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The Parish Council met in Pulverbatch Village Hall on 26th November 2009 at 7.30pm. Present were Cllr's. W. H. Higgins (chair), Mrs. C. Ashley, T. Perkins and Mrs. P. Whitley, and C. Cllr. T. Barker. Apologies were received from Cllr's. R. Clarkson, J. Conde and Mrs. J. Gallagher, also Mr. S. Thomas from Development Management, who was due to give a short presentation on planning.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Mrs. Ashley declared an interest in the planning application for Upper Cothecott Farm, Pulverbatch.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting having been previously distributed were agreed and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Red Cross. First Aid Course being held in Pulverbatch Village Hall on 30th November 2009. There are just a few who are interested in this course.
2. Dog/litter bins. It has been brought to our attention that we have only one bin not two. An email was sent to Mr. M. Howorth, who replied confirming that the bin installed is a hooded Heritage bin which can be used for both litter and dog waste. He is arranging for signage to be affixed to the bin.
3. Arriva. Letter has been received from Arriva confirming that the 546 route is sponsored by the local authority. They asked that we contact the local authority and bring this matter to their attention to see if they can help further. An email was sent asking for help in this matter, Andy Goldsmith replied with some suggestions for improving the route. These were discussed and an email to be sent stating the councillor's comments. (Copies enclosed) Resident contacted & accepts that the situation be monitored, regarding incident on 24.9.09.
4. Shropshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Consultation on 'Policy Directions'. Letter stating councillor's feelings has been emailed.
5. Trees at 'Top o' the Town'. This will be discussed at the next meeting, as we are still waiting for a reply from Stephen Shields after he has made a site visit.
6. Maintaining High Quality Education. Provision – Managing the Local Context. Meeting held 8th October.

HIGHWAYS:

Reports (italics) emailed from Mr. P. Edwards as follows

1. *Flooding, Moat junction towards Stapleton.*
The critical low area is very susceptible to gullies being blocked by debris and leaves. The system itself, if clean appears to work satisfactorily.
In an attempt to improve the situation, I have arranged for works to be instructed to modify the existing gullies in the low area. The gullies will be changed for "side entry" covers (horizontal 'letter box' style) which are less prone to blockage. We also need to carry out repairs to the outfall at the watercourse, and I have asked Jonathan to contact Mr. Mottram to agreed entry on to his land to carry out this work. This work will be done as soon as we can fit it into the programme.
2. Pulverbatch Bank.
Our Contractor has carried out some further work on the trees on Pulverbatch Bank, but Cllr Higgins feels that further work is required. We have been unable to ascertain the landownership details due to the fact that the land is not registered. Cllr Higgins has given me the name of a local contact who may be able to help with land ownership details, and I will arrange to make contact.
3. Wilderley Hall to Pulverbatch. Road master has been through & made a good job.

4. Road Condition, Pulverbatch.

Pulverbatch village is on my future list of sites which I hope to resurface. However, at present, my budgets for any planned 'resurfacing schemes' on this scale is very limited. In addition, the condition surveys show that Pulverbatch is in better overall condition than other sites on my list, therefore would be lower on the priority list than other sites.

In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the condition and ensure that the road is kept in a safe condition.

5. Manhole cover in Pulverbatch.

I believe the manhole cover belongs to Severn Trent, and will be reported to them.

6. Oak Tree near New House Lane junction.

We have carried out an inspection of the Oak Tree, and will be contacting the landowner requesting remedial action.

Cllr Higgins also reported an overgrown hedge in Stapleton which we will look into.

7. 30 mile speed limit. After a site meeting with Andy Wilde it has been decided to re-position the terminal sign nearer to Hillcrest by The Knapp. The terminal sign on Pulverbatch Bank cannot be altered due to the steep gradient of the embankment adjacent to the carriageway. The amended 30mph speed limit will be re-advertised and consulted on for a minimum of 21 days. Following this period, assuming there are no objections, discussions will take place with the contractors for a suitable date for construction.

8. BT road works. An email, dated 17.10.09, from Dave Mansfield was received to say the road was now open two weeks ahead of schedule. There is some remaining cabling works which may result in some delays over the next 2 or 3 days.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All Starred items were discussed, the others were available to see just prior to the meeting.

- *Burnell and Severn Valley Joint Committee. 15th October 2009. Report from Cllr. Higgins.
- *Land Registry. This was passed over to Cllr Perkins to look through and investigate. The matter to be on the next agenda for discussion.

EMAILS:

- *25.10.09. Andrew Wood. Receipt for another years hosting of the Pulverbatch village website.

PLANNING:

1. **Upper Cothercott Farm, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury. Shropshire.** Erection of a stock building. Full planning permission granted, subject to conditions.

FINANCE:

- Village website annual fee.
- Lloyds TSB Accounts Balance: Statement dated 2.11.09
- Cheques this meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Dates for 2010 meetings, Provisionally booked for your approval; 28th January 2010, 25th March 2010, 27th May 2010, 22nd July 2010, 23rd September 2010, 25th November 2010. These dates have been agreed. Clerk to confirm bookings.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.