

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 May 2013, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Chris Symes (Chair), Caroline Hamilton, Sarah Jefferies and Martin Withington
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: 2

64/13 To elect the Chair of the Council

Cllr Symes was proposed by Cllr Withington, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and was elected unanimously.

65/13 To receive Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk confirmed she had received Declarations from all Councillors. Cllr Symes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair.

66/13 To elect the Vice Chair of the Council.

Cllr Hamilton was proposed by Cllr Jefferies, seconded by Cllr Withington and was elected unanimously.

67/13 Public Participation Period

Mr D Ingles spoke in opposition to the application to be considered later in the meeting. He had 3 main objections: the access over a private drive/track, the quality of the drive/track which was not capable of supporting heavy vehicles and drainage. Mr M Davies submitted a letter from Mr F Davies also in objection the application. Councillors requested clarification regarding private use of the access and whether Severn Trent Water has commented on the repairs that had been carried out on the drive/track.

Cllr Hamilton spoke on behalf of Mrs Parry of Hampton View. Mrs Parry was asking the Parish Council's assistance with Meres and Mosses Housing Association to seek repairs/alterations to the bungalows so that rain did not seep under the doors. The Clerk agreed to contact the Association on Mrs Parry's behalf.

Cllr Hamilton left the meeting.

68/13 Apologies for absence:

Ruth Evans, Peter Gee and Lawrence Houghton MBE (accepted)

69/13 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2013 were approved and signed.

70/13 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.
- b. To consider any requests for Dispensation
None

It was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 17biii

71/13 Planning:

a. Applications Received

13/01062/FUL Land At O.S.5036, Hampton Bank, Welshampton.

Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the formation of hard standing; erection of stable block, agricultural implement store and secure lock up to include change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use

It was resolved to defer the response to Shropshire Council until clarification was received on drainage and highways issues.

72/13 To receive nominations to the Communications Advisory Committee

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Symes and Houghton MBE and the Clerk.

73/13 Policy Review

a. Standing Orders

It was resolved to re-adopt the Standing Orders.

b. Financial Regulations

It was resolved to re-adopt the Financial Regulations.

c. Procedures for Dispensation in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It was resolved to re-adopt the Procedures for Dispensation.

74/13 To appoint officers and representatives to the following outside bodies:

a. Shropshire Association of Local Councils

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Houghton MBE

b. Local Joint Committee

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Gee

c. Emergency Planning Officer

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Withington

d. Helicopter Noise Liaison Group

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Jefferies

e. Welshampton Parish Hall Management Committee

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Evans and Hamilton

f. Meres and Mosses Community, Access and Learning Workshop

It was resolved to appoint the Clerk

g. Wood Lane Quarry Liaison Group

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Withington

75/13 General Power of Competence – to consider use of power and resolve that the Council meets the required criteria to utilise the power.

It was resolved that that the Parish Council satisfied the required criteria to utilise the power in that:

- a. the number of elected councillors exceeded two-thirds of the total number of members on the council, and**
- b. the clerk was suitably qualified.**

It was noted that the General Power of Competence allows a local authority to do anything that individuals generally may do and is found in the Localism Act 2011. It allows the freedom to act anywhere, including commercial purposes with charges, without the authority, area or community benefiting. The power is not limited by any other power overlapping it.

There are restrictions on the use of the power. Examples are:

- cannot impose new taxes
- must comply with existing legislation
- must abide by all relevant regulatory regimes
- must continue to carry out its duties

A council may use the power for:

- setting up a village hall library, but not running a library service
- investing in a garden maintenance company, adhering to investment advice
- creating a co-operative for sale of local produce, whilst complying with company law.

76/13 To consider and agree issuing summons and agenda for meetings electronically.

It was resolved to issue summons and agenda for meetings electronically although the Clerk would bring paper copies of any documents to meetings if requested.

77/13 To consider and agree procedures in relation to the co-option of Parish Councillors.

It was resolved that candidates should express a letter/email of interest for consideration at the meeting in July 2013. The standard recommended process for co-option would be adopted.

78/13 Member of Shropshire Council's Report

None

79/13 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

The Clerk advised that the newsletter would include Councillor Co-option, details of the Welshampton Walk and the Annual Report.

80/13 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for Information – to note

Noted and approved

b. Outstanding accounts – to approve

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	314.91
SALC	290.92

c. Bank Mandates

It was resolved to add Cllr Withington to the bank mandate.

d. Internal Audit

The Internal Audit report was noted. No issues had been reported by the Auditor.

e. Annual Report

The Accounts as at 31 March 2013 were approved and the responses to Section 2 of the Annual Return were agreed.

f. Renewal of Insurance Policy - to approve

It was resolved to renew with the existing insurer, Aviva, under a three year term agreement.

81/13 Planning:

a. Decisions Received:

None received.

b. Applications Received:

- i. 13/01422/VAR The Hollies, Welshampton, SY12 0QA
Variation of Condition No.5 attached to planning application reference 00/00696/FUL to allow accommodation to be used as a holiday let
It was resolved that there were no objections to the application.
- ii. 13/01448/FUL The Firs, Lyneal, SY12 0LG
Erection of 2 storey extension, internal alterations and new vehicular access
It was resolved that there were no objections to the application.

82/13 Parish Plan:

a. Review of outstanding action points

It was noted that the Sports Court refurbishment had commenced. It was agreed to approach Platts, the company carrying out the work, to recommend equipment for the Court.

b. Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme Projects

i. Welshampton Walk

Cllr Withington advised he was experiencing problems with obtaining information about the cycle rides for the website.

ii. Spring Project – walking leaflets

The Clerk reported that a further meeting was to be held.

83/13 Councillor Reports:

None

84/12 Parish Matters:

a. Email dated 7 May 2013 from Mr M Campbell-Smith and Mr J Campbell.

It was agreed to refer the matter of speeding at Newton bends and Sawmill Cottages to Shropshire Council Highways with the recommendation of advisory speed limit signs. It was agreed that the Council had explained the position of the Precept increase for the Election costs in the last newsletter and the resident would be advised

b. Greyhound Rescue Fund Raising Event Colemere

Discussion took place regarding the event. It was agreed no action was required.

85/13 Highways

Discussion took place on:

- Reflective roadside posts – Lyneal to Newton lane
- Vehicle Activated Sign at Welshampton
- Parking Fees at the Mere at Ellesmere and the impact on Colemere

86/13 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. SALC Bulletins

87/13 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

Wednesday 26 June 2013 – noted. The Chair gave his apologies.

The Chair, Cllr Chris Symes, declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

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