

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Simon James

Clerk: Lisa Harris
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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 7.00pm on 20 March 2025 at Cound Moor Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors S James (Chair), R Davies, J Hall, T Roberts, R Sartain, S Scott, M Smith, K Symonds and Shropshire Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also present: Two members of the public

80.24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Green.

81.24 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

82.24 Public Participation Session - *a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak, with a strict 5-minute limit per speaker. Members of the public may speak on matters appearing on the agenda. However, if a matter does not appear on the agenda, a written request should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2 working days before the meeting.*

No members of the public present wished to speak to an agenda item.

83.24 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 January 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds and seconded by Councillor Sartain and **resolved (without opposition)**

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 January 2025 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly.

84.24 Clerk's report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting on 16 January 2025

- Updated website with relevant information – Upcoming temporary road closures, Avian 'flu update, and Notice of Election.
- Applied to Shropshire Council for a precept of £8,256 by the 31 January deadline.
- Sent a message to Mr John Edwards thanking him for the generous work he had undertaken cleaning the fingerpost signs in the Parish. He was very appreciative of the acknowledgement.
- Researched a parishioner's inquiry regarding Shropshire Council designating the lanes of the Parish as "Quiet Lanes". A second query was raised regarding the broken ironwork on Church Lane. The Parish Council were satisfied with the responses provided.
- Received nomination packs for forthcoming elections on 1 May – which were distributed during meeting.
- A new planning application 25/01037/PAAFC had been validated after the agenda for this meeting had been published. Clerk advised that if the Parish Council wished to make

representation on this application before the consultation deadline, then an extraordinary meeting would be required. As no comment was made when a previous related application had been submitted, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not make representation. Parish Councillors were advised that if they wished to object or support the application then they could do so as a private individual via Shropshire Council's planning portal.

85.24 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild presented a brief update which covered:

- **Bull Hollow** - some safety work has been carried out but all the barriers have washed away making it dangerous as the road is narrow and the ford very deep. Shropshire Council's Highway Maintenance Manager has advised that a job has now been raised to replace the missing marker posts.
- **Cound Arbour Bridge** – Shropshire Council's Bridges and Structures Engineer has advised that they are looking to issue a design brief to WSP following the successful trial traffic layout. Details of the final details will be sent out once finalised. They are proposing to leave the CCTV in place until the improved layout is installed. Currently no programme dates set.
- **Retirement** – Councillor Wild said that it had been an honour and privilege to serve the people of the Severn Valley for so long and that she had really enjoyed her time working with Cound Parish Council. She planned to still attend the great community events held in the Parish.

On behalf of Cound Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Councillor Wild for many years of dedicated service. All agreed that she had been a wonderful advocate for the parish, was a constant source of help and guidance, would be terribly missed and a hard act to follow. He wished her a long and happy retirement and this sentiment was echoed by the rest of the Parish Councillors. The Clerk expressed her personal thanks to Councillor Wild for all the help and support she had received which had greatly assisted in the carrying out of her duties.

[After the meeting a small celebration took place where Councillor Wild was presented with gifts from the Parish Councillors personally.]

86.24 To receive any relevant updates from parish councillors

- Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 13 March and confirmed that both AEDs were ready to use as and when required. The Guildhall AED had been used on 12 February with a successful outcome. Thanks are extended to Chris Phillips of MedUK who had provided replacement pads for the AED at no cost to the Parish Council.
- Councillor Sartain gave an update on forthcoming events at The Guildhall: Flix in the Sticks 21 March; Celebratory Concert at St Peter's Church – 22 March; Sunday Breakfast – 23 March; Village Fete – 10 May.
- Councillor Scott advised that the garden at Harnage Grange would be open to the public on 12 April in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

87.24 Current financial matters

a) Payments

Payee	Description	Amount
Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses February & March 2025	£ 61.00
Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary February & March 2025	£ 681.04
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary February & March 2025	£ 170.20
Cound Guildhall	Venue hire for meetings May, Jul & Sep 2024	£ 90.00
Cound Moor VH	Venue hire for meetings Nov 2024 , Jan & Mar 2025	£ 90.00
Austin Smith & Son	War memorial plaque – Coronation commemoration	£ 618.00
MedUK	AED starter kit following use of defibrillator	£ 9.00
TOTAL		£1719.24

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds and seconded by Councillor James and **resolved (without opposition)**

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 13 March 2025

The bank was reconciled at £6,342.47, being the online banking balance on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

88.24 Planning

1. Decisions to note

a. Ref: 24/04551/LBC

Address: Harnage House Harnage Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6EJ

Description: Internal reordering of ground floor and replacement of modern bay window

Validated: 02 Dec 2024

Status: Granted

b. Ref: 25/00002/AMP

Address: 51 Upper Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AS

Description: Non-material amendment to planning application number 23/03955/FUL – Change shape of rear window to a rectangular window of the same width and height without the triangular top

Validated: 02 Jan 2025

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration:

a. Ref: 25/00521/FUL

Address: Brookside Cottage Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AP

Description: Erection of replacement side extension and detached garage

Validated: 25 Feb 2025

Status: Pending Consideration

b. Ref: 25/00522/LBC

Address: Brookside Cottage Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AP

Description: Erection of replacement side extension and detached garage

Validated: 25 Feb 2025

Status: Pending Consideration

c. Ref: 25/00756/DIS

Address: 24 Upper Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AS

Description: Discharge of condition 4 (landscaping) on planning permission 24/04334/FUL

Validated: 26 Feb 2025

Status: Pending Consideration

No objections nor comments were recorded on the above planning applications.

89.24 Correspondence

None.

90.24 Future agenda items

None.

91.24 Date of next meeting

Thursday 15 May 2025 at 7.00pm at Cound Guildhall (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting).

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 7.42pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 15 May 2025