

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2017, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Present: Chair: Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council Chair, Andrew Haydon
Clerk: Carole Warner
Residents: 25

PM 01/17 Introduction by the Chair

The Chair, Cllr Andrew Haydon, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting.

PM 02/17 Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review: Consultation on the Preferred Scale and Distribution of Development. To discuss future development in the Parish Annual Report of the Parish Council

Presentations were made by the Clerk and Parish Councillor Mike Dinsdale which covered the Local Plan Review and the Parish Council decisions and response to the consultation earlier in the year.

The Chair encouraged comments from those in attendance. Comments included:

- Having heard the presentations re-assured the Council had opted-out but still did not support the decision. There were concerns that if classed as 'Countryside' the Parish would be at the bottom of the 'pecking order' for expenditure such as highways and other expenditure. The resident drew attention to paragraphs 6.18 to 6.20 of the current Preferred Options consultation.
- Concerns were raised that with no development boundary around villages classed as 'Clusters' there was no restriction to the amount of development that could take place over the Plan period. There could be a number of sites of 3 dwellings approved.
- Concerns were raised that whichever option was decided on 'Cluster' or 'Countryside' this could not be reversed. The Clerk explained a 'Neighbourhood Plan' which was a statutory material consideration could be produced to allow development if the decision was 'Countryside'.
- Jobs had been lost in Welshampton due to development over the last 60 years.
- Discussion on the benefits of development to keep local services (eg church, pub, village hall, garage, hairdresser) in Welshampton although it was noted these were not supported by the majority of residents.
- There were a number of comments in favour and against of opting to be Cluster and 'Countryside'.

PM 03/17 Drainage in Welshampton Village. To review the Parish Council's investigations to date.

Parish Councillor Martin presented the results of the Council's investigations in the potential of a main sewer in Welshampton. These investigations had been the result of trying to establish the number of septic tanks an area of land could cope with.

No imminent decision to apply to Welsh Water was expected and if an application was successful it could take up to 7 years for a sewer to be provided.

The Chair, Cllr Andrew Haydon thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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