

# LEEBOTWOOD AND LONGNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the regular Meeting of Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council  
held at Leebotwood Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm.

## PRESENT

Cllr. C. Baker  
Cllr. P. Pardoe  
Cllr. R. Reynolds  
Cllr. C. King

## APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Willocks  
Cllr. T. Crook  
  
Cllr. Dan Morris

## ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

	Agenda item		Actions								
138-21	1.	<b>TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –</b>									
139-21	2.	<b>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS</b>									
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140-21	3.	<b>DISPENSATION –</b> None required.									
	4.	<b>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS</b> There were no applications to join the Council									
141-21	5.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION –</b> There were no members of the public present									
142-21	6.	<b>MINUTES -</b> <i>To approve and sign the minutes dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.</i> <b>RESOLVED</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 were signed and approved following a minor amendment.									
143-21	7.	<b>INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES</b> The chair reported that he had still 9 unused smartwater packs									
144-21	8.	<b>REPORTS</b> a) <i>Shropshire Councillor Dan Morris</i> <b>Booster Jabs Covid-19</b> The NHS in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin will start delivering COVID-19 booster vaccinations to people in eligible groups as of									

this week via appointment only, as the biggest and most successful vaccination programme in health service history progresses to the next stage. In line with new guidance set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the NHS Vaccination Programme will now invite eligible people, who had their second jab at least six months ago, for their booster dose. As of Monday 20 September 2021 morning, the National Booking Service (NBS) ([www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) and 119) went live allowing eligible people to book their COVID-19 booster vaccine appointments in vaccine sites that are on the NBS. Text messages and letters have started to be sent out to eligible people from yesterday morning and throughout the next week in a phased way. As this will be phased, people will only be able to book once they are invited. For people that aren't invited to book on NBS straight away, or where they haven't been contacted and booked through another service, they will be contacted and able to book in the near future. People do not need to contact the NHS to arrange their booster vaccine, as the NHS will be in touch when they become eligible for the jab. Those that will be eligible include:-

- Those living in residential care homes for older adults
- All adults aged 50 years or over
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of severe COVID-19
- Adult carers and those experiencing homelessness
- Adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals.

### **Pride Hill Centre Shrewsbury**

A report detailing the next stage in the repurposing and redevelopment of the former Pride Hill Shopping Centre in Shrewsbury will be discussed at a meeting of Shropshire Council on Thursday. The report relates to how the council will take forward the development opportunity offered by the sites that form significant elements of Shrewsbury's Big Town Plan ambitions. There has been some debate as to whether or not this report will be held behind doors due to commercial sensitivities. The Pride Hill centre was initially thought of as a new home for Shropshire's Civic centre, this may not happen now as further surveys have created concern that the Pride Hill site will not provide the high quality, sustainable or cost-effective office environment sought for the future. I will continue to keep the PC updated.

### **Shropshire Local**

Shropshire Local is expanding its services to rural communities across Shropshire and in the south of the county by launching two further pilot schemes. Shropshire Local Ludlow will be launching on Monday 13 September at Ludlow Library, and Shropshire Local Mobile will follow on. Both schemes are aimed to make the council more accessible to people and make it easier for those

in rural communities to find out more about local support services and how best to access them. The team will be on hand to provide a listening ear, advice and information to residents. Staff will talk to people about how they can access the services they need from the council and other organisations and can also demonstrate how to access these online. Shropshire Local Mobile will utilise the existing mobile library bus routes and will stop at specific rural locations across the county. The intention is to provide access to more remote and rural parts of the county without libraries or similar facilities, where residents may otherwise struggle to connect to council services. Shropshire is a large and rural county, the second largest inland county in England, with a population density of just 1 person per hectare. As of 2019 around 57% of Shropshire's population of 323,136 people live in villages, hamlets and dwellings dispersed throughout the countryside. Shropshire Local Ludlow opening hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 5pm. Both schemes will run for 3 months after which Shropshire Council will review their use.

### **North West Relief Road**

Shropshire Council has submitted revisions to its proposals for the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road. The key changes to the proposed scheme would cut its carbon impact from construction by 31% (equivalent to 22,200 tonnes of carbon), and cut its current estimated cost by £7 million. Among the key changes made to the planning application are:

Simplification of the scheme's River Severn viaduct, significantly reducing the need for construction materials, which accounts for the bulk of the carbon reduction.

