

Minutes from PCM of 2/9/25

Chair: Rachel Wintle, Acting Clerk: Gary Walker-Prior, Tony Cobbe, Jon Strelitz, Edward Marvin, Rodney Slee, Roger Nash, Suzanne Gill, xxxxxx

Also present: Cllr Chris Naylor,
Robin Gough Fox Inn,
Arnie Jones Dorrington Bowling Club

Apologies: Clerk - Jason Leighton-Jones, Libby Baines

019.25 Public Session:

Public - 1 Robin Gough - Fox Inn

Update on the Fox - Steelwork in, Solar Panels and 1st week of Plumbing & Electric this week, Kitchen being ordered, all well so far.

Plans to install toilets and a little discussed with building Inspector - sees no issues, planning app will be going in - 3 quotes will be obtained.

Overflow carpark for the pub.

The Fox has received 60 applicants for the General Manager Position - interviews to begin later this week

Aiming for November 2025 opening

Chris Naylor offered help for Shropshire Council inc press release near the time of opening

Public 2 - Arnie Jones - Dorrington Bowling Club

Raising concern around the Conifer Hedge set by the Bowls Club 30 years ago to offer windbreak and a degree of security. Around June time a gateway had been cut through the Bowls hedge by the Community Garden which had not been authorised. DBC's chairman Dennis Oakley had prepared to attend CPC's May meeting to object to the proposal, but the item, which was due for discussion, had not been put onto the CPC agenda for the scheduled meeting. The work was then unknowingly to DBC, carried out. Unfortunately Mr Oakley passed away unexpectedly. The matter was raised by DBC in writing, to the Parish Council in early July, but this was not responded to, or added to the August agenda. DBC wanted to know how/ why the work had happened with no consultation via DBC committee. Rachel Wintle, chair, apologised on behalf of CPC for not replying to the email. Rachel also stated that no permission had ever been granted by CPC for the work to take place. Edward Marvin, on behalf of Dorrington community garden, stated that there were boundaries set for Dorrington Bowling Club and the community garden, bounded by lease arrangements, surrounding the recreation ground. He believed the path was created outside the boundary of the bowling club and the gate had been put in alongside the Bowling Green Hedge.

Comments were made concerning the security of the Bowls Green, whereby within the first week of the gates being put in place, four children and their bikes were found on the Bowls Green, due to the original low wire rabbit fence, being trampled and enabling their access. Edward stated that this was not the first time the Bowling Green had been used by kids and the Bowling Green committee had not brought this to PC attention.

Rachel Wintle reiterated to Edward that at no point had CPC been in agreement, or given permission, for the community garden to cut through the hedge and install the gate. She also added that cutting through a hedge during Summer, was not in line with protecting wildlife such as nesting birds.

As resolution, It was agreed that a community grant be available for a kissing gate to be installed as a stronger security measure, to prevent bicycles being taken through to the bowls green. Additionally, a notice will be installed advising no bikes.

029.25

Rachel Wintle opened the meeting welcoming all Councillors and visitors. Apologies had been received by the Clerk, Jason Leighton-Jones, and also Councillor Libby Baines.

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Councillors declaration of pecuniary interest – these were reported as ongoing

049.25

Previous meeting minutes were agreed as accurate, forwarded by T Cobbe, seconded by R Nash, and R Wintle signed both minutes off

059.25

Chris Naylor, for Shropshire Council, spoke about his report.

Chris had spoken to the quarry reference Lorrie's driving the wrong way when exiting the quarry and through station Road, Dorrington which is prohibited. It was raised that the quarry should be reminded they should not be receiving or delivering, through school times, to avoid danger to the school children in Condover. Additionally, the large tyres that were put in place at the entrance and exit to the quarry, had now been removed, thus allowing lorries to turn right from the quarry. Chris would contact Adam at Gonsal quarry requesting the tyres are put back in place. Additionally Adam had confirmed he would be leaving Gonsal Quarry in November, and there is a possibility the quarry may close by Christmas 2025.

The new Sub-committee for the Quarry Funds were elected as R Nash, T Cobbe, L Baines. They would be responsible to go back to Shropshire Council for renegotiating the funds on a possible car park to enable safety for all school children. It was requested that Sarah Lean and John Needham, local Parishioners also be included as part of the new subcommittee to assist this.

A vote of thanks from CPC was forwarded to Chris Naylor for his assistance in raising a complaint to SC, reference the new slurry at Ryton, which had been given planning permission despite numerous legitimate planning issues being raised. The question was also raised whether a roof over the slurry could be included to alleviate pollution in the air. Rachel Wintle also spoke regarding the safer speed Shropshire, in place on the roads through Hanwood, Pontesbury, and Minsterley. They have new ANPR signs which seemed to be working great. Rachel would follow this up with an email to Chris

069.25

Planning

1. No objections to the install installation of roof light.
2. Refer to the Tree preservation officer as standard procedure.
3. No objections.
4. For Information only, planning enforcement case instructed by Shropshire Council.

079.25

Councillor Walker-Prior detailed the finance and planning report from the earlier meeting. Total payments for the month were £11,025.22. These were explained line by line and agreed by all.

Bank reconciliation would be presented at the October meeting, as both the chairperson, and the Clerk were away for the F&P meeting. This was agreed by all.

