

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 December 2022, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Michael Dinsdale (Chair), Karen Bland, Kathryn Holland, Sheila Stringer, Guy Wellsbury and Martin Withington.

Clerk: Carole Warner.

158/22 Public Participation Period

None

159/22 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Andrew Haydon, Lawrence Houghton MBE and Chris Symes (all accepted)
Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

160/22 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022 were approved and signed.

161/22 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. Cllr Mike Dinsdale advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 8e (Financial Matters: grant applications) due to the perception of bias and predetermination. Cllr Guy Wellsbury advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 8e (Financial Matters: grant applications) 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.***

162/22 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams was not present.

163/22 Development in the Parish

- a. ***Decisions Received***
None
- b. ***Applications Received***
None
- c. ***Development in the Parish***

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The Clerk advised that she was advised an application would be submitted to make permanent a development which currently had a temporary consent.

164/22 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Registration of Lease

The Clerk advised she had received the formal Land Registry document relating to the registration of the lease on Stocks Lane car park.

165/22 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£706.90
HMRC	£412.54
Highline Electrical Ltd	£72.00

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Stringer reported she had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation

d. Budget 2023/2023

General discussion took place on the Budget.

Cllrs Dinsdale and Wellsbury left the meeting

Cllr Stringer chaired the following item

e. Grant Applications

The following grants were approved:

- i. St Michael and All Angels Church - £350**
- ii. Welshampton Parish Hall -£1,000**
- iii. St John the Evangelist Church - £300**

Cllrs Dinsdale and Wellsbury re-joined the meeting

166/22 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

The Working Group reported that they had met with 9 residents/volunteers to start specific projects. There was enthusiasm to progress various themes. The next step was to approach various community groups including the school.

It had been suggested that the Council issue a leaflet to make sure residents were aware of the help available with energy costs over the winter and into 2023. There was comprehensive advice issued by the National Energy Agency which could be used. It was noted the British Gas Energy Trust helped all households not just gas customers. Councillors noted it was not clear how households claimed the £200 oil heating assistance. As the majority of houses in the parish were heated by oil, this was important to understand.

It was resolved to print a flyer/leaflet for distribution by hand and at key parish venues due to the uncertainty of prompt delivery by Royal Mail. The Clerk was delegated authority to ensure the current Budget could accommodate the cost of printing.

167/22 Action Plan 2022/2023

The Clerk advised no progress had been made since the last meeting.

168/22 Councillor Reports

Cllr Withington reported that he had attended an informal meeting with representatives of Tudor Griffiths Group regarding the re-launch of the Wood Lane Liaison Group. Membership would be encouraged, and remote attendance of meetings would be possible. Cllr Withington reported that the excavation taking place on the north side of Wood Lane would soon finish. The area would be re-landscaped but not as the original plan due to the depth of excavation being shallower than hoped.

The company was hoping to move into the area south of the quarry subject to planning consents. Cllr Withington reported a visit around the site had been offered but to take place during lighter and warmer evenings.

The Chair reported he had attended the SALC's Chair's Networking meeting which he had found very beneficial. Presentations included EV Charging and Levelling Up Funding for local communities. The Chair reported that he had been approached by residents on issues of planning procedure. He had offered advice but referred the residents to communicate directly with Shropshire Council, the Planning Authority.

The Chair reported on the Parish Hall Management Committee meeting and although bookings were positive, overheads were increasing and hire charges may be reviewed.

Cllr Holland reported she had attended the SALC AGM on 11 November. The main speaker was Chief Constable Pippa Mills. Cllr Holland had been pleased with CC Mills approach to policing.

Cllr Holland reported she and Cllr Bland had attended a one-day conference on Verges, Ditches and Hedges. It had been very information and comprehensive in content. The information learnt would be useful for the local projects being planned.

169/22 Parish Matters

a. *Colemere Tree*

The Clerk reported there was no update.

b. *Public Rights of Way*

The Clerk reported that a resident had reported the poor maintenance of a bridle path. Following investigation by Shropshire Council it had been decided the bridle way was suitable for the type of usage.

c. *Welshampton Parish Hall*

The annual reports from the Management Committee were noted. The Chair advised the Committee was investigating the provision of EV Charging points on car park. He had advised the Committee to liaise with the Parish Council as the Council was responsible for the maintenance of the car park

d. *Coronation of His Majesty The King Charles III*

It was agreed that parish/village events to mark the Coronation would take place on Sunday 7 May and possibly Friday evening 5 May.

170/22 Highways.

The Chair advised he had contacted Bronington Community Council with a view to a meeting regarding traffic issues on A495.

171/22 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 11 January 2023

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

Signed.....

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