

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 2011

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 11th May 2011, at 8.30 pm at Condover Group Dwellings. Prior to the meeting a public session/meeting was held at 7.15 pm.

Parish Councillors In Attendance: Mr A R Tudor (Chairman); Mrs E Francis (Vice-Chair); Mr M Bradbury;; Ms B Cousens; Mr J Farley; Mrs P Haynes; Mrs J Jackson; Mr D Lane; Mrs J Powell; Mr D Oakley; Mrs L Crowhurst; Mrs D Evans.

Also In Attendance: Sue Hackett (PC Clerk); Shropshire Councillor (SC) Mr Tim Barker; Andy Smeed-Curd (JCA Condover Hall Manager) Richard Parton MD Salop Sand & Gravel; CSO D Baron and 37 members of the public.

15.11 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME – With the agreement of councillors present; the parish council meeting start was deferred until 8.30 pm and the public session was brought forward to enable Andrew Smeed-Curd to address those present on issues which had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council concerning Condover Hall.

16.11 PUBLIC SESSION – The Chairman stated that he and Condover parish councillors and had met with Andrew at the hall last week as a result of the PC receiving a number of complaints from Condover residents concerning parking; noise and litter at the hall. Andrew was invited to report on his proposals to mitigate these issues. Please see his report at Appendix A. Following his report a number of residents raised questions which were responded to by Andrew Smeed-Curd. It was agreed that his contact details and a formal response by JCA to the issues raised would be provided on the CPC website. The Chairman thanked Andrew for attending. Andrew invited the community to an open day event which was being held at Condover Hall on Friday 13th May.

Richard Parton reported on the proposed expansion of Salop Sand & Gravel briefly summarised what his intentions were as follows:

- Original proposals to introduce a new access road to the quarry have been set aside for the moment.
- Extraction rates are not to alter for the next 18 months.
- However we intend to apply to extract additional sand i.e. 40,000 tonnes p.a. from start Jan 2013 equivalent to 5 lorries a day (artics). These movements are to avoid school collection and pick up times and early mornings. (After 9.30am until 3.00pm were put forward as a suggestion.)
- By 2014 it is hoped that with road access sorted additional minerals can be mined from the site as originally planned.

The Council noted the proposed changes and the Chairman then closed the public session.

Cllr Tudor opened the council meeting and retired as Chairman of the Council

17.11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN – The Vice- Chair Cllr Francis took the Chair and asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr Evans proposed that Cllr Tudor be re-elected; this was seconded by Cllr Oakley.

The Parish Council resolved without dissent that Cllr Tudor resume the position as Chairman; this was accepted by Cllr Tudor who signed his acceptance of office.

Cllr Tudor assumed his position as Chairman of the Council.

18.11 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR The Chairman asked for nominations for the post of Vice-Chair. Cllr Evans proposed that Cllr Francis be re-elected; this was seconded by Cllr Bradbury.

The Parish Council resolved without dissent that Cllr Francis resume her position as Vice-Chair; this was accepted by Cllr Francis who signed her acceptance of office.

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- 19.11 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors declared the following ongoing personal and prejudicial interests as follows:

| Councillor | Prejudicial | Personal | Planning Ref: |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|---|
| All councillors | | √ | Know applicant who is a parish councillor. Planning Ref: 11/01557/FUL |
| J Jackson | | √ | Condover Village Hall |
| D Lane; E Francis | | √ | Condover Sports Committee |
| J Farley | | √ | Dorrington Recreational & Village Hall Committee |
| J Powell; P Haynes | | √ | Condover Youth Club |
| D Oakley | √ | √ | Applicant re Planning ref: 11/01557/FUL – as applicant |

- 20.11 APOLOGIES – There were none.

- 21.11 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13/4/11 were confirmed as accurate; after the following amendment had been made re Min 2.11. Cllr Francis was added as having an ongoing and personal interest in Condover Sports Committee and Cllrs Haynes and Powell were added as having an ongoing personal interest in Condover Youth Club. The “435” bus service was inserted replacing the “457” service. Having made these changes the Chairman was then instructed to sign the minutes as accurate.

- 22.11 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT – Cllr Barker stated that he had given this at the Annual Parish Meeting and felt there was no need to repeat it. This was agreed.

- 23.11 LOCAL REPORTS: With members agreement this was deferred to the next full council meeting.

- 24.11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Condover NNWP Committee Report – Cllr Lane reported that quotes for tree work and the woodland path were about to be issued.

(b) Finance Committee Report – Cllr Farley; the Chairman reported that he sought permission from full council for the Council to remain for the time being with The Bank of Ireland UK; following a report the Committee had received about the security of the bank.

The Parish Council resolved without dissent that the council funds should remain with the Bank of Ireland UK and that the situation be monitored by the Finance Committee. (Proposed JF; Seconded MB.)

(c) Planning Committee- The Chairman Cllr Bradbury reported that there had been no recent meetings.

- 25.11 POLICE REPORT – The theft of 2 gates from fields in the Dorrington area and household burglaries had been reported at Cantlop and Dorrington. These were noted with concern by the Council.

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26.11 PLANNING

(a) To consider the following planning applications and any planning applications received since issuing the agenda:

11/01608/FUL (validated: 11/04/2011); **Norton Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury**

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural grain store.

Council resolved without dissent to make the following comments: The Council was concerned that the application referred to agricultural traffic movements and believed that such vehicle movements should be restricted and not be allowed during the hours of darkness as this would impose on nearby residents and the village of Condover. The Council also questioned the need for the new barn to be a distance from existing agricultural buildings as this was not regarded as normal practice. (Proposed DL; Seconded DO.)

