

LEEBOTWOOD AND LONGNOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the regular Meeting of Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council
held at Leebotwood Village Hall on 26th January 2022 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Willocks

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

Cllr. Dan Morris

Agenda item

Actions

168-21 1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Pleas see above.

169-21 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

170-21 3. DISPENSATION – None required.

4. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS
There were no applications to join the Council

171-21 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – There were no members
of the public present

172-21 6. MINUTES - *To approve and sign the minutes dated 26th January 2022.*

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2022.were signed
and approved following a minor amendment.

173-21 7. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES
There was nothing to report under this heading.

174-21 8. REPORTS

a) Shropshire Councillor Dan Morris

Cllr. Morris informed members of the following

1. New adult social care support directory launched to help people stay well and independent

Shropshire Council's Shropshire Choices Support Finder 2022 for Adult Care and Support Services offers a wide range of advice and support to help people make the right choice to help retain their independence and stay well. The directory covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Health and wellbeing
- Housing options and support, including support for homelessness
- Community safety
- Travel and mobility
- Social and physical activities
- Help to stay independent
- Equipment, gadgets and adaptations
- What adult social care services are available, and how to plan your support
- Specialist care and support
- Support for unpaid carers
- Financial advice and support
- Opportunities to have your say
- Useful contacts
- Directory of care homes and nursing homes

Simon Jones, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for adult social care and public health, said:-

"We know the pandemic has had a significant impact on everyone, in particular those who may need additional help or support because of age, increased illness, disability or any significant change in their life.

"Social care and health have played, and continue to play, a vital and instrumental role in supporting our NHS throughout the pandemic; while continuing to lead the way in promoting wellbeing by enabling people to maintain their independence, stay safe and well for longer, and live purposeful and happier lives.

"We hope that pulling together all what we offer to people into one directory will help you find and make the right choice for you or your loved ones to remain independent and stay well."

The council's Shropshire Choices website also provides information about a wide range of sources of help and support, including independent financial information, information about care homes and housing options. It can also help with keeping independent, getting out and about, keeping safe, health and wellbeing, employment and volunteering opportunities, and being a carer.

Tanya Miles, Shropshire Council's executive director of people, said:-

“Our Shropshire Support Finder is another way people can find information to help them get the support that's right for them.

2. **New purple wheelie bin for recycling** More than 50,000 Shropshire householders have requested a new wheelie bin for recycling cans, glass and plastic at the kerbside since orders opened on 13 January [2022].

So far, 50,180 orders have been placed, which means that well over one third of the county's 140,000 households have now requested a bin.

The first bins are set to be delivered from May this year, starting in the south Shropshire area, with deliveries then being made in other parts of the county.

To request a bin people should go to shropshire.gov.uk/requestmixedrecyclingbin to place an order online.

This week (week commencing 31 January 2022) leaflets are being left under bin lids in south Shropshire, advising people about the bin and how to order one.

The bin – which is optional and free – will replace the existing black recycling boxes, and help to increase the amount of waste recycled by providing households with a larger container.

It will also reduce the amount of waste lost to the recycling process after being blown out of the boxes on windy days,

It will make the storage of recycling more convenient for residents, and reduce the amount of bending and lifting for residents and waste and recycling crews.

3. **discretionary business grant scheme opened**

A fresh round of discretionary business grant funding worth almost £700,000 has been launched by Shropshire Council in a bid to support the local economy.

The £667,500 pot will provide grants of £2,500 to 267 businesses across the county who have been hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

It comes as the council is urging businesses who have not yet applied for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant to get their applications in as soon as possible.

A lower than expected number of firms have applied, leading to fears that businesses are not aware a fresh bid must be made.

The new discretionary scheme will support those in the hospitality trade but are not the rate payer; event caterers who can show they have lost business across the winter period; and travel agents and tour operators.

Those who think they may be eligible can apply for the grant

4. Switch to green energy saves council's carbon footprint

New figures show Shropshire Council's switch to green energy suppliers has resulted in a 100% reduction in its carbon footprint for electricity.

The council's climate action team is reporting a 62% drop in carbon emissions created by corporate heating, fleet transport and electricity.

It says Shropshire Council's direct carbon emissions in these areas have fallen from around 5,000 tonnes in the financial year 2020, to around 1,900 tonnes in 2021. The drop is due primarily to the adoption of a 100% renewable power supply through West Mercia Energy, as well as the effect of the pandemic on services it provides.

The action team has shown how Shropshire Council has:

Powered down by improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions from buildings and transport

Powered up by working with others to generate more renewable energy

Saved at least 300 tonnes of carbon through the free tree scheme, which has seen more than 140,000 trees and hedgerows planted in just 10 years, and by managing council owned land specifically for that purpose

b) Clerks Report.

The Clerk reported that all relevant emails had been sent to members. He also reported that he was in possession of a number of 'Smartwater' stickers.

A email had been received in relation to Leebotwood Village Hall requesting financial assistance to refurbish the fire doors. The final details were still unknown

176-21 10.

PLANNING MATTERS –

1. 22/00255/AGR

Application for the erection of a new agricultural building | Micklewood Farm Micklewood Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7QD

This application was discussed

RESOLVED

The Council noted this application

177-21 11.

FINANCE –

26.01.2022			
Payment method	Company	Description	amount
Bacs	Mr. G. Rippon	Oct-Nov Salary	438.36
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE	292.24
Bacs	Mr. G. Rippon	Expenses	75.00
		Total	805.60

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

178-21 12.

HIGHWAYS

- There was a request for the drainage machine to attend to the blocked drains in Longnor Cllr. Morris stated that he would try and arrange for it to attend.

179-21 13.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE TASKS

The first Longnor bus shelter been completely refurbished

The following tasks had been identified:

The chair was to meet with the Maintenance officer to discuss tasks

180-21 14.

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

There were three vacancies

181-21 15.

CORRESPONDENCE: EMAILS

The Clerk reported that all emails had been sent to members

182-21 16.

NEXT MEETING – 23rd March 2022

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