

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 April 2021, remotely by Zoom, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

39/21 Public Participation Period

None

40/21 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Andrew Haydon (accepted).

41/21 Minutes:

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

42/21 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.
- b. To consider any requests for Dispensation**
None
- c. **Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.**

43/21 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams explained the current position with the Kier Highways Maintenance contract and that Shropshire Council was now supplementing maintenance work with its own workforce. Councillors expressed their disappointment in the management of the contract by Shropshire Council and also the lack of internal accountability. There did not appear to be any officer or officers who had been held accountable for the failed contract and system. The performance management process of officers was questioned. Cllr Williams agreed to follow up these points but due to elections no response could be promised for the next meeting.

44/21 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions Received:

None

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b. Applications Received:

None

45/21 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Future meetings

The Clerk advised that the regulations that allowed remote meetings up to 7 May 2021 had not been extended. The Council had to plan to meet face to face for the foreseeable future.

b. Parish Hall Improvements

The Clerk advised she would meet with the Parish Hall Management Committee when Government restrictions made it easier.

c. CIL application – pedestrian crossing

Although the funding for the project had been agreed through Local CIL, the Clerk advised she had not received any detail of the proposed crossing from Shropshire Council.

d. Community Speed Watch

The Clerk advised the group was up and running and an appeal for additional volunteers would be included in the next newsletter.

e. Village White Gates

The Clerk advised she was working with the Parish Council's maintenance contractors and the manufacturer to find the best way of cleaning the gates. She was progressing the design of pictures for the gates.

f. Reference for Highline Electrical Ltd

The Clerk confirmed she had written a reference for the Council's preferred electrical contractor.

g. Website updates

The Clerk advised the website had been updated to include the Council's sympathy to HRH The Queen and her family following the death of HRH Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh.

46/21 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following account was approved:

C Warner

£634.93

47/21 Councillor Reports

None.

48/20 Parish Matters

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

CLlr Dinsdale reported the submission had been to Openreach but still no response had been received. The Clerk advised a meeting with Airband was hoped for in May to expand the Connecting Shropshire project under the voucher scheme.

b. Local Policing and Community Charter

The top 3 concerns of the Council were agreed as:

Rural crime and/or the fear of it.

Speeding within restricted areas (30mph along A495) and not driving to the conditions (eg rural lanes with walkers/horse riders/cyclists etc) including motor cyclists.

Although not necessarily something a Neighbourhood Team can address, in community where there is a more older age profile, internet fraud and telephone scamming is a concern. Maybe the SNT could raise awareness though.

c. Shropshire's Great Outdoor Annual Public Survey

General discussion took place, and it was agreed that individual Councillors would submit comments.

48/21 Highways

a. Reported issues.

The Clerk advised that it did not appear that any further progress on reported issues had been made.

49/21 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 19 May 2021

50/21 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 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal nature in the business to be transacted.

51/21 To consider nominations for the Community Service Award 2021

Having considered all nominations, the recipient of the 2021 Community Service Award was agreed.

The Chair of the meeting, Cllr Dinsdale, declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed.....

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