Minutes of the **Meeting of** **Kinnerley Parish Council** on **23rd September 2024** at **Kinnerley Parish** **Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Nick Barclay, Mark Cuthbert-Brown, Charles Green, Richard Greening, Desmond Hudson, Lorraine Jones, Maurice Jones, Alan Lewis, Sharon Quayle

**In attendance:** Cllr Vince Hunt, Shropshire Council; Steve Hilton; Ian Cruise-Taylor, Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence –** Council noted apologies fromCllrs Mandy Chapman and James Peto
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations –** There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation, other than a declaration of interest by Cllr Lorraine Jones in respect of item 5eii and left the room while this was being discussed.
3. **Minutes of Council –** Council unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2024, for signature by the Chairman.
4. **Public participation session**

There were no members of the public present, other than Steve Hilton who, acting on behalf of the council reported on item 5eii.

Note was taken of comments made by email by a parishioner regarding serious concerns over the actions of Freedom Fibre, which would be included in future correspondence with the company. The parishioner also made enquiries about the availability and use of Community Infrastructure Fund resources which the Chairman will respond to and some helpful suggestions regarding the Parish council website which the Parish Clerk will consider and include in the future.

1. **Parish matters**
2. **To receive a report from Unitary Councillor –** Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) reported:
* Council staff to relocate from Shirehall to Guildhall, hopefully by February 2025
* The council had passed a motion requesting the Government to reverse the proposed winter fuel allowance withdrawal
* 106,000 trees had been given away to the community since 2019
* Ofsted had inspected the Looked After Children Service and reported that ‘children are well looked after and making good progress’
* The scheme to charge for the collection of Garden Waste was going ahead, and recycling centres would all remain open
1. **To receive a report from Clerk, to include action log – and agree any next steps.** Council noted the report and agreed to proceed with the work as proposed, at a cost of £300
2. **To receive a report back on any developments regarding flooding and agree any next steps.** Council noted the comments shown at appendix C
3. **To receive a Police report -** circulated
4. **To report any Highways or other parish matters**
	1. To receive a report on discussions with Freedom Fibre – Council noted with disappointment that the company was still proving to be very poor in responding to requests from parishioners and that requested information had not been forthcoming. It was agreed that the Council would write direct to the new Chief Executive Officer of Freedom Fibre, inviting him to attend a Parish council meeting, copying the Member of Parliament into the correspondence
	2. Council received an update regarding improvements to mobile phone signal from Stephen Hilton a former councillor acting on behalf of the Council. A site had been identified for a new mobile phone signal mast and discussions were advancing with the landowner. It would be necessary for a planning application to be submitted, probably in October, which the Council would consider in due course. The proposed site is shown in the appended map.
	3. To receive a report on a meeting regarding Crew Green Bridge. Council noted that Shropshire Council representatives had attended a meeting at which it was confirmed that a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes was necessary to protect the bridge from further damage. Concern was expressed at the lack of maintenance over recent years. Members of the public present asked for more signage to assist drivers.
	4. Councillors also requested that:
* a road narrows sign be placed close to Trafford House
* a temporary plastic bollard/road marker in Maesbrook needs repair/replacement
* Potholes in the vicinity of The Wood needed repair.
1. **Planning – see appendix A**
2. **Planning decisions for information**
3. **Planning applications/appeals for decision** - To consider and determine response(s)
4. **To note:** response to Local Plan consultation – previously circulated
5. Council noted that the new owners of the Kinnerley village shop wanted to present their proposals to the parish council. Clerk to make arrangements
6. **Financial Matters**
	1. Council noted Receipts to date (September 2024): anonymous donation for remembrance wreath (£30); EMG grant (£650)
	2. Council unanimously approved Payments – see appendix B
	3. council unanimously approved Bank Reconciliation, see appendix B
	4. Council noted the outcome of the external audit
	5. To consider and determine grant application from Maesbrook Village Hall – attached – Council determined to grant £1390.
7. **Items for consideration at the October meeting –** not for discussion or debate at this meeting
* Kinnerley Shop owners proposals
* Budget update
1. **Date and time of next meeting –** 28th October 2024, 7 p.m., Maesbrook Village Hall

I.F. Cruise-Taylor

Parish Clerk

Kinnerley Parish Council

**Appendix A**

* 1. **Planning Decisions for information:**
1. 24/02117/FUL: 11 Willow Grove Kinnerley SY10 8EZ; Rear extension and pitched roof porch

 Decision: Granted

1. 24/01669/FUL:  Kynaston Cottage Kynaston Kinnerley SY10 8EF: [Single storey extension to kitchen](https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SCKA8RTDHE700&activeTab=summary)

 Decision: Granted

1. 24/02964/AMP: Proposed Dwelling East of Baldin Oak Dovaston; Non-Material Amendment for the revised location of the property relating to planning application 23/05188/FUL

 Decision: Refused

1. 24/02440/FUL  Argoed Road Kinnerley; [New field access](https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SFLJN8TDIME00&activeTab=summary)

 Decision: Granted

1. 24/01988/FUL:  Cross Keys Inn Kinnerley SY10 8DB; Conversion of the existing roof space to provide 2No units of self-contained tourist accommodation involving the insertion of roof windows in the existing roof slopes

Decision: Granted

1. 24/02689/FUL: Chestnut Cottage, Chapel Lane, Knockin Heath, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8ED; Loft extension and conversion.

