

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2021, remotely by Zoom, starting at 7pm

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

27/21 Public Participation Period

None

28/21 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Karen Bland (accepted).

29/21 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2021 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

30/21 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 Michael Dinsdale advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 8g (Finance) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

b. *To consider any requests for Dispensation*

None

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

31/21 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams advised that the pothole at Wood Lane Nature Reserve had been repaired. Councillors advised Cllr Williams that it had been carried out to an appalling standard and was not expected to last very long. Cllr Williams also reported an issue with a footpath and discussions between Ellesmere Town Centre and Canal and River Trust regarding Ellesmere boatyard. A representative of the Trust had advised Cllr Williams that funds were available to repair some sections of the canal towpath within the parish. Cllr Symes advised this had been the aim for at least 12 years, but other more urgent repairs had never made it possible.

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32/21 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions Received:

- i. 20/05293/FUL Proposed Holiday Log Cabins, Part Of Os 2769, Colemere
Change of use of land to provide 4No. holiday log cabins, formation of vehicular access (revised scheme)
Decision: Refuse
- ii. 20/05423/FUL 1 The Village, Welshampton, Ellesmere, SY12 0PJ
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for erection of a double garage
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received:

- i. 21/00350/FUL Land At Lyneal Moss Farm , Lyneal Lane, Lyneal, SY12 0QH
Erection of one unit of holiday let accommodation; formation of parking area and amenity
It was resolved there were no objections to the application subject to a condition being applied that the holiday let shall remain to be used in association to the existing residential dwelling and shall not at any time be sold, let on a long term basis or otherwise disposed of as a separate unit of residential accommodation.

The following was advised:

The Clerk advised a planning application had been received and would require a response before the next meeting. She would respond under the Scheme of Delegation.

21/00449/FUL Oteley, Mereside, Ellesmere, SY12 0PB

Erection of an oak framed detached home office, gym and occasional accommodation room.

33/21 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Elections 2021

The Clerk advised that she was awaiting nomination forms and would advise the procedure for submitting them to Shropshire Council in due course.

b. CIL application – pedestrian crossing

The Clerk advised she had not received an update on the progress of this project from Shropshire Council.

It was agreed that should the Clerk consider it necessary, a Freedom of Information request would be submitted to Shropshire Council.

c. Bridlepath 0216/1/2

The Clerk advised there had been a problem with trial bikes riding along the bridlepath and this had been reported to Shropshire Council and the Police.

d. Vehicle Activated Signs

The Clerk advised data had been downloaded from the Signs. In 26 days, from Whitchurch 34,046 vehicles had been recorded triggering the sign with 85% being recorded travelling at 40mph or less. From Ellesmere 45,028 vehicles had been recorded triggering the sign with 98% being recorded travelling at 40mph or less. Data would be included in the next newsletter.

34/21 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£679.49
HMRC	£222.80

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Dinsdale agreed to sign the bank reconciliation outside the meeting.

d. Risk Management Scheme

It was resolved to adopt the Scheme.

e. Risk Assessment

It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment.

f. Asset Register

It was resolved to approve the Asset Register.

Cllr Dinsdale left the meeting.

g. Welshampton Parish Hall Development Proposal

General discussion took place. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Dinsdale should liaise with the Management Committee to agree initial steps.

Cllr Dinsdale re-joined the meeting.

35/21 Councillor Reports

Cllr Dinsdale reported that the recent Parish Hall Management Committee had taken place and it was hoped to re-open the Hall in June.

Cllr Jefferies reported on her results of recent litter picking and the vast amount of litter on the verges of major roads in Shropshire. General discussion took place, and it was agreed to suggest regular litter picking events when allowed.

Cllr Symes reported Shropshire Council had reported obtaining funding for the boardwalk was progressing.

36/20 Parish Matters

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

Cllr Dinsdale reported the submission had been to Openreach but to date no response had been received. Cllr Withington advised the name of a contact within Openreach.

b. Unauthorised development sites and Council Tax

General discussion took place, and it was agreed that if a development was unauthorised, a Council Tax banding was not possible to be obtained. It was unclear what the process was when a development lost its authorisation eg in the instance that permission was limited to a period of time. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

37/21 Highways

a. Reported issues.

The Clerk advised that the repairs had been logged, monitored or planned into future programmes. The flooding issues were still under investigation. Cllr Symes reported that the Lyneal to Loppington issue had been resolved by the local farmer repairing a leak to a water trough.

The following was advised:

b. Speed restrictions on village lanes

It was agreed to clarify the situation of extending the 30 mph restriction along Lyneal Lane and Copes Lane. General discussion took place on safe driving along country lanes.

c. Hedge cutting

Cllr Withington advised that the hedges by Colemere under the responsibility of Shropshire Council had not been cut.

38/21 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 14 April 2021

The Chair, Cllr Haydon, declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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