

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 February 2018, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Andrew Haydon (Chair), Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes, Guy Wellsbury and Martin Withington.

Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner.

Members of the Public: 1

16/18 Public Participation Period

A member of the public spoke in support of her planning application and outlined the aims and ambitions of behind the application. She explained the element of risk with the business venture which was the reason behind the additional caravan/camping pitches and for a grant application. The member of the public answered questions from the Council.

Shropshire Cllr Williams spoke about the Commemoration Event to be held in November and offered advice.

17/18 Apologies for absence:

Michael Dinsdale, Lawrence Houghton MBE and Sarah Jefferies (accepted).

18/18 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2018 were approved and signed.

19/18 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

c. ***Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.***

20/18 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams reminded Councillors there were no funds available for non-essential work for the remaining of the financial year. He explained the position with Northants County Council issuing a Section 114 notice on expenditure. Other topics discussed were the lack of repairs to pot holes, the resignation of Shropshire Officer, George Candler and the possible loss of the Community Enablement Team.

21/18 Planning

a. Decisions Received: noted

- i. 17/05597/FUL Northwood Grove, Northwood, SY12 0NF
Construction of a Horse Walker
Decision: Grant Permission

- ii. 17/05901/VAR Land Adj Old Shop Farm, Welshampton
Variation of Condition No. 7 (rainwater pipes) attached to Planning Permission
16/05017/REM Reserved matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and scale) pursuant to
14/01561/OUT for the erection of 7 dwellings dated 18th September 2017
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received: to consider response

- i. 17/05647/FUL Corner Farm, Welshampton, SY12 0QA
Extension to caravan and camping site to include change of use of land (re-consultation)
It was stated that the Council supported sustainable sites for tourism, economic growth, and agricultural diversification. However, the Parish Council's concerns as outlined in its response dated 15 January 2018 remained. They had not been addressed e.g. no additional supporting reports relating to the increase in pitches. In particular, the potential impact of an additional 120 people staying on site was a real concern with drainage. Therefore, it was resolved to continue to object to the application.
The applicant was thanked for attending its meeting and explaining the background and aims of the proposed caravan park. The intentions were laudable, but the Parish Council had to respond on planning issues. It was understood the reason for the increase of pitches was for the grant application to financially assist with the project rather than the practical development of the site.
Whether the site meets licencing requirements was queried but this was not a planning material consideration.
With the number of concerns and clarifications outstanding, it was suggested the best course of action was for the application to be withdrawn and re-submitted once all aspects had been addressed.

Cllr Chris Symes left the meeting during the discussion

22/18 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Compliance with Records Management Policy

It was agreed that all Councillors followed the guidance outlined in the Policy and securely destroyed documents.

b. Newsletter

The Clerk confirmed the newsletter was being worked on.

23/18 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£447.61
Highline Electrical Ltd	£508.80
Shropshire Council	£21.50
John Dickin	£289.20
M D Lainsbury	£550.00

c. Community Grant Application

It was resolved to grant £1,000 to Welshampton Village Hall to purchase presentation equipment.

d. Community Support for event at Welshampton Village Hall (free Pentabus tickets)

It was resolved to underwrite 10 concession priced tickets should they be applied for.

24/18 Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday 11 April. Agenda items could include the Great War Commemoration Event and the Council's Business Plan.

25/18 Parish Action Plan

a. Review

An update to the Plan relating to the Safer Road Partnership carrying out further speed monitoring was noted.

26/18 Community Leadership

a. Parish Business Plan 2018/22

It was agreed to progress the draft Plan for formal adoption at a later meeting.

b. Evidence of best practice

General discussion took place on the statements to be prepared. Work would be progressed on Biodiversity and Crime and Disorder.

27/18 Councillor Reports

Cllr Wellsbury reported on Welshampton PCC matters.

Cllr Withington reported on the recent Wood Lane Quarry Liaison Group Meeting

28/18 Parish Matters

a. Tumulus

Cllr Withington advised he was still to contact to the landowner.

b. Broadband in the Parish

Cllr Withington reported an update had been communicated to Cllr Houghton MBE.

c. The Great War Commemoration Event

Cllr Stringer reported on the recent meeting with Rev Maureen Read and Cllr Dinsdale.

It was agreed the event should take place and the Council would be supportive.

d. SRB - Silent Soldier Campaign

It was hoped to sponsor a Soldier, full details were to be obtained.

e. Historic Churches Trail

Cllr Stringer outlined the suggested brochure to promote the historic churches. This would be progressed at a later date.

29/18 Highways

a. Speed Monitoring: The Balmer

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

b. Lane to Lyneal from B5063

This had been covered under Shropshire Councillor's report that no potholes would be fixed.

30/18 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items: 14 March 2018

The Chair, Cllr Andrew Haydon, declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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