

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 October 2022, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Michael Dinsdale (Chair), Kathryn Holland, Lawrence Houghton MBE, Chris Symes, Guy Wellsbury and Martin Withington.

Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner.

Members of the Public: 1

122/22 Public Participation Period

A member of the public explained the situation with the NHS which she believed was now in crisis. She outlined the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust problems and advised the Trust's performance was the third worst in England.

Councillors expressed their concern with the situation and was supportive of the action the community group were undertaking. Councillors thanked the representative for attending the meeting in person.

123/22 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Karen Bland, Andrew Haydon and Sheila Stringer

124/22 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2022 were approved and signed following amendments to item 115.

125/22 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.**

126/22 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams advised that the distribution of the new purple lidded recycling bins had been delayed. The Council was actively prompting Shropshire Warm Welcome Centres.

127/22 Development in the Parish

- a. Decisions Received – to note**

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- i. 22/03009/FUL Glendale, Lyneal, Ellesmere, SY12 0LG
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of single storey front extension
Decision: Grant Permission

128/22 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Newsletter

The Clerk advised the newsletter would be issued soon with the main focus being the promotion of the Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Community Event.

b. Vehicle Activated Sign

The Clerk advised the sign was still being repaired by the manufacturer.

129/22 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£1,242.83
HMRC	£355.54
Wem Rural Parish Council	£156.26
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00
NALC	£51.71
C Warner	£640.88
SLCC	£199.00
A Russon	£375.00
Right Sort Ltd	£312.84

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Houghton MBE reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

d. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2022 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors

e. Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements

It was resolved to remain within the existing arrangements.

f. Community Grants

It was agreed to invite applications in the next newsletter.

g. Community Infrastructure Levy/Neighbourhood Funds Annual Return

The Monitoring Report was approved.

130/22 Policies

It was resolved to adopt the following policies

- a. Safeguarding Statement
- b. Lone Working Guidance
- c. Hospitality and Gifts
- d. Training
- e. Media
- f. Consultation Strategy
- g. Community Engagement

131/22 Parish Council Performance Review

The draft summary of the review was discussed. The Clerk would prepare a document for approval at the next meeting.

132/22 Civility and Respect Project

It was resolved to formally sign up to the project and adopt the updated policy as this was the Council's adopted practice.

- a. Pledge*
- b. Dignity at Work Policy*

133/22 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

a. Meeting 2 November

Publicity for the meeting was by posters, the Council's website and newsletter.

b. Working Group

Cllr Withington and Holland reported on the meeting with a local resident.

134/22 Action Plan 2022/2023

a. Parish Consultation

The Clerk advised progress would be made over the next few months ready for Spring.

b. Updates

General discussion took place regarding updates and specifically the meeting with Shropshire Council regarding management of Colemere. It was noted that the Friends of Colemere had been hindered in progressing projects by lack of support from Shropshire Council. However, it was agreed that future discussions should include officers of all levels of management.

135/22 Councillor Reports

Cllr Dinsdale reported that bookings of the Parish Hall were pleasingly high.

Cllr Holland reported on the Planning for Biodiversity training she had attended in September.

136/22 Parish Matters

a. Colemere Tree

The Clerk reported Shropshire Council were still ascertaining ownership of the land in question.

b. Our NHS in Crisis

Following the presentation at the beginning of the meeting, it was resolved to support the campaign.

c. Welshampton Church

Cllr Wellsbury reported on improvements that had been carried out at the Church. He reminded Councillors that Rev Maureen Read would be retiring the following weekend. It was agreed to send a note of thanks for her contribution to the community especially during the Covid 19 pandemic.

d. Remembrance Services

The Chair advised that arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were in hand.

e. P3 Group

Cllr Holland advised the possibility of setting up a group would be discussed at the event on 2 November. Cllr Symes reminded Councillors that equipment had been purchased for the group which had now disbanded.

137/22 Highways.

The Chair reminded Councillors of the poor repair to the road surface at Breadon Heath. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

138/22 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 9 November 2022

139/22 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 19-21 as publicity would

be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal nature in the business to be transacted.

140/22 Letter from resident re grant funding

The Clerk was instructed to reply to the resident.

141/22 Enforcement Cases

The Clerk updated Councillors on the current enforcement cases.

142/22 Confidential Report from Shropshire Council

It was resolved to support the recommended location of the pedestrian crossing.

The Chair, Cllr Dinsdale, declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

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