clr Training 2 x Code of Conduct	20.00	0.00	20.00
Direct Payment	Unity Trust	Bank charges – 3 months	18.00	0.00	18.00
Direct Debit	NEST	Pension (Employer & Employee Contribution)	35.63	0.00	35.63

c) Income – To note income received. RESOLVED to note.

Date Received	From Whom and Description	Amount
30.11.21	NatWest – Interest	£0.29

d) Reconciliation - To approve the bank reconciliations up to and including 31st December 2021 RESOLVED to approve.

e) Internal Controls – Carry out a 3rd Quarter check on the Accounts. RESOLVED that Clr Beaumont carry out the 3rd Quarter checks on the accounts and report back at the February meeting.

The 3rd Quarter Budget Report was noted with no issues raised.

174.22

Grant Applications and Donations

a) Consider Grant Applications and Donation Requests received.

Applicant	Summary of Application	Amount Requested	Approved Y / N	Bacs No Reference
Whittington Senior Citizen's Club	General improvements to the building – Chair Rack and a Wifi Screen.	£250.00	£300.00	BACS66
1 st Whittington Brownies	Support with annual membership to Girl Guide Headquarters	£250.00	£250.00	BACS67
Whittington Community	Replace more windows to improve insulation.	Any donation would be	£300.00	BACS68

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Centre		greatly received.		
Whittington Music Festival	To support with the costs of running the festival to help keep tickets accessible and affordable	£150.00	N – refused on the basis that it has moved out of the Parish.	-
Hope House Hospice	Support with vital nursing care	£250.00	Request for a donation refused on basis that the PC supports organisations in the Parish.	-

b) New Major Grants (Considered as part of the 22/23 Budget & payable in new financial year).

Whittington Castle - Improvements to Castle Grounds. It was AGREED to put £500.00 in the 2022/23 budget to support this application but to clarify that support available with other applications throughout the year may then be limited.

Whittington Cricket Club – This application was discussed and it was noted that the development:

- will bring revenue to the village – shops, Castle, pubs. 27 teams could potentially be using the site which will bring with-it knock-on benefits. And;
- will give youngsters in the village increased opportunities but it will also benefit others from across the county and further afield.
- Concerns that external grants have not fully been explored.
- The grant would be payable to the Shropshire Cricket Board (under their Charity number).
AGREED to include £2000 in the 2022/23 budget and then £2000 in 2023/24.

Annual Major Grants (Considered as part of the 22/23 Budget and payable in the new financial year).

Whittington Youth (The New Saints FC Foundation) – Youth Club. It was noted that the Youth Club is very well attended and has had a positive impact on the community. **AGREED** to include £3000 in the 2022/23 budget.

Whittington Castle – Grasscutting - £520.00 **AGREED** and this will not be increased if they change contractor and their costs increase.

Friends of Whittington Cemetery - Grasscutting - £1050.00. **AGREED** and this will not be increased if they change contractor and their costs increase.

175.22

Internet Access for Meetings

Discuss and consider costs.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the installation of Broadband in the Senior Citizen’s Hall and that the Hall Trustees take out the contract and the Parish Council pay an annual grant to cover the cost. The Clerk was asked to request whether a discount on Room Hire would be given in return. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to include £500.00 in the 2022/23 budget, which would be paid to the Hall as a grant. Contracts to be researched and brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

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176.22

Fitzgwarine Play Area Improvements

Consider the Clerk's report and agree project costs.

Councillors considered the ideas and estimates to install a new, larger climbing frame with integrated slide in the play area. It was estimated that the preferred unit from Ray Parry Playgrounds will cost around £21,000 (removal of existing unit, purchase of new unit, installation, surfacing, security fencing, welfare unit etc). To fund this, it was **AGREED** that a £10,000 grant be applied for from the National Lottery with the remainder being funded through Reserves (£6,000 EMR and £5,000 NF). It was also **AGREED** to include in the improvement project a smaller unit (or 2 if funds allow) for the younger children towards the front of the play area. Clerk to submit funding application and report back on the outcome before any further plans can progress.

177.22

Exclusion of press and public - to resolve:

That in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item will disclose the time sensitive commercial interests of the council and the persons that have tendered their services is not in the public interest.

No members of press or public present.

