

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 24 September 2014, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Chris Symes (Chair), Caroline Hamilton, Andrew Haydon,
Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sarah Jefferies, Mark Standen,
Martin Withington and Jennifer Wright.

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: none

129/14 Public Participation Period

Cllr Hamilton read a letter from a resident for the attention of Cllr Williams.

Cllr Wright arrived during this statement.

130/14 Apologies for absence:

Bob Richards (accepted).

131/14 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 27 August 2014 were approved and signed.

132/14 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.

Cllr Hamilton declared a bias and predetermination on item 6a Planning

- b. To consider any requests for Dispensation - None

133/14 Member of Shropshire Council's Report

Cllr Williams updated members on Shropshire Council's Planning Committee North decisions taken the previous day and other items on the agenda.

134/14 Planning:

a. Decisions Received – to note

- i. 12/03250/VAR Hampton House Farm, Welshampton, SY12 0NR
Removal of condition no 5 attached to planning permission NS/88/01046/FUL to enable the dwellings to be occupied as unrestricted dwellings (Class C3)

b. Applications Received – to consider response

- i. 14/04051/VAR Old Hall Farm, Breaden Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 2LF
Application Reference Number: 13/00294/LBC Date of Decision:

17/12/2014 Condition Number(s): Condition 4: No development, demolition or site clearance procedures shall commence until a European Protected Species (EPS) Mitigation Licence with respect to bats has been obtained and submitted to the local planning authority for the proposed work prior to the commencement of works on the site. Work shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the granted EPS Mitigation Licence. Conditions(s) Removal: The original condition is not proportionate in any way to the risk of habitat to the single recorded bat sighting which may have had several other potential roosts or indeed foraging areas and it is requested that condition 4 for an EPS licence is removed. Mitigation procedures will be carried out instead as detailed in the revised ecology report. Work was agreed to be carried to the timber frame as the building was in a critical state of disrepair. Greenscape Ecology visited the site and resubmitted a report with mitigation procedures. **It was resolved there were no relevant comments to make.**

c. *To review progress of current applications.*

The Clerk updated members on the current position with the applications.

135/14 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. *Newsletter*

The Clerk advised that the next newsletter would now be issued during October.

b. *Place Plan*

The Clerk advised she had met with Shropshire Council officers. The letters reflecting the change of format of the Place Plan would be issued to community groups.

The following was also advised.

c. *Conference and Training Course*

The Clerk updated members on the SLCC organised conference and training course she had attended

d. *NALC Training Bursary*

The Clerk advised she would apply for a training bursary for a course to be held in March 2015.

136/14 Financial Matters:

a. *Balances for Information*

Noted and approved.

b. *Outstanding accounts*

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	£503.40
Brierley Printers Ltd	£201.00
SLCC	£55.00
Shropshire Council	£200.00
Imprint Design & Print	£1,575.40
A Russon	£242.50

c. *Grounds Maintenance Contract*

The Chair reported on the recent meeting with Cllrs Hamilton and Wright as members of the Hall Management Committee regarding the maintenance of the area around the Sports Court and the Hall ground generally.

Cllrs Hamilton and Wright left the meeting

due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

Following discussion it was resolved to include the maintenance of the Hall's grounds as a separate item on the invitation to quote. It was resolved that the current contractors be instructed to tidy up the Hall's ground during October 2014 and to provide a quote for the period November 2014 to March 2015.

Cllrs Hamilton and Wright re-joined the meeting

d. External Audit Report

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2013 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

137/14 Parish Plan:

a. Refresh of the Parish Plan

i. To note date and format of Parish Meeting

The date of 29 October 2014 was noted and that the Chair and Clerk would present the results of the questionnaire and proposed Action Plan.

ii. Sports Court – update on repairs and netball rings

The Clerk advised that 4 quotes had been received for the replacement netting.

It was resolved to accept the quote provided by Mr J Dickin for £530 plus VAT.

The Clerk advised that the netball posts had been delivered.

138/14 Councillor Reports:

Cllr Hamilton reported that the next Local Joint Committee meeting would take place on 8 October 2014.

The Chair reported on the launch meeting of the Walking Leaflets with the volunteer group and the Ellesmere Arts Festival which he had attended.

139/14 Parish Matters:

a. Wood Lane Landfill Site

The email from the Environmental Agency dated 10 September 2014 was noted.

b. Parish Emergency Plan

Cllr Withington outlined the purpose and proposed content of the Plan.

140/14 Highways

Cllr Withington reported on the height of the hedge at Colemere by the car park/sailing club facing the Vicarage.

141/14 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. SALC Bulletins
- b. Swan Mere Day Centre CIC letter 19 August 2014
- c. MEA email 3 September 2014 – Warmer Communities Funding
- d. Shropshire Council email 12 September 2014 - Shropshire Schools

142/14 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

Wednesday 22 October 2014

The Chair, Cllr Chris Symes, declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed.....

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