

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 August 2019, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Andrew Haydon (Chair), Michael Dinsdale, Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sarah Jefferies, Sheila Stringer and Guy Wellsbury.

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner.

Members of the Public: 1

119/19 Public Participation Period

A resident spoke about the replacement/repair of the boardwalk at Colemere. He appreciated the final decision was not with the Parish Council, but it could use its influence on Shropshire Council. He was concerned that if a sustainable solution was not considered/found it could cost £20,000 every 10 years or so to keep the boardwalk in a sound state. He suggested a path through the middle of the field with stone at potentially muddy parts instead of the boardwalk. In response to questions from Councillors the resident confirmed this would benefit the ecology and cause less disturbance. The route had been a well-used path and people still walk it. The correct material would have to be used but could be sourced locally. The resident advised all the land was owned by Shropshire but there was a grazing agreement.

It was suggested by Cllr Williams that a site visit for all involved would be beneficial.

120/19 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Chris Symes and Martin Withington (accepted)

121/19 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2019 were approved and signed.

122/19 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. Cllr Jefferies advised she would be leaving the meeting for agenda items 6bii (Planning) and 8e (Financial Matters)

b. To consider any requests for Dispensation

None

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

It was agreed to bring forward Agenda item 9d

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123/19 Parish Action Plan 2019/20 – Colemere Boardwalk

Discussion took place on sustainability, accessibility and potential alternative solutions. It was noted that Cllr Symes had agreed to look into alternatives at the previous meeting.

It was agreed to liaise with Cllr Symes and then arrange a site meeting.

124/19 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams reported that Shropshire Council was now in the position of a formal managed decline of the highways network. He acknowledged the Council had a legal responsibility to consider claims from members of the public who had experienced damage and/or injury from poor maintenance.

Cllr Williams advised that fines levied for overrun of street works by statutory providers had raised £151,000 during April to June. Councillors questioned how this income was to be used.

Cllr Williams agreed to investigate the delay in repairing the damage at Newton Bends.

125/19 Planning

a. Decisions Received: noted

- i. 19/02810/FUL Butlers Bank Cottage, Breadon Heath, SY13 2LG
Proposal: Erection of extension following demolition of existing extension and outbuildings and formation of and additional vehicular access
Decision: Refuse

b. Applications Received:

- i. 19/02917/FUL Lyneal Hall, Pikesend Lane, Lyneal, SY12 0LG
Conversion of redundant agricultural building to a single open market dwelling; installation of package treatment plant

It was resolved there were no objections to the application.

Cllr Jefferies left the meeting

- ii. 19/03245/FUL Ash Grove, Welshampton, SY12 0PH
Construction of pitched roof above existing flat roof; construction of two storey extension and single storey garden room following demolition of detached coach house

It was resolved there were no objections to the application.

Cllr Jefferies returned to the meeting

c. Appeals notified – noted

- i. 19/02749/NONDET Barn South Of, Hilltop Farm, Hampton Wood, Ellesmere
Application for Prior Approval under Part3, Class MB of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England)
Order 2014 for the change of use from agricultural use to residential use (18/05730/PMBPA)

d. Correspondence received re Meal House Barn (19/01304/FUL)

It was noted that over time, the Parish Council had considered a number of applications which relate to an agricultural worker's dwelling. In all of those cases, it had been clear from the documentation that a business case to support the application had been included and the Planning Authority had considered it, normally through their consultants. When considering the application, the Council had not seen from the information available on Public Access that a business case had been submitted. As included in the Council's initial response it was on the basis of consistency and fairness to other agricultural businesses that this point had been raised with the Planning Officer. It was noted that the Parish Council was not seeking to assess any business case, and it was the Planning Officer's decision what level of information he required. The Council's request for re-consultation was to receive confirmation from the Planning Officer that he had received sufficient information to consider the application on a restricted basis. The Council was still awaiting that confirmation.

126/19 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Fire Authority Governance

Having considered the decision of Judicial Review which had not supported the Fire Authority's position it was agreed that the Parish Council would strongly object to the Police and Crime Commissioner's attempt to control of Shropshire Fire service. The Clerk was requested to inform the PCC and Home Secretary of the Council's decision.

127/19 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£676.28
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00
The Community Heartbeat Trust	£8,113.00
Imprint	£1,739.00

c. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2019 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

Cllr Jefferies left the meeting

d. Neighbourhood Funds

It was agreed to instruct A Williams of Wem to replace the bus shelter, notice board and bench at the A495/B5063 junction in Welshampton.

Cllr Jefferies returned to the meeting

e. CIL Local Application Technical Checks

The document was noted. The Clerk would request highways to assess the siting of the pedestrian crossing.

128/19 Parish Action Plan 2019/20

a. Updates

General updates were noted including that Highways would be requesting speed monitoring by the Safer Roads Partnership along The Balmer section of B5063.

b. Community Public Access Defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed that installation was planned for 23 September.

c. Heritage Projects

It was agreed that Brierley Printers would print the OG35 book.

d. Calming measures/gates into Welshampton

The Clerk was awaiting more information on the installation.

129/19 Councillor Reports

a. Welshampton Churchyard

Cllr Wellsbury reported that a new contractor for the maintenance had been appointed and the grounds were gradually getting back under control.

b. Welshampton Parish Hall

Cllr Dinsdale reported the Parish Hall Management Committee was seeking additional grants in addition to the National Lottery grant of £10,000 to use towards replacement windows and doors.

130/19 Parish Matters

a. Shropshire Bus Campaign

It was agreed to publicise this in the newsletter.

131/19 Highways

Nothing was raised.

132/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items: 11 September 2019

The Chair, Cllr Haydon, declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed..... Date.....