

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 24 April 2013, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Chris Symes (Chair), Ruth Evans, Peter Gee, Richard Hall,
Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sarah Jefferies and Martin Withington
Clerk: Carole Warner
Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

47/13 Public Participation Period

None

48/13 Apologies for absence:

Caroline Hamilton (accepted)

49/13 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2013 were approved and signed.

50/13 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

51/13 Member of Shropshire Council's Report

Cllr Williams updated members with information related to the Town and Parish Council elections. He advised that certain work within Shropshire Council was on 'hold' waiting for the new administration.

52/13 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.

b. Ellesmere Tourism Action Plan

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting in Ellesmere.

53/13 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	482.69
ICO	35.00
Welshampton Parish Hall	200.00
V&W Electrics	73.96
A Russon	110.00

54/13 Planning:

a. Decisions Received

- i. 13/00438/FUL Erection of rear extension
Walnut Cottage, Welshampton, SY12 0PH
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received: none received

c. Naming of new street in Welshampton

It was resolved to name the new close behind The Sun as Robin's Close.

55/13 Annual Parish Meeting 10 April 2013

It was agreed the meeting had served its purpose.

56/13 Parish Plan:

a. Review of outstanding action points

The Clerk advised she had sent a letter supporting an 'Open Access' project in the Parish to Shropshire Council as it met several Parish Plan objectives.

b. Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme Projects

i. Welshampton Walk

Cllr Evans updated members.

ii. Spring Project – walking leaflets

The Clerk reported that a further meeting had been held. Five walks had been agreed.

iii. Canal Towpath

The Chair reported that a meeting of interested parties had taken place that afternoon. It had been agreed that the Canal and River Trust would find funding for the repairs and would manage the project.

57/13 Councillor Reports:

None

58/12 Parish Matters:

a. Re-furbishment of Sports Court

The Clerk advised this was planned to start during the week of 13 May 2013.

b. Parish Hall update

The Chair advised that he and the Clerk had met with the Chair of the Parish Hall Management Committee, Mrs C Hamilton, and Committee Member, Mr B Wynne, to explain the basis of the current year's accounts. The Clerk advised she would be offering to act as Treasurer for one year in a personal capacity. Councillors paid tribute to the tremendous amount of work Mrs Hamilton had taken on since becoming Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee could insert a user survey in the next Newsletter.

c. Licence for the Pre-School Land.

Cllr Jefferies advised that the new Lease had been signed.

59/13 Highways

a. Letter from Mr P Sanderson dated 19 April 2013 re closure of Beech House Canal Bridge and impact on the Spunhill junction with A528.

Cllr Williams confirmed that Shropshire Council was considering adding additional passing places and was open to any suggestions to relieve congestion and reduce danger. It was agreed that there would be no easy or simple solution to avoid problems. Members were confident that Shropshire Council would consider all options and take the appropriate action to ensure minimum disruption over the period when the bridge is repaired.

60/13 Consultation Documents:

a. Shropshire Council Contaminated Land Strategy.

It was agreed that the Strategy was sensible and proportionate and therefore no additional comments would be submitted.

61/13 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

a. SALC Bulletins

62/13 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

Wednesday 15 May 2013 – noted. Cllrs Gee, Evans and Houghton gave their apologies.

63/13 Statement from the Chair of the Parish Council

As the meeting was the final one for this Parish Council the Chair thanked everyone for their commitment and contribution. He believed that during this period of administration the Parish Council had made some major achievements on behalf of the community. The Chair especially thanked Cllr Richard Hall who was not continuing into the new Council.

The Chair, Cllr Chris Symes, declared the meeting closed at 8.25m.

Signed.....

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