Grounds Maintenance Contract

Consider the quotations and documentation submitted to tender for the Grounds Maintenance in Whittington and appoint a contractor to start in April 2022.

Cllr Beaumont declared an interest and did not take part in discussions or the decision making process.

The quotes were discussed (4 companies in total had quoted for the contract) and it was **RESOLVED** to approve Quote 3 from A.G. Royce. The Council approved their proposal to include spraying around the edges twice per session on all grassed areas and although the quote they presented was as per the specification, it was agreed to trail their suggestion for the Play Area (min 16 cuts without collection). Contract to start on 1st April and to be reviewed at the end of 12 month period.

178.22

2022/23 Budget and setting of the Precept

a) To consider the budget proposal and draft budget prepared by the Clerk, presented under the following headings:

- I. Income (Receipts)
- II. Staff Costs (Payments)
- III. Administration (Payments)
- IV. Culture, Leisure and Recreation (Payments)
- V. Streetlighting (Payments)

Councillors considered the draft budget prepared by the Clerk and the following items were discussed:

- New Play Area – Whilst the council hopes for progress on this in 2022. It was, therefore, **AGREED** to not include this as an expenditure item in the 2022-23 budget as the project will likely be completed in the 2023-24 financial year.
- Play Area Improvements – As any spend on this will be from grants successfully obtained and funds held in reserves, this has not been included in the budget as the project is dependent on obtaining grants which have not yet been applied for or approved. The amount included in the budget (which has been increased by

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£1270.00 to £3500) is to fund maintenance work required to the Single Point Swing and the Glider Platforms.

- Grants – discussed under agenda item 174.
- Grounds Maint. Contract – discussed under agenda item 177.
- Bins – It was agreed to put funds in the budget to purchase one ore bin for the Parish. This includes the cost to purchase and annual emptying fee.
- Broadband – discussed under agenda item 175.
- Election Expenses – reduced as there are now sufficient funds in EMR.
- Defibrillators – reduced to £300 to allow for maintenance. It was agreed that, at present, the council will not install any ore defibrillators around the parish.

b) To agree the budget for 2022/23

All figures are net (excluding vat)

It was **RESOLVED** to set an expenditure budget of: **£55,217.00**

It was **RESOLVED** that £2000 of this expenditure be drawn from the parish council's earmarked reserves (Neighbourhood Fund) to match fund the extension of the 30mph zone on the B5009.

It was **RESOLVED** to estimate income (excluding the precept) at: £646.19

£55,217.00 (net expenditure)

– £2,000.00 (funds drawn from earmarked reserves)

= £53,217.00 (net revenue expenditure)

- £646.19 (income)

= £52,570.81 (**precept**)

2022/23 Budget attached – appendix A.

c) To set the parish precept for 2022/23

The following information was considered by councillors when setting the precept:

- a. Number of electors in the parish: 2141 (an increase from 2112 in 2021/22)
- b. Shropshire council tax base for Whittington based on Band D equivalents: 947.06 (increase from 889.23 in 2021/22)

Based on the budget agreed under agenda item 178b, it was **RESOLVED** to set a parish precept of **£52,570.81** which equates to a 0.8% increase on a Band D property in the Parish (increasing the Band D Council Tax Charge by £0.46p to £55.51).

The precept request form is now to be signed by the Clerk and returned to Shropshire Council.

21.00 – It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow for the remaining items on the agenda to be discussed.

179.22

Highways, Pavements and Footpaths

- a) Receive an update regarding the installation of a pavement between The Venue and Inglis Road. It was reported that a site meeting took place on 8th December and the following information from Shropshire Council was noted:

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- Merge of the S106 footpath along with the footpath to have CIL request. SC to check the S106 timescales.
- The Service Development Programme Manager will report to IIG to let them know of the future request for funding and once the total extra needed to do the entire length is known a formal request for CIL will be made.
- Park Hall will be spoken to about the three sections where their land would be needed to have a continuous footpath.
- SC will speak with the Tree team about the two large trees along the route and how they can work around them
- SC will speak with the drainage team about the flooding issues (item b)
- Once the land, tree and drainage details are known, SC will get a brief to WSP for costs and timescales.

RESOLVED to note and Clerk to pursue an update for the February meeting.

