

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27 February 2013, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Chris Symes (Chair), Ruth Evans, Peter Gee, Richard Hall,
Caroline Hamilton, Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sarah Jefferies
and Martin Withington

Clerk: Carole Warner
Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams
Member of the Public: 2

17/13 Public Participation Period

Mr G Wellsbury explained that he and Mr M Bell were attending to seek the Parish Council's assistance with an Agricultural Prior Notification Planning Application submitted on land next to theirs. They thanked Cllrs Williams and Hall for their assistance so far. They explained the problems encountered and the actions of Shropshire Council's Enforcement Officer. Cllr Williams explained the process for this type of application.

The Clerk explained she had been in contact with the Planning Officer and she assured Mr Wellsbury and Mr Bell that although the Parish Council were not formally consulted about this type of application she would monitor its progress.

18/13 Apologies for absence:

None

19/13 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2013 were approved and signed.

20/13 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

21/13 Member of Shropshire Council's Report

Cllr Williams updated members on Officer moves. George Candler was now Director of Commissioning and Tim Smith was now Northern Area Director. Discussion also took place on the repairs at Tunnel Bank.

22/13 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

The Clerk confirmed the newsletter had been published.

b. Annual Parish Meeting 10 April 2013

The agenda was discussed and it was agreed to ask Mr R Daniels to chair the Parish Debate.

c. Elections May 2013

The Clerk advised she expected to receive nomination packs during the first week of March.

d. Place Plan Local Vision

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would draft a vision for review.

e. Accountancy support to the Parish Hall Management Committee

Cllr Hamilton provided an update and confirmed that the Committee Member responsible for financial reporting had resigned.

It was agreed that if required, the Clerk would support the Committee on a temporary basis. It was expected the Committee would cover a nominal charge.

23/13 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	312.84
Brierley Printers Ltd	178.00
C Warner	162.00

24/13 Planning:

a. Decisions Received

- i. 12/05058/VAR Variation of Condition No.4 (Agricultural Tie) attached to planning permission NS/70/1172/OUT to allow the bungalow to be used as a domestic annexe subordinate to the principal dwelling and removal of the agricultural tie
Old Hall Farm, Breaden Heath, SY13 2LF
Decision: Withdrawn

b. Shropshire Council – Housing Land Supply

General discussion took place on the lack of having a 5 year land supply and the impact of potential development outside Parish designated development boundaries.

25/13 Parish Plan:

a. Review of outstanding action points

Cllr Hamilton assured members that the scalplings would soon be removed from beside the sports courts to allow the re-surfacing to take place.

b. Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme Projects

i. Welshampton Walk

There was to be a meeting on 11 March 2013 to discuss details with the Ellesmere Walking Group. A weekend of walks for 13 and 14 July 2013 was planned.

ii. Spring Project – walking leaflets

A meeting had taken place on 25 February and a Steering Group had been formed. The Clerk reported that she was assisting with both the Welshampton Walk and Spring Project.

26/13 Councillor Reports:

a. Local Joint Committee

Cllr Gee reported on the planning meeting of the next LJC meeting.

b. Cycling Website

Cllr Withington was congratulated on the production of the website. General discussion took place regarding tourism in the area.

27/12 Parish Matters:

a. Colemere Church Jubilee Tree – Planting Event Saturday 23 March 2013

Mr and Mrs Griffin were congratulated on their success of obtaining one of only 60 trees in the country celebrating the Queens' Diamond Jubilee. It was resolved that the Parish Council would produce the children's leaflet for the event.

- b. To review the Licence for the Pre-School Land (dated 9 October 1997) in light of the changes to the management structure of Welshampton Pre-School.**

Following a brief explanation about the changes and that Cllr Jefferies and the Clerk were meeting with the Pre-School to discuss termination of the Licence it was agreed to support any action they deemed necessary.

- c. To consider request from Shropshire Councillor Ann Hartley to support her concerns regarding Ellesmere Police Station.**

General discussion took place. It was noted that Ellesmere Station was due to close under the plans announced by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was agreed that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council highlighting the concern that response times were more important than buildings and therefore there must be adequate cover for the Parish. Points of contact should also be made available as an option other than telephone and internet.

28/13 Highways

- a. Stocks Lane Car Park**

It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the March 2013 meeting.

- b. Repairs**

The Clerk explained she was in discussion with Shropshire Council in an attempt to improve feedback on highways repairs.

Previously reported repairs which had not been actioned and the amount of litter following hedge trimming were agreed to be reported to Highways.

- c. Finger post sign at Rowe Lane/B5063 junction – additional directions**

The Clerk reported she had requested the additional directions to Lyneal to be placed on the sign.

29/13 Consultation Documents:

- a. Shropshire Council's Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan – draft Development Management Policies**

It was agreed to defer this item to the March 2013 meeting

- b. Shropshire Council Re-tendering of Local Bus Service Contracts – 29 January 2013**

It was agreed not to submit any comments.

- c. Shropshire Council Housing Renewal Assistance and Adaptations Policy**
It was agreed that the Clerk would submit a response on the Council's behalf.

- d. Shropshire Council's Dog Control Orders – Informal consultation**
It was agreed that the lack of information on enforcement would be highlighted.

30/13 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. SALC Bulletins**
- b. Connecting Shropshire – Broadband Project Update January 2013**
- c. Shropshire Council email 15 February 2013 – Change in Household Recycling Centre opening hours**

The Chair, Cllr Chris Symes, declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

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