**Mainstone with Colebatch Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes 18 July 2024**

1. **Apologies**: Martin Hudson.

**2.0 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 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 £7423.52.

* 1. Invoice for new parish council laptop agreed by Councillors and signed off by

 Chair £320.00.

* 1. Invoice for Clerk training agreed by Councillors and signed off by Chair

 £35.00.

* 1. Invoice for clerk’s salary agreed by Councillors and signed off by Chair

 £427.50.

* 1. Bank charges of £10 incurred since last meeting noted.
	2. Website costs were discussed and it was agreed to go with the option with

 SSL certificate. Invoice agreed and signed off by Chair £117.58.

* 1. AH handed over bank statement for filing. AH to check they these are being

 sent complete from the bank as no transactions included, just the cover

 page.

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

**6.0 Policing Matters**

6.1 Policing newsletters from the last 3 months were reviewed. No crimes noted in Mainstone or Colebatch.

**7.0 Roads**

7.1 AH to speak to roads department at Shropshire Council.

7.2 It was noted that roads around Skelton Bank and by ME’s holiday cottages were very bad.

**8.0 Community Involvement**

8.1 JG updated the Parish Council on the village hall activities and the idea of resurrecting the harvest festival as suggested by AH. JG noted that village hall committee thought this was a great idea and were considering combining it with the promises auction later in the year. All Parish Councillors happy to help. ME to update after next village hall committee meeting.

9.0 **Councillor Ruth Houghton**

9.1 We were delighted to be joined at this meeting by Councillor Ruth Houghton who updated Parish Councillors on local news/events and fundraising.

9.2 RH updated Parish Councillors on status of recycling centres – staying open, new opening times, booking system and new green bin charges.

9.3 RH updated Parish Councillors that community hospital had now reopened.

9.4 RH updated Parish Councillors regarding fundraising for SpArC. £250,000 needs to be raised for the swimming pool and so far, £161,000 has been raised.

9.5 RH noted more fundraising events were planned including a Community Day and Fan Zone to watch local swimmer Ollie Morgan at the Olympics on Sunday 28th July.

**Meeting Closed at 9pm
Date of next meeting: To be confirmed**