- b) Receive an update regarding Burma Road flooding (by the traffic calming, near the Venue).
As above
- c) Penybryn Pedestrian Crossing – Receive an update following the site meeting on 08.12.21.
A site meeting took place on 8th December Parish Council and the following information from Shropshire Council was noted:
- Ascertain land ownership and then a location for the crossing can be discussed with the Traffic Engineer.
 - Then the Service Development Programme Manager will get a brief to WSP for the work and let the Parish Council know the costs.
 - The Parish Council agreed to forward fund the design work and then a further request will go back to IIG for the build costs and investigate reclaiming the design costs.

On a separate matter relating to Penybryn – the issue of the overgrown trees has been resolved and Cllr Johnson asked Cllr Charmley for support to secure a grit bin at top of Penybryn.

- d) Extension of the 30mph speed limit on B5009 Whittington – Gobowen Road – Receive update.
No update available. Defer to the February meeting.

180.22

Tree Planting

Consider proposal to plant a tree on the small piece of land owned by the Parish Council, outside the White Lion.

It was **RESOLVED** to plant a Sweet Cherry on the small piece of land owned by the Parish Council, outside the White Lion Pub. The Clerk to apply for the Tree through the Shrewsbury Town Council website and the Chair has agreed to collect the tree and the commemorative plaque, which is being provided free of charge to parish councils. Once planted, the Clerk will register the tree on the Queen's Green Canopy.

181.22

Defibrillators

- a) Consider improving the lighting for the Defibrillator Cabinet in Park Hall to improve visibility.
- The tree outside the depot is blocking light from the Streetlight. Cllr Charmley to speak to Highways about cutting the tree back.
- b) Consider arranging Defibrillator Training in the Parish.
Deferred to the February meeting.
- c) Receive an update on the monthly maintenance checks.

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No issues raised.

182.22 Festive Lighting

Review the lighting display and consider improvements for 2022.

The Clerk reported that squirrels have chewed the wire and risk unrepairable damage to the lights on the Three Trees. This was **NOTED** and a discussion on the 2022 display will take place in the Summer.

183.22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To receive an update on the plans being put together by Whittington Together and the Castle.

Cllr Johnson reported that a meeting will be taking place next week and they are looking at organising a street party style event in the grounds of the Castle. The update was **NOTED** with further updates being provided at future meetings.

184.22 Pen-y-Bryn Affordable Housing Development

Receive an update from Councillor Johnson.

Cllr Johnson reported that building is due to start in March. Star Housing want to begin publicity and Cllr Johnson will support with this, in his role as Steering Group Leader. **NOTED.**

185.22 Correspondence

To note correspondence received:

1. SALC / NALC – Bulletins, News in brief bulletins, Covid-19 updates
2. North Shropshire Reinforcement: Update 26th November 2021
3. Road Closure: Whittington Road, Oswestry. 7th March - 13th April 2022.
4. Road Closure: Lower Hordley to Ellesmere. 9th February - 22nd February 2022.
5. Old Whittington Road in Gobowen to be closed from 24th January - 1st February 2022.
6. Awel Y Mor December newsletter
7. Helicopter Noise Liaison Group – Meeting Notes
8. SALC – 2022 Training Schedule
9. Shropshire Council - consultation on the Council's budget plans
10. Information from RAF Shawbury – Use of drones by members of the public
11. Shropshire Council – Upgrade of Heritage Lights in Conservation Areas
12. North Shropshire Reinforcement: Update 12th January 2021

RESOLVED to note.

For consideration:

1. Shropshire's Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – consultation with Town and Parish Council's to capture key opportunities and constraints of the current walking and cycling network. **No comment.**
2. Shropshire Council's Welcome Back Fund – **Not applicable.**
3. Gracelands Name Change – **Noted.**

186.22 Council Reports / Areas of Concerns / Items for future Agendas

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.**

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- Gracelands information sessions – *Cllr Davis reported that there were a few attendees, very positive session with lots of questions. More consultation will take place with direct neighbours.*
- *Dirty traffic calming on Burma Road. Clerk to follow up.*
- *Mole hills on land next to play area – Cllrs Steve Pugh and Frank Davis to sort.*

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

To note the date and time of the next meeting and meeting dates for 2022 (including the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting).

Next Meeting - Tuesday 22nd February – 7.30pm

Annual parish meeting - Tuesday 17th May 7pm

Meeting dates to be published on the website.

Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 21.25