

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 January 2023, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Michael Dinsdale (Chair), Andrew Haydon, Chris Symes, Sheila Stringer and Martin Withington.

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner

Member of Public: 2

01/23 Public Participation Period

A member of the public spoke in connection with a local planning application. There were photos which showed the extent of excavation which had taken place on the site some years ago to hide metal containers. There were serious concerns about contamination of the site. The photos also showed evidence of Great Crested Newts being on the site. The member of the public made observations of the Planning Committee decision which had granted temporary planning permission on the site in question. He considered the meeting had not been managed well by officers and the chair and on several occasions the discussions focused on considerations which did not appear to merit material weight when assessing the application. The member of the public was very disappointed with the process and feared a similar situation would take place again.

The Chair thanked the member of the public and explained the Parish Council had held meetings with planning officers over the last year. He strongly recommended the photos be sent to the planning officer. General discussion took place regarding the merits of delegated decisions against Committee decision.

02/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Karen Bland, Kathryn Holland, Lawrence Houghton MBE and Guy Wellsbury (all accepted)

03/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2022 were approved and signed.

04/23 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.**

05/23 Shropshire Council Member's Report

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CLlr Williams advised that due to the Christmas and New Year closure of Shropshire Council he had nothing of substance to report.

06/23 Development in the Parish

a. Decisions Received

None

b. Applications Received

- i. 22/05420/FUL 3 Foxglove Close, Lyneal, SY12 0FS
Erection of first floor rear extension to include juliet balcony above existing single storey.
It was resolved there were no objections based on planning policies.
- ii. 22/05515/FUL Hawthorn Paddock, Welshampton, SY12 0NP
Change from Temporary to Permanent Gypsy / Traveller Site to include 1 no. Static Caravan, 1 no. Touring Caravan, 1 no. Amenity Block and Gravel Drive part retrospective (as approved on Planning Ref: 21/03044/FUL)
It was resolved to object to the application in accordance with previous submissions regarding development on the site.

07/23 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the meeting on 10 May.

b. Community Service Award 2023

It was resolved to present an award during 2023.

c. Newsletter – to agree content for January/February edition.

Discussion took place and several articles were suggested.

d. Local Council Award Scheme application

It was agreed to review the application at the February meeting.

e. 5G upgrade of local telephone masts.

The proposed upgrade was noted.

08/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£643.30
W&L Parish Hall	£235.00
W&L Parish Hall	£1,000.00
Colemere Church	