This includes:-

Removing a 'climbing lane' onto the viaduct; meaning that, if approved, the whole viaduct will be a wide single road, similar to Battlefield Way on the outskirts of the town.

Using steel rather than concrete for the viaduct's parapet barriers. Shortening the viaduct's length by increasing the length of the eastern embankment by 80m.

Reducing the construction area, allowing more mature trees to be kept and more trees to be planted.

Many of the changes to the plans are in response to feedback received to date from consultees and the public. However, they also follow further detailed surveying of the proposed site over recent months, which would allow lower carbon construction methods than those in the initial application submitted in February 2021. This would also need less construction traffic on and off site, with more earth moved during construction reused to build up embankments. The scheme would also see an additional 7 km of new cycleways, bridleways and footpaths added to the north of Shrewsbury.

If approved, the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road would remove local and regional east/west vehicle movements from the historic town centre and, in so doing, free up road space in Shrewsbury to encourage residents and visitors to the town out of cars, and towards alternatives such as walking and cycling. The completed outer ring road of Shrewsbury would add critical capacity to the existing A5 bypass, which currently sees high levels of congestion and journey time delays at peak periods. It also requires through town rerouting when the A5 is closed due to incidents. The current levels of 'rat running' to avoid the A5 make it very difficult to free up road space for alternative transport methods. In addition, it would reduce journey times in and around Shrewsbury, cut traffic through village 'rat runs' north of the town, and provide a significant boost to business across Shropshire.

**Estimated scheme costs are:**

Department for Transport funding £54.4m

The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership funding – £4.2m

Balance funded by Shropshire Council:-

£12.8m (Shrewsbury North West Relief Road, down £7m from £19.8m)

£8.7m (Oxon Link Road)

Total project budget- £87.1m

The above budget is based on Outline Business Case estimates. A further and final cost assessment will form part of the forthcoming Full Business Case, which will be considered later in 2021 or in early 2022.

*b) Clerks Report.*

The Clerk reported that all relevant emails had been sent to members. The clerk also report that he had received information in relation to planning application 21/3541/FUL, which had been granted

- 145-21      9.      MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL.**  
**To discuss and decide on the following: -**  
Cllr. Reynolds spoke in relation to the purchase of 15 Chromatic Chime Bars for use of pupils at Longnor Primary School  
This was discussed it was highlighted that for multiple purchases there was a £100 discount.  
RERSOLVED  
That the clerk purchase 15 Chromatic Chime bars total value £1805.10p inclusive of vat (with £100 discount for multiple purchases).
- 146-21      10.      PLANNING MATTERS –**  
There were no planning applications
- 147-21      11.      FINANCE –**

<b>22.07.2020</b>			
<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>amount</b>
Bacs	Mr. G. Rippon	Aug- Sep Salary	438.36
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE	292.24
Bacs	Mr. G. Rippon	Expenses	81.00
Bacs	G. Reynolds	Lengthsman	432.75
BACS	Huws Gray	Materials	16.19
		Total	1260.54

- a) *To approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation*  
This was agreed
- b) *To approve the invoices for payment*  
These were agreed. The Clerk was instructed to pay the above invoices

**148-21 12. HIGHWAYS**

- the burst water main in the village of Longnor has been resolved

**149-21 13. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE TASKS**

The first Longnor bus shelter been completely refurbished  
The following tasks had been identified: -

- The second bus shelter in Longnor also need refurbishment and refixing to the ground.
- When appropriate the path leading from the village hall to the school; the leaves need to be removed.
- There was also a notice board to receive a coat of preservative.

**150-21 14. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

The clerk to enquire the cost of business pack for Smartwater.  
There was also a request to fund improvements to the village hall in Leebotwood. The clerk was requested to place it on the next agenda.

**151-21 15. CORRESPONDENCE: EMAILS**

The Clerk reported that all emails had been sent to members

**152-21 16. NEXT MEETING – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Wednesday 24 November 2021	Leebotwood Village Hall
Wednesday 26 January 2022	Leebotwood Village Hall
Wednesday 23 March 2022	Leebotwood Village Hall
Wednesday 25 May 2022	Leebotwood Village Hall **