**Minutes for Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council**

**Ordinary Meeting**

**Date of Meeting**:**04/12/2023** **Time**: 10.05 Hrs

**Attendees:**

Cllr Chris Jones (Chairman) 01584 890486

Cllr David Jones (Vice Chairman) 01299 271204

Cllr Steve Painter 01299 832981 **FTA**

Cllr Mazella Witts-Hewinson 01299 271258

Cllr Peter Bloomer 01299 271461

Clerk Gavin Hamilton 01299 271205

1. Apologies. **None**
2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. **None**
3. Agree and sign off last meeting minutes. **Proposed** Cllr Bloomer  **Seconded** Cllr Witts-Hewinson
4. Accounts:
   1. Treasurers Current £2042.86
   2. Interest £22416.12
   3. Solar £1207.53 (plus £9000 transferred into interest)
   4. Proposals Community Benefit. : Mr Charles Houston had made an email enquiry about replanting hedge at Solar Farm and regular maintenance. A discussion ensued and it was felt that the Lengthsman time was already fully taken up with maintenance. To be discussed further, but it was felt that as no other complaints at this time, no further action required.
5. Highways, Drains and Milson Speed Limit:

Milson Speed Limit: Chair and Clerk had both contacted Highways. They had both received a non-helpful reply and Clerk had followed this up with an email to Nick Newton, detailing recent incidents.

Drains are still ongoing and whilst they were cleared prior to Storm Babette, a lot were now blocked. **Action Clerk *(discussed with Jonathan Stigwood)* ACTION: ALL to report on FixMyStreet.com**

Log jam had come down the river Rea and jammed against the River Bridge in Neen Sollars. EA/Highways had reacted quickly this time and removed the jam. Clerk and Owners of the Old School House had contacted EA on day of flooding and Cllr D Jones had followed it up the following day. Clerk had emailed EA to see if there was a way of getting estates to legally clear jams as Shakenhurst had been slow to react after previous discussions with Cllr D Jones. **Action D Jones and Clerk** see recent emails from Cllr Jones. Clerk will report blockages to EA when advised.

Road Ranger Scheme and Potholes. Cllr P Bloomer had no response from Highways re information that he had sent regarding the ongoing scheme in Devon. Clerk advised that there was likely to be a meeting between the Lengthsman and the Stigwood brothers this week and he would arrange for Cllr Bloomer and Mr T Hughes to attend if interested. **Action Clerk**

Carl Price had indicated he didn’t want to do more than his hours and Tony Hughes was asked his views on helping out. He felt that if the CC would provide the proper tools, Road saw, Whacker plate, Gas gun and Sprayer, as well as consumables and signage, then it was something he could consider but would need help. He also asked where tools would be kept and felt that we would need the appropriate trailer and Insurances in place. Cllr Bloomer felt this could all be arranged and could lead to a great improvement which had been the experience in Devon.

Clerk was also concerned re cost, as even though he had chased up the E M Grant of £1500 in September 2023, he was still awaiting a reply. **Action Clerk *(contacted Carolyn Butler, who advised it was likely to occur)***

Grit Bins had been filled and placed temporarily by 2 parishioners with the PC’s Thanks. It was felt another 5 would be required. Clerk advised that Highways had agreed to place and fill all 6, when originally discussed with Andrew Keyland at the beginning of last year. E mail trail available. **Action Clerk *to discuss with Andrew Keyland before buying anymore***

Hedge Cutting, Cllr’s Witts-Hewinson and C Jones had noted no Hedge cutting on a stretch of road from Hay Bridge up to the corner cottages. **Action Clerk (contacted not done due to damaged tractor and hedge cutter)**

1. AED box’s

New batteries and pads fitted. WMAS have suddenly appeared back on the scene after no contact for 4 years and were wanting names and addressed of those who were trained. I advised them at the time that GDPR meant that I could not give information like that to them without knowing more, no further emails since. More training especially for Milson now repairs to Village Hall are complete. Perspex quotes for Milson £150 to £250. **Action: Clerk and Trainer**

1. Planning Applications update

Recent application had been sent to all Cllrs, no objections received by Clerk.

Footpaths: Tony Hughes (Parishioner) presented proposal for movement of footpath which leads through Nash Farm. Objections had been received by the Clerk from 2 properties in Milson. As the movement of footpaths would have to go through a formal consultation it was felt that the Parish Council should await this process.

Footpaths Association Susan Sharp was also looking at opening up another right of way at Hillhouse Farm.

1. Moto X & Shooting Events

Cllr D Jones had received no dates for Shooting or Moto X from Shakenhurst and would chase up. Clerk had also heard nothing from Hazeley Grange either.

1. Flooding risks

Had been discussed earlier under Highways. It was felt that the purchase of signs and 12 cones is required for the bridge and the Chair was getting prices on the wording. **Clerk to check what we are allowed** to do as the CC had not reacted at all to his request for Road closed signs when it originally happened. As the A456 had closed at Newnham Bridge a lot of cars had tried to cut through the village as no Road Closed signs available. **Action Cllr Jones re Storage and Chair re pricing and wording**

Chairman had also briefly discussed with Councillors, the Risk Management Cycle that he had undertaken.

1. Broadband

No further communications had been received regarding this, as far as Clerk knows Clows Top exchange will be updated, but this does not deal with problems for 3 houses on Tenbury road. Cllr C Jones mentioned Mast band as a possible solution.

1. Noise/effluent pollution: ongoing concerns re possible leakage of effluent from Slurry tank. Clerk advised this is EA’s responsibility
2. Public Participation. T Hughes
3. Public Correspondence.

Mr C Houston: see under Proposals Community Benefit

Clerk had received from 2 Steppes, on the Cleobury/ Tenbury road a report of flooding during Storm Babette which he had reported along with flooding to 4 houses in Neen Sollars to the Shropshire resilience. He had also reported the damage to Neen Sollars Bridge which has still not been repaired.

Clerk had also received an email from a Milson Parishioner about possible alterations to the footpath. Had reassured them that movement of a footpath would require a formal process not run by the PC.

Clerk had received a complaint regarding non repair of bridge damage in Neen Sollars. Clerk had already reported this twice to the Council and the Correspondee had added it to FixMyStreet.

No Cllr’s were interested in a Zoom meeting about Cllr’s responsibilities.

1. Meeting Closed at 11.35am.

Date of next meetings **All agreed** 17/01/24 at 1900 at Village Hall if we were able to book it. This would be to agree the precept. Also AGM was booked for 17/04/24 at 1900

**Signed: Clerk to Parish: Gavin Hamilton – milsonandneensollarspc@outlook.com**

**Signed by Chairman Mr Chris Jones Date:**