

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25 September 2013, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Chris Symes (Chair), Caroline Hamilton, Bob Richards and Martin Withington
Clerk: Carole Warner
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Members of the Public: 6

134/13 Public Participation Period

The Chair reported the sad news that Cllr Peter Gee had passed away. All those present observed a minute of silence in remembrance of Cllr Gee.

Mrs Victoria Bell explained the background to her husband's planning application for change of use. Mrs Bell answered questions from Councillors regarding the use of the storage containers.

Mr Andrew Williams spoke of his concern regarding the proposed tree planting at the development at Old Hall Farm and that it would block light to his house which neighboured the Farm.

Mrs Tessa Dollar spoke against the proposed development of 3 barns at Old Hall Farm. Mrs Dollar explained the development would cause environmental damage and questioned the proposed use of the barns.

Mr Richard Hall spoke against the proposed development of 3 barns at Old Hall Farm. Mr Hall supported Mrs Dollar's concerns and also questioned the non-agricultural use of the barns.

135/13 Apologies for absence:

Ruth Evans, Sarah Jefferies and Lawrence Houghton MBE

136/13 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2013 were approved and signed.

137/13 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 resolved that item 7 should be brought forward

and the order of applications received be amended.

138/13 Planning:

a. Decisions Received – to note

None received

b. Applications Received – to agree response

- i. 13/03136/COU Brook Mill Farm, Hampton Wood, SY12 0NQ
Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
for change of use of land to allow for storage of temporary/non permanent
containers

It was resolved that there was no objection to the application providing the change of use was limited to a maximum of 16 containers on site, they were never stacked and all containers were of neutral colours. However, the Council was disappointed to note that this was a retrospective application as the Council does not approve of any unauthorised development in the Parish. It is also unfair to the vast majority of residents who investigate and go through the correct planning process.

- ii. 13/03259/FUL Old Hall Farm , Breaden Heath, SY13 2LF
Proposal for the erection of 3 agricultural buildings for the purposes of
agricultural storage

It was resolved to object to the application. It was considered the application lacked key documents to make a response (eg drainage details as this area is known to flood) and the proposed purpose, production of vodka from potatoes, is not an agricultural process.

- iii. 13/02964/FUL & 13/02965/LBC Old Hall Farm, Breaden Heath, SY13 2LF
Renovation of existing farmhouse to include erection of extension;
conversion of outbuildings to form ancillary accommodation, staff
accommodation, self contained living accommodation to include erection
of extension to form garaging and stabling

It was agreed that for Council to fully understand the proposed planting and respond formally, the applicant/agent should specify the exact the planting scheme and the height and density at a mature stage in the Copse and Meadow areas.

**It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow
Mrs Jennifer Wright to speak to the Council.**

138/13 Parish Council Vacancy

a. To confirm co-option procedures

The Clerk outlined the procedures.

b. To consider co-option of Parish Councillor

**It was resolved to co-opt Mrs Jennifer Wright as a Councillor for
Welshampton Ward.**

139/13 Member of Shropshire Council's Report

Cllr Williams reported on number of staff applying for voluntary redundancy.

140/13 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. World War One Centenary

It was agreed that the Council would support any remembrance service organised for the Benefice and in Ellesmere.

b. Parish Council Communication/Newsletter

The Clerk advised that the newsletter would be published in October.

c. Taylor's Lane maintenance

The Clerk advised that the Lane was to be topped by a local contractor.

d. Kettlemere/Newton verge maintenance

It was agreed to defer this item as Cllr Evans was not present.

141/13 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for Information

Noted and approved.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	359.33
HMRC	3.60

142/13 Parish Plan:

a. Review of outstanding action points

Following discussion it was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting would be called between October and December to discuss the refreshing of the Parish Plan.

b. Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme Projects

i. Spring Project – walking leaflets

It was resolved that an application for £290 towards the project would be submitted to the Local Joint Committee. It was further resolved that Cllr Hamilton would be the Parish Council representative on the Committee.

143/13 Councillor Reports:

a. Wood Lane Quarry Liaison Group

Cllr Withington reported on the recent Group meeting.

b. Ellesmere Art Festival

Cllr Hamilton reported on the enjoyable event.

144/12 Parish Matters:

a. Sports Court New Equipment

The Chair advised research was still on-going.

b. Community Transport - update on ShropshireLink/Community Transport

The Clerk advised that North Salop Wheelers were planning to operate a replacement service to Ellesmere every other week. If more volunteers could be found a weekly service could be operated. It was agreed to include an article in the Newsletter.

c. Shropshire Council Modification Order 2011 – Footpath addition Inquiry January 2014

It was resolved that the Parish Council was unable to provide any additional information to the Inquiry than was already submitted.

d. Baschurch Parish Council 'campaign' against the closure of Baschurch Fire Station

Councillors would attend the next meeting of the 'campaign' if they were available.

145/13 Highways

a. Update

The Clerk updated members on the new 'Hedge to Hedge' highways maintenance programme.

146/13 Consultation Documents

a. Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia – Draft Community Engagement Strategy

The document was noted but no response would be submitted

147/13 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. SALC Bulletins
- b. Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter September 2013

148/13 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

Wednesday 23 October 2013 – noted.

The Chair, Cllr Chris Symes, declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

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