

# Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23 March 2016, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present

**Councillors:** Andrew Haydon (Chair), Lawrence Houghton, Sarah Jefferies, Chris Symes, Martin Withington, Jennifer Wright

**Clerk:** Rebecca Turner

**Members of the Public:** Three members of the public and Shropshire Councillor, Brian Williams

#### 206/15 Public Participation Period

A resident from 1 Wood Lane Cottages, Whitemere, Nr. Ellesmere (on the A528) had come to express her concerns about speed and safety on this stretch of road. One of her hens has been recently killed on this road. She was concerned that there is no footpath and it is therefore risky walking up and down the road with there being no place of refuge. There had been numerous occasions where cars have come around the corner doing 60 to 80 mph and then if vehicles are coming in the other direction they have to brake very hard, sometimes losing control. Visibility coming out of her drive is also very poor.

David Gradwell, Shropshire Council Highways, had advised her to contact the parish council. She had asked David Gradwell for 3 or 4 raised road bumps be put along the road to slow vehicles but he said this could not be done as it is an A road. She noted that in Cockshutt, Albrighton, Welsh Frankton there are 30 mile VAS signs on A roads and was asking if some could be installed here. She was also asking for "SLOW" markings and coloured road surfacing.

Cllr. Williams advised that SC cannot install a 50mph limit here due to the Highway Code. Cllr. Williams had also discussed this junction with Ellesmere Rural PC. The possibility of taking the hump out of the road had been explored but discounted due to services being in the road. Cllr. Williams was not aware of accidents at this location.

#### 207/15 Apologies for Absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs. Richards and Standen.

#### 208/15 Minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes and they were duly signed as a correct record.

**209/15 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensation Requests**

None declared.

**210/15 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Williams reported that the guard rail at Newton Bends is an ongoing issue. A farmer had driven through it and damaged its foundations and it cannot be re-laid on its current line and can't be moved due to a water main. The banking behind it is now being extended in order to re-site it. A wayleave is needed from the landowner which is time-consuming and expensive.

**211/15 Welshampton C of E School – consultation on federation with Newtown C of E School**

It was resolved to support the proposal for Welshampton and Newtown CE Schools to form a federation. The council felt that Welshampton is vulnerable on its own and federation would secure a sustainable future, with a partner of the school's choice. Cllr. Jefferies voted against the motion and Cllr. Wright abstained.

**212/15 Planning**

***a. Decisions Received – to note***

i. 14/05372/FUL Colemere Caravan Park, Colemere

Use of land for the siting of 2no. camping pods together with existing 10no. camping pitches and 3no. caravan pitches

**Decision: Permission Granted**

ii. 16/00598/FUL - Rose Cottage, Breadon Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2LG

Erection of a single storey rear extension/garden room

**Decision: Permission Granted**

***b. New Applications Received – to consider response***

None.

***c. Applications previously reported – for update/comment, if required***

i. 14/04589/MAW Ellesmere Sand And Gravel, Spunhill, SY12 0HY

Extension to Wood Lane Quarry

**It was noted that SC is due to submit the HRA to Natural England. It was agreed that Cllr. Withington would represent the Council when the application goes to committee, depending on his availability nearer the time. Cllr. Houghton also suggested asking Dr. Daniels to speak on the PC's behalf**

ii. 15/01514/DIS Land At Brookmill, Hampton Wood

Discharge of conditions 5(Surface water and foul water drainage) 6 (wildlife protection), 7 (levels), 8 (landscaping), 9 (manure) and 11 (habitat management plan) relating to the construction of stables, manege and temporary mobile home and change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use 14/02078/FUL

**Cllr. Symes had attended the planning committee to raise questions regarding SC's handling of this application and associated enforcement issues. He is seeking a reply in writing to the questions put to the committee.**

iii. 15/02270/REF Development Land East Of Village Hall Welshampton Shropshire Outline application (access for approval) for mixed residential development (open market & affordable) (update)

**Inspector's Report on the appeal is awaited**

iv. 15/03706/FUL Corner Farm, Welshampton, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0QA Conversion of part of a range of traditional agricultural buildings to form a farm shop with cafe/restaurant, a visitor centre and a caravan park with washroom facilities, associated drainage and access and conversion of part of traditional agricultural buildings to form a single dwelling

**No update.**

**213/15 Clerk's Report**

The clerk gave an update, the content of which is covered by other items on the agenda.