The asset register values for 2025/2026 had been majority completed. The parochial Church Council had been consulted reference the church wall at Conover. We are awaiting written confirmation that CPC are responsible for this item. This will be updated at the next meeting. Insurance for 2025 2026 – items have been agreed for valuation in order to obtain a renewal quote and comparisons. Cllr Jon Strelitz reminded CPC of the need to create a risk register alongside an asset register.

Budget Planning it was agreed for budgets to be discussed again at October's meeting and completed for November's meeting with a view to signing off in January 2026.

The Clerks worked hours totalled 56 hours. It had been agreed to increase the Clerks working hours by one hour. In addition following his training completion, the Clerk was now at band 18, and his pay inclusive of annual increments rose by 4.5%

089.25

CPNP – counsellor Edward Marvin updated CPC following on from the last CPNP meeting on Thursday. This had been poorly unfortunately just Edward and the Clerk. Edward reminded the need for other Cllrs and Parishioners to attend future meetings going forward. Following

a meeting with SC, the Ecology screening survey to get to Regulation 14 will be carried out by SC. Beyond this, we will need to get to Regulations 15,16,17. CPNP alongside CPC, will confirm the future program of events, costings, promotional materials, liasing with Lee Searles the Consultant, ensure records are maintained by both via the Clerk. Help via notices on Social media is required to ensure the Plan is understood by Parishioners, in readiness for voting time.

Suggestion was made, and agreed, to create a new separate CPC newsletter specifically around CPNP to keep Parishioners abreast of the Plan.

099.25

Condover Sports Ground

Cllr Nash stated, Unfortunately, the newly extended sports pavilion suffered a breaking via the new bifold door. The thieves stole the new television and bottles of beers and the repair bill for the door was £300

He also advised there would be an official opening of the pavilion and the BMX pump track with the date to be arranged and confirmed.

A vote of thanks was passed for Cllr Nash for the amount of work he has put in to the sports pavilion.

109.25

Co-Opt

Emma Thomas gave a short speech on her achievements to date in her previous role as a Parish Councillor in Waters Upton. Since moving to the area and now living in Wheathall, Emma had completed an application form. Emma left the room, and a unanimous vote to elect Emma was carried out.

119.25

Bayston Hill Outline Planning App

This topic was discussed in detail.. 200+ properties were outlined in the proposal. After much discussion CPC elected to object to the plans based on the already overstretched resources for the Beeches Medical Practice, Dentist and school places. The PC also objected on traffic grounds, with the construction of a roundabout, which would take weeks creating huge tailbacks and delays daily. CPC Wood register their thoughts on the portal.

129.25

Asset Register

An update was discussed from the F&P meeting where the assets had been confirmed, with the exception of Condover church wall, where we await advice evidence from the parochial Council.

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Insurance Update

An update was discussed from the FNP meeting, where CPC were now able to gain an updated insurance quotation. Cllr Strelitz reminded of the need to create a risk register.

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Solar Park Funds

An agreement is needed, for an environmental project possibly, to spend the £5000 created from the SPF

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Community Grants Update

Today we have only had three community grant requests. We have a £2000 budget. It was agreed to extend the closing date for further applications until the 23rd of September 2025.

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Standing Orders

Cllr Strelitz has reviewed standing orders. Cllr Cobbe to read over, and update CPC with any possible changes needed.

179.25

Policies

CLLR Wintle updated CPC, there are two more policies to look at. Councillors will complete any training that is outstanding, with a date to be arranged and confirmed. We have one last position for a parish Cllr to fill.

189.25

Clerks update

The new clerk has completed all basic training, and is doing very well in his position. Cllr Wintle to hold a review and set targets for the clerk to achieve, as per NALC guidelines.

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Village updates - none to report

200.25

AOB

1. Elect Deputy Chair - this was resolved to be carried over
2. Bowling club hedge - dealt with at Public session
3. Hedge Cutting - Cllr Walker-Prior obtained 3 quotes - £650, £550, £400. Suggestion that we go with £400 quote. Unanimous agreement
4. White Gates/CIL - Cllr Walker-Prior asked that we make arrangements to apply for CIL as speed of traffic is still Parishioners number one concern. Unanimously agreed

5. Dorrington Recreation Lease - this was agreed to be carried forward
6. Condover CofE Primary Schools Courageous Advocacy Project - Cllr Wintle passed around pictures created by the schoolchildren. Cllrs thanked them for the pictures and agreed to involve the children
7. Parking - The Bank, Dorrington
Cllr Walker-Prior stated there have been several complaints, including a written complaint, from Parishioners, surrounding parking on The Bank at Dorrington. Cars parked overhanging the roadway had caused issues with delivery vehicles where furniture had to be carried by hand along the street . Additionally a couple of weeks previously, Refuse Lorries were unable to access Bank Drive for collections, due to overhanging vehicles near the junction. There was greater concern around the necessity for the emergency services, ambulances, and Fire Engines, who would not be able to turn the corner. The issue lies with a car parked behind Dorrington Village shop. The vehicle is not put tightly and far enough into the allocated space and creates an overhang, obstructing the carriageway. After discussion, CPC agreed to write a formal letter to the owner of Dorrington Village shop requesting that future parking does not obstruct the carriageway at all, for the benefit of all residents.

Meeting concluded 21:35