

At a meeting of Billingsley Parish Council held on 2nd March , 2016

Present Mr.H.Lane (Chairman), Mr.I.Smith, Mrs.C.Briggs
Mr.P.Ravenhill, Mr.A.Johnson

Apologies Mr.P.Hand (on holiday)

In attendance Cllr.R.Tindall and three parishioners

Open session Mr.Anthony Rathbone outlined his proposal for a group of parishioners to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Cape of Goodhope in order to create a valuable community Public House. He asked Councillors if they would support the idea by applying for an Asset of Community Interest to be placed on the premises. The matter was thoroughly discussed and Cllr.Tindall suggested that the clerk should approach Steve Law at Shropshire Council for advice.

It was agreed that the clerk should obtain further information and the Parish Council would meet within the next three weeks to discuss the possibilities.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were confirmed as a correct record.

Reports **Shropshire Councillor** Cllr.Tindall also spoke about the cuts to services due to the annual reduction in the Revenue Support Grant, however, new legislation would allow more of the local Business rate to be retained by the Council. It had been decided that neither Shirehall nor the Crown Court would be sold.

In future Councillors would be able to speak for 5 minutes at Planning meetings before either retiring to the back of the hall or leaving the room for the duration of the business.

Cllr.Tindall left the meeting at this point

Correspondence

a) **Progress of web-site** The clerk reported that she had applied for £772 funding for the Parish Council web-site

b) e-mails from SALC, Shropshire Council, Police etc. had been forwarded to Councillors

Highways Forthcoming road closures
Closure of Oldfield Road between 3.5.16 and 20.5.16
Closure for road repair works on the B4363 between Stottesdon and Sidbury Junctions.
Closure for repair works on the B4363 between Deuxhill and Glazeley.
Closure of B4363 Billingsley, chipping dump to Longmoor House
Details of the above had been forwarded to Councillors

Planning

Refusal of 15/04942/FUL Conversion of barn to holiday let and erection of 6 no. holiday cabins; formation of vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant at Brickyard House, Billingsley.

Application 16/00655 Erection of 2 storey side and single storey rear extension and new front porch at 2 Lincoln Fields, Billingsley. There were no objections

Parishioner's enquiry regarding an affordable home on a single exception plot. Mr.Graham Tranter had notified the Council that he was considering applying for an affordable dwelling on a Single Exception Plot at Middleton Scriven. Councillors agreed that they would have no objections to the application.

Finance

Balance at bank at 6th February c/a £8528.04, d/a £196.73

Approval for payments -

Clerk £208, HMRC £52.00, Nigel Oliver £500.00, Chetton Village Hall rent £72.00. RTS £60, Clerk annual administrative expenses £246, Natalie White (Website set up) £53.60, Donation to Air Ambulance £300.00

The payments were confirmed on proposal by Mr.Ravenhill and seconded by Mr.Johnson

New audit arrangements

Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. had been appointed to take over appointment of external auditors and audit fees from 2017. Unless the Parish Council chose to appoint their own auditor the Company would formally do so on their behalf. It was agreed that the PC should accept the Appointing Body's nomination.

Councillors' concerns There were no further matters for discussion.

Date of next meeting The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 4th May, 2016