

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 December 2020, remotely by Zoom, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

111/20 Public Participation Period

None

112/20 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Sheila Stringer and Guy Wellsbury (accepted).

113/20 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2020 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

114/20 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.***

115/20 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams advised he had nothing to report.

116/20 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions 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
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 20/03747/FUL The Anvil, Lyneal, SY12 0LF
Erection of a ground floor link extension, demolition and rebuilding of existing two-storey

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structure and carport (resubmission)

Decision: Grant Permission

- iii. 20/02861/REF 1 Rowe Lane Cottages, Rowe Lane, Welshampton, SY12 0QD
Erection of building as self-contained ancillary living accommodation following removal of existing outbuilding
Decision: Appeal Allowed

b. Applications Received:

- i. 20/04493/FUL The Firs, Breadon Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2LG
Erection of single storey extension
It was resolved there were no objections to the application.
- ii. 20/03836/FUL The Old Vicarage, Colemere, SY12 0QL (update received)
Erection of greenhouse for part domestic/part commercial use; and formation of open air swimming pool
The updated information was reviewed. It was resolved there were no objections to the application and supported the inclusion of the Conservation Officer's recommended conditions.

117/20 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised she had nothing to report.

118/20 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£623.43
HMRC	£265.01
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00
A Russon	£220.00

c. Bank reconciliation

The Clerk reported Cllr Wellsbury had agreed the bank reconciliation

d. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2020 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

e. Budget 2021/22

The Clerk was still waiting for the tax base information from Shropshire Council.

f. Community Grants

It was resolved to approve the grant application from the PCC of St Michael and All Angels Church, Welshampton for £350 towards churchyard maintenance.

It was resolved to donate £250 to Hope House Children's Hospice. It was noted from their communication that families in the Parish are currently being supported by their work.

The Hospice's ability to fund raise had been severely restricted due to COVID-19 and their costs (eg additional PPE) had increased.

119/20 Councillor Reports

None.

120/20 Parish Matters

a. Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme: Shropshire Council Top-Up Scheme

The Clerk reported that a postcard mailing to ensure all households which wanted to take advantage of this scheme would take place in the first week of January. It was agreed that this mailing would go to all households.

b. TSB Ellesmere Branch closure

The Clerk requested an update from Ellesmere Town Council, but this had not been received by the time of the meeting.

c. Community Speed Watch

The Clerk reported this project had been handed over to the Police and the residents who had volunteered.

Cllr Dinsdale joined the meeting

121/20 Highways

Cllr Withington raised the recent email from a resident regarding hedge clippings on the highway and the dangers this could cause. The Clerk advised Shropshire Council was the authority to enforce any issues regarding highways. In the past, issues followed up by the Parish Council had been ignored by those causing the problem. Due to pressures on Highways staff, residents should report any issues through Shropshire Council's website reporting process and track the response. This was a quicker way of reporting issues rather than through the Clerk, whose emails at the current time may take longer to be registered. It was also difficult to report issues without seeing the problem or having photographic evidence.

122/20 Date of future meeting and agenda items

Date: 13 January 2021

123/20 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 14 and 15 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal and commercial nature in the business to be transacted.

124/20 Enforcement issues in the parish

The Clerk advised Councillors that progress by Shropshire Council was on-going.

125/20 Maintenance contracts and Licence

It was resolved to grant the three maintenance contracts to Alan Russon.

It was resolved to consider a Lease rather than a Licence for Stocks Lane Car Park.

The Chair, Cllr Haydon, declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed.....

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