**214/15 Financial Matters**

**a. Balances and Bank Reconciliation for Information** - the reconciled balance of £15385.50, as at 23 March was noted.

**b. Parish email** – it was resolved to pay £20 per year to upgrade the mailbox capacity to 2GB.

**c. Outstanding accounts** – it was resolved to approve the following payments:

Payee	Item	Ref	Chq. no	Net	VAT	Gross
EON	Street lights	51	DD	£48.29	£2.41	£50.70
R Turner	Salary Feb	55	SO	£300.01	£0.00	£300.01
TSB	Safe custody fees	56	SO	£7.50	£0.00	£7.50
EON	Street lights	57	DD	£45.18	£2.26	£47.44
R Turner	Expenses	58	917	£39.35	£0.00	£39.35
SALC	Training	59	918	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Highline Electrical	Street light repairs	60	919	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00
HMRC	PAYE Q4	61	920	£225.20	£0.00	£225.20
Silver Marbles	Mailbox upgrade	62	921	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
A Russon	Grounds maintenance	63	922	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00

**d. Payroll** – the clerk as requesting that the council contribute towards the cost of a payroll service that would allow her to process and produce payslips for all the parishes she clerks for. The gross cost is £200 but the intention was that this be split between the parishes she clerks for. It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting.

**215/15 Parish Plan 2015**

It was agreed that the next topic would be environmental issues.

**216/15 Consultation on SPDs on Affordable Housing, Natural Environment and Historic Environment**

Resolved to defer to the next meeting.

**217/15 Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Haydon had attended a course on Road Safety. The key messages were to change driver behaviour by designing roads as shared spaces rather than hiding people from the traffic. Other approaches included removing white lines, 40mph buffer zones, using coloured surfacing and features to make clear that it is a village.

**218/15 Parish Matters**

**a. Updates on matters previously reported**

**i. Development plot by Iron Age Burial Ground** – the clerk had checked and the details advertised on the estate agent's sign are consistent with the planning permission.

**ii. Noticeboard at The Sun Inn** – Cllr. Haydon had spoken to the owner of The Sun Inn who had agreed to contribute half towards the repair and would ask his maintenance man to do the repair.

**iii. Footpath on outskirts of Welshampton towards Ellesmere**– Clerk is investigating with the Footpaths Officer whether there is a minimum width for footpaths

**iv. Tree work at the Parish Hall** – resolved to ask Alan Russon to proceed with the works.

**v. Flooding in field opposite Mere View, Lyneal** – it was reported that when the landowner pumps water off the fields it blocks the storm drains resulting in water flowing down people's drives. Clerk to report to highways.

**vi. Dog fouling in Lyneal** – Cllr. Wright reported a problem with dogs fouling on the verges and road. She suggested looking in to adding dog control orders to the Parish Plan.

**vii. Litter Welshampton to Newtown** – Cllr. Jefferies had recently done a litter pick. It was agreed to ask SC to come and pick the litter from the unsafe areas.

**viii. The Hatch, Lyneal** – Clerk to follow up with landowner re the partially demolished building.

**ix. Phone box repair** – the cost of glass was £250 plus £75 to paint the box. It was resolved to approve the revised quote.

**b. New parish matters**

**i. New lock for Parish Hall noticeboard** – noted that the lock is broken and it was agreed to ask Alan Russon for a quote to repair.

**ii. Canal Towpath at Colemere** – concerns were raised about the ongoing issue of mud on the towpath. Funding is required to resolve the issue.

**iii. Buildings at the back of Colemere** – Cllr. Wright to ask the residents to tidy them up.

**219/15 Highways matters**

***a. A528 – concern raised by resident of 1 Wood Lane Cottages, Whitemere***

The parish council were sympathetic to the resident's concerns. It was agreed to write to highways to add it to the community concerns and see what they propose. It was also agreed to follow up on the speed checks with PC Crump. Also to ask PC Crump if the wire on The Balmer is measuring speed.

***b. Mud on lane at Newton***

The agent had replied saying: "I have made enquiries and understand that the problem arose during a period when the road was closed at Spunhill. During this time, there were no field works being carried out on the farm and indeed, the farm avoided using that road as much as possible because of the heavy traffic using it as an unofficial diversion. That traffic was churning up the verges and using the field accesses as passing places. This, I understand, did cause quite a lot of mud to be driven onto road."

**220/15 Councillor vacancy**

The two candidates outlined their applications to the council. It was resolved to defer a decision on this until the next meeting.

**221/15 Clerk's Annual Leave**

It was noted that the clerk would be taking leave during part of the Easter school holidays.

**222/15 Date of future meeting and agenda items**

Next council meeting – 27 April, 7pm

Annual Parish Meeting – agreed to hold the meeting in June, date to be set at the next council meeting

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