**Mainstone with Colebatch Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes 12 September 2024**

1. **Apologies**: None.

**2.0 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 18/7/2024 were confirmed as a true and accurate record by all and signed by AH.

**4.0 Finances**

4.1. Current account balance was confirmed from agenda as £6553.44.

* 1. No new invoices were presented for approval.
  2. Clerk noted that the AGAR exception notice had come through – all

paperwork submitted as needed.

* 1. AH to bring paper copies of bank statements to next meeting for

checking/filing.

**5.0 Planning:** No new planning applications received since last meeting.

**6.0 Policing Matters**

6.1 The August/September policing report was yet to be received. Parish Councillors were made aware of one incident at Bishops Moat where a quad had been concealed in a field – police were alerted, no further information to date.

**7.0 Roads**

7.1 Reports for any road maintenance now need to be registered with Fix My Street. Parish Clerk has details on this and knows how to use.

7.2 Clerk to add road closures to website and social media for the community to see.

**8.0 Community Involvement**

8.1 Clerk updated Parish Councillors on Village Hall Meeting. Auction will include some harvest produce but it was felt too difficult to recreate the old harvest festival auction that used to be run, given the changes in both the community and the space it used to run.

8.2 Councillors discussed funding a community project instead – to the value of £1500. Everyone to consider ideas and discuss with the Village Hall Committee. ME and JG to facilitate the latter – next Village Hall meeting 6 November. Ideas so far include car park lighting, wood burner, mural.

8.3 A tree will be planted for Tony Goff this Autumn/Winter. AH to arrange. It was also suggested that plaques be acquired for previously planted trees that were dedicated to member of the community.

9.0 **Councillor Ruth Houghton**

9.1 Councillor Houghton was unable to make this meeting but has provided local updates throughout the month for which we thank her.

10.0 **Matters Arising:** A number of matters were presented to councillors for discussion.

10.1 Issue that had arisen with grass clippings before the meeting was discussed. Clerk under the direction of the Chairman has already written to the respondent to communicate that the parish council unfortunately can not deal with fly tipping and that this is a police matter. Clerk to send councillors images regarding this and the second issue raised regarding the brook.

10.2 Clerk has updated the notice boards to include new Parish Council details. Work to be carried out on Colebatch notice board by Councillors Sue Beamond and Yvonne Baccanello re: varnishing/new bolts.

10.3 SALC AGM date noted. Councillors to let clerk know if they wish to attend.

10.4 SALC area meeting coming with Councillor Sue Beamond and Clerk Jo Gadsby to attend.

10.5 RH has provided clerk with new list of funding/grant opportunities. Clerk to add appropriate ones to website and social media.

10.6 It was noted that the speed limit reduction was included in the Place Plan Projects document. Classified as ‘Neighbourhood’ in terms of priority. ‘Neighbourhood’ infrastructure is considered important to a local community and the expectation is these will normally be led by partners in the local area, including the parish and town councils. As such, there is a general expectation that the CIL Neighbourhood Fund (i.e., the proportion of CIL which is maintained and allocated by the parish and town councils) will be the priority source of funding for these schemes, alongside any wider external grant support.

10.7 Crane Counselling had been in touch to ask for a list of local magazines they could consider for advertising. Clerk to provide.

10.8 Councillors discussed the Shropshire Council Survey re partnering for services. All agreed that that while the Parish Council is willing to help, we are not in a position to do this as we have no culture facilities such as libraries or leisure facilities. Clerk to respond yes, we are willing to chat but don’t have the above facilities.

10.9 Information about the newly named Shropshire Hills National Landscape were shared and noted.

**Meeting Closed at 9pm**Date of next meeting: To be confirmed for November, clerk to send out email re suitable dates.