Decision: Refused

**b) Planning applications for decision:**

1. 24/03320/LBC:  Cross Keys Inn Kinnerley SY10 8DB: Conversion of the existing roof space to provide 2No units of self-contained tourist accommodation involving the insertion of roof windows in the existing roof slopes

(note 24/01988/FUL, granted) – **Council determined** that representation would be made such that Heritage matters be determined following a site meeting between the SC Conservation Officer, the CPRE Heritage Adviser and the agent for the applicant.

1. 24/03230/DIS:  Kynaston Cottage Kynaston SY10 8EF; [Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials) relating to 24/01669/FUL for the erection of a single storey extension to kitchen](https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SIKA0OTD01M00&activeTab=summary). **Council determined** by majority to object
2. 24/03432/FUL: Trafford Lodge, Dovaston, Kinnerley, SY10 8DP; Conversion of loft space into living accommodation including installation of 5no. dormer windows, a new window and Velux window. **Council determined** to make no comment
3. 24/03391/VAR: Proposed Dwelling East of Baldin Oak, Dovaston; Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission 23/05188/FUL dated 30 January 2024. **Council determined** to make no comment

**Appendix B**

* 1. **Known payments for approval since the July 2024 meeting**

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| **August** |   |   |
| Shropshire Council | Electricity | £278.17 |
| RoSPA | play inspections | £187.20 |
| Pritchard | gnds m'nance | £815.14 |
| HMRC | tax | £327.60 |
| clerk | pay | £491.40 |
| EW Owen | noticeboard install | £45.00 |
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| **September** |   |   |
| Clerk | lock etc | £34.18 |
| Pritchard | gnds m'nance | £815.14 |
| Pritchard | Grasscrete | £840.00 |
| KPH | room hire | £20.00 |
| AEDdonate | battery | £353.99 |
| PKF | audit | £252.00 |
| Bank | fee | £18.00 |
| HMRC | tax | £409.50 |
| Clerk | salary | £409.50 |
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|   |   | £5,296.82 |
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Council agreed to added payments for: Scottish Power (to be reclaimed once current dispute settled) £380.11, MHJ Properties regarding noticeboard £45.00 and Cllr Mark Cuthbert-Brown in respect of recent anonymous donation £50.00

* 1. **Bank Reconciliation to 31st August 2024**

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| Financial year ending 31st March 2025 |
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| Date:  | 31/08/2024 |  |
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|  | **£** | **£** |
| **CASH BOOK** |  |  |
| Opening balance 1 April 2024 |  | 51,366.31 |
| Add: Receipts to date |  | 43,114.92 |
| Less: Payments to date |  | 13,795.93 |
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| Closing balance per accounts to date |  | **80,685.30** |
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| Balance per Unity Trust bank statement as at 31/08/24 |  | 80,685.30 |
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| Less: any unpresented cheques |  |  |
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| Add: any un-banked cheques |  |  |
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| Total reconciled balances |  | **80,685.30** |
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**Appendix C - 5c Flooding**

The Chairman was invited to a meeting at Arddleen on 18 September, last Wednesday, with Mike Adams, the chief man involved with the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme. This had been arranged by George Whitworth of Arddleen. Cllr Lucy Porter from just over the border was also in attendance. Mike gave a useful update on the state of play with the current programme for long term flood mitigation. Points that came out of this meeting were:

* A summary of the results of the consultation that we responded to on 21 May has been uploaded to the SVWMS website. They had 66 responses. If we want specific feedback on our points, we would need to ask them direct questions. The consultation documentation was largely in the form it was, i.e. as a Sustainability Assessment, to ensure there are no legal challenges further down the line, from e.g. farmers.
* The scheme now has a new website, which was launched the day after this meeting.
* The scheme cannot be only related to flood benefits as there is not deemed to be a sufficient economic case, which is why it also encompasses wider social and environmental benefits, and measures like Biodiversity Net Gain, phosphate levels, and Environmental Capital. It is cost beneficial to do the flood risk work, but not enough to justify large spending – it’s all dependent on internal Government bureaucracy in the form of a Partnership Funding Calculator. If the score was 100% that would be fine, but they anticipate only 10%-15%. So, the whole package is needed in order to make the pitch to the government.
* The models are now being redone and calibrated; previously they were divided into 54 sub catchments and now there will be 108. This modelling will be in place before the scheme proceeds to the Business Case level.
* Reservoir management of Llyn Clywedog and Lake Vyrnwy is not seen as being part of the scheme, partly for cost-benefit reasons.
* Much of the work has to be sub-contracted out as the SVWMS team is quite small, effectively only three people (MA, Will Penn, Ian Morris). They are now also working with the Marches Forward Partnership (Shrop, Herefs, Powys, Monmouth)
* The new EA/NRW surveys that have been happening along the rivers are independent of the SVWMS work
* The next consultation, probably next spring, will put out a series of strategic options. They are also doing drop-in sessions and sessions with key stakeholders (e.g. one next Thursday involving MIDB) and they are going to reach out to some PCs and CCs but can’t do all of them.

Shrewsbury Flood Action Group has called another meeting at Nerdy in Mardol, Shrewsbury for Tuesday 8 October at 6:30pm