11/01086/FUL (validated: 07/04/2011); **Ryton Farm, Ryton, Dorrington,**

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the retention of 6 living accommodation Pods for a temporary period of 5 years.

Council resolved without dissent to support the application. The Council expressed their disappointment that the application had been made in retrospect and that there was a growing need to ensure planning regulations were complied with. However in principle the application was supported to assist the rural farming economy. (Proposed AT; Seconded LC.)

Cllr Oakley left the room.

11/01557/FUL (validated: 07/04/2011); **Lower Netley Farm, Dorrington**

Proposal: Installation of a 110kw roof mounted solar photovoltaic array to be installed on existing poultry roof comprising 594 panels.

Council resolved without dissent to support the application. The Council fully supported the application on the grounds of being energy efficiency. (Proposed AT; Seconded MB.) *Cllr Oakley returned to the room.*

11/01510/FUL (Validated: Tue 05 Apr 2011) **Land East Of Boreton House Boreton**

Proposal: Erection of two, 2 bedroomed detached affordable dwellings, creation of a new pedestrian and vehicular access and installation of a septic tank.

Council resolved without dissent to support the application. The Council fully supported the application on the grounds of it providing local affordable housing (Proposed AT; Seconded MB; 9 In favour; 3 Abstentions.)

11/01382/FUL & 11/01383/LBC; (Validated: 14 Apr 2011) **Netley Old Hall Farm**

Dorrington. Proposal : Installation of PV Solar panels to the office building roof .

Council resolved without dissent to support the application. The Council fully supported the application on the grounds of being energy efficiency. (Proposed JF; Seconded DE; In favour 8; Abstentions 4.)

11/01254/FUL & 11/01255/LBC ;(Validated: 06/04/2011); **Condover Hall, Condover**

Council agreed to defer until Planning Committee Meeting 17/5/11 which would enable a local site visit.

11/01088/FUL - (validated: 10/05/2011); Ryton Farm, Ryton, Dorrington,

Council agreed to defer until Planning Committee Meeting 17/5/11 which would enable a local site visit.

(b) Notification of status of SC decisions made to date. (See Appendix A.)

27.11 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES - **Council resolved without dissent to appoint the following:**

- LJC Representative – Cllr M Bradbury

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- ALC Area Committee Representatives- Cllr Bradbury and Cllr Francis
- Village Hall Representatives- Dorrington Village Hall; Cllr Farley Condover VH; Cllr Jackson; Stapleton VH; Cllr Tudor and Ryton VH; appointment deferred until new councillor is co-opted.
- Recreational Ground Representatives- Condover Sports Committee; Cllr Lane & Cllr Francis. Dorrington Recreational Ground Committee was now part of the Dorrington Village Hall committee.

Parish Council committee members were appointed as follows:

- Finance: Cllrs Tudor; Farley; Bradbury; Evans; Jackson and Crowhurst.
- Planning: Cllrs Tudor; Bradbury; Crowhurst; Lane and Evans
- Condover NNWP Sub Committee: Cllrs Lane; Francis; Jackson and Bradbury
- Condover Youth Group: Cllrs Haynes and Powell.

- 28.11 HIGHWAYS, NOISE & FOOTWAY MATTERS – Cllrs Haynes reported that several pot holes had reappeared in Station Rd Condover. Clerk to ensure SC Officer informed. Cllr Evans reported the need for additional one way signage at the top of The Bank; Dorrington to prevent turning right at the T junction. Clerk to request that SC Officer look into the matter and report back to Council.
- 29.11 CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING & SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED – Council noted the report provided at Appendix B.
- 30.11 YEAR END ACCOUNTS- **The Parish Council resolved without dissent that:**
- (a) Yearend bank reconciliation & variance report to be confirmed as accurate by the Council; and signed by the Chairman and the
 - (b) Acceptance and approval of Annual Return 2010/11- Council examined Pages 1 & 2 having considered the internal auditor's report. (As shown at App C) and instructed the Chairman to sign them as accurate.
 - (c) Council confirmed their response to the internal auditor's report and congratulated the Clerk on the accounts.
- 31.11 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA:
- (a) P3 Group Request – Cllr Cousens reported that the group was about to apply for a LJC grant for funding relating to the local walk leaflets which had proven to be so popular and funding to erect a countryside map of the area in each village (i.e. 4). Council noted that these were outstanding actions arising from the 2009 Parish Plan and that LJC funding now required 35% matched funding. **The Parish Council resolved without dissent to support the project with a grant of £220-00 from unrestricted funds.** (Proposed BC; Seconded DL.)
 - (b) Rural Challenge Funding – Cllr Francis highlighted the availability of this grant funding; Cllr Farley confirmed that Dorrington Village Hall was in the process of making a application. Cllr Lane & Francis agreed that NNWP Sub Committee would also consider making an application.
 - (c) Cllr Francis reported on outcomes of the ALC Area Meeting and in particular the issues many Shropshire parish councils were experiencing with regard to the Central Network consultation permission (**The Parish Council resolved without dissent to support** in retrospect the letter being sent by Worthen & Shelve PC. (Proposed EF; Seconded MB).

The Chairman announced that Cllr Cousens was resigning with immediate effect and thanked her on behalf of the Council for her commitment and work over the last 10 years. He added she would be missed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm and announced that the next full council meeting would be held at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 8th June 2011 at Dorrington Village Hall.

Confirmed as accurate.....AR TUDOR..... Date..8/6/11