

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 April 2019, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7.30pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Andrew Haydon (Chair), Michael Dinsdale, Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sarah Jefferies, Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes, Guy Wellsbury and Martin Withington.
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Clerk: Carole Warner.
Members of the Public: None

51/19 Public Participation Period

None

52/19 Apologies for absence:

None

53/19 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 13 March 2019 were approved and signed.

54/19 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.***

55/19 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams advised Shropshire Council Highways Dept was undergoing a major re-structure. He advised the Oswestry Depot Manager Chris Fisher was to retire and be replaced by Ian Wallshaw.

56/19 Planning

a. Decisions Received: None received

b. Applications Received:

- i. 19/01304/FUL Proposed Barn Conversion at Oteley, Mereside, Ellesmere
Conversion of agricultural building to provide a dwelling to house an agricultural worker with revised access

The Regulatory Services response highlighting the potential of contaminated land was noted. This issue was considered to be of high importance due to the site being within the Meres and Mosses Nature Improvement Area.

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It was also noted that the planning statement explained the conversion was to be occupied by existing employees. However, there was no indication that a financial business case to support the application had been submitted. The Parish Council was aware of recent applications for agricultural tied dwellings for existing employees had been required to submit financial information. In the interest of consistency and fairness, the Parish Council requested the planning officer confirm that additional information has been sought to justify the agricultural restriction.

The Parish Council was unable to submit a response on the application whilst the basis on which the agricultural business need is to be assessed was unclear. The Council respectively requested it be re-consulted in due course.

57/19 Parish Clerk's Report

a. LCAS – Quality Gold Presentation

The Clerk advised that SALC had recommended the Council for the Quality Gold Award.

b. Trading Standards

The Clerk advised she had been in contact with officers from local Trading Standards who had advised that residents of the Parish had been caught up in nationally organised financial scams. The Clerk advised a warning would be included in the next newsletter.

58/19 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information – provisional 2018/19 year end position

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£737.60
SALC	£350.63
Highline Electrical Ltd	£62.40

c. Neighbourhood Funds

General discussion took place on the amount of Funds due to be received in April. It was agreed investigate repairs/renew of Welshampton Bus Shelter

59/19 Parish Action Plan 2018/19

a. AEDs

The Clerk advised she had received quotes and assistance with a Lottery Grant application from the Community Heartbeat Trust. A Lottery application would be submitted soon.

b. Heritage Projects

The Clerk advised meetings had been arranged to progress the book associated with 'Our Gallant 35'.

c. Colemere board walk and general maintenance

Cllr Brian Williams advised Shropshire Council had explored all budgets and no funds were available to fund the repair/replacement. Officers were seeking external funding.

d. Calming measures/gates into Welshampton

Councillors agreed on the preferred company and noted Shropshire Council had no objections to the installation of gates at both entrances along A495. Councillors agreed the company should be asked to consider B5063 entrance to Welshampton.

60/19 Councillor Reports

The Chair reported he attended Shropshire Council's Civic Service.

Cllr Dinsdale reported the cleaning provider for the Parish Hall had been changed. The Management Committee were seeking quotes for replacement doors and windows. The Committee had also changed insurance provider for better terms and less onerous restrictions on key holders.

61/19 Parish Matters

a. Emergency Planning – to identify key locations in Parish and access routes

Cllr Withington advised he had worked on the document, but it needed information on canal bridges. The Clerk agreed to send him the information.

b. Footpath 13 Diversion

The diversion was noted.

62/19 Highways

a. A495/A528 Ellesmere junction

At the request from Cllr Withington, the Clerk agreed to seek information on when any safety review would take place.

63/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items: 8 May 2019 (Annual Meeting)

64/19 Resolved: That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business numbered 15 and 16as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of potential legal/personal or commercial nature in the business to be transacted.

65/19 To consider planning enforcement issues

The Clerk updated Councillors on latest developments.

66/19 To consider employment matters

General discussion took place.

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

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