### HIGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**An ordinary meeting of Highley Parish Council was held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 7.30pm at the Severn Centre, Highley.**

**Present**: Chair P., Vinall, Councillors; D.Thakrar, T.Quinn, E.Moore, T.Pinches , J.Law, N.Waterson, M.Moore, J.Bowkett, J., Felix, S.Ambrose, M. Williams

Shropshire Councillor: Gwilym Butler

Clerk: E.Preston

Assistant Clerk: H. Cordey

Parishioners: Mr Liam Atwell, Mr James Griffin, Mr Roger Crawford, Mr Howard Shaw and Mrs Yvonne Shaw

**00. Parishioners Time**

**01. Apologies for absence and reasons for absence**

Councillors: John Marshall due to personal reasons and Nicola Edwards due to isolating with COVID. Apologies accepted. **RESOLVED AND ACCEPTED**

**02. To confirm the minutes dated 3rd May 2022**

**RESOLVED AND ACCEPTED**

**03. Mrs.J Maiden- Information on the proposed Wellness Woodland Retreat at Severn Meadows**

Jess Maiden and Sharon Williams attended this part of the Parish Council Meeting to inform councillors of the newly established Wellness Woodlands Retreat, which has just had its opening weekend. It runs under the 56-day rule and is family orientated with rules in place to respect the local residents. The aim of this retreat is to reunite families and people with nature, something which became to the forefront of people’s needs during COVID. They also operate under freedom camping in which they work with the Woodland Trust. This site is non-commercial and will be providing forest school and home education services. The site is seasonal and there are currently three bell tents in situ and a limit of 20 tents to be erected at any time. There were no objections raised by councillors and Mrs Maiden and Mrs Williams were thanked for taking time to inform the council.

**04. Matters Arising**

**Youth Services- Highley Reach** Cllr. Vinall explained to the Parish Council that the youth service was unable to operate for one session due to lack of volunteers. They are still seeking volunteers but have liaised with the Friday Event who have kindly stated that if needed they would step in to prevent sessions from being unable to run.

**Report from Halo Quartly Board Meeting with Shropshire Council/Highley Parish Council-** Please see the minutes from the meeting. It was discussed that the Minors Café is suffering a drop in income and to help with this they are going to have a rent break from Halo. Councillors suggested that adjusting the opening times to be open on weekends may also help with this.

**Colliers Way-** Please see minutes from meeting that took place between Highley Parish Council and Shropshire Council Representatives.

**05. Planning**

There were no planning applications put forward to the Council for consideration at this months meeting.

**06. Double Yellow Lines on the High Street between the Coop and the Chemist- Cllr. D. Thakrar**

Councillors discussed the benefits of the current double yellow lines in place- such as safer parking and visibility when pulling out of nearby exits. However, the disadvantages to the double yellow lines were also taken into consideration by the councillors such as lack of parking for nearby businesses within the high street.

It was **RESOLVED AND ACCEPTED** that single yellow lines be put into place with proposed time limits to prevent long stay parking. Three councillors opposed this motion, two of these being Cllr Marshall and Cllr Waterson.

**07. Grant Application from Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew**

**RESOLVED TO ACCEPT** payment for £390

**08.Grant Application from The Shed**

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT

Cllr E. Moore abstained from taking part in this vote due to personal interests.

**09. Finance – RESOLVED TO ACCEPT**

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| **Highline Electrical** |  | **139.20** |
| **HMRC** | **Tax and National Insurance** | **110.63** |
| **M.E.Preston** | **Salary** | **1285.81** |
| **H.L.Cordey** | **Salary** | **929.11** |
| **D.Tremmellen** | **Overhead Projector** | **50** |
| **OGL Computers** | **E-mail System** | **154.72** |
| **SALC** | **Training** | **1434.55** |
| **Severn Centre** | **Room Hire Parish Council** | **64.20** |
| **Npower** | **Streetlights** | **3038.61** |
| **RJM Contracts** | **Churchyard** | **3,900** |
| **H.L.Cordey** | **Expenses** | **73.63** |
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**Signed ……………………………………….Chair Date: ……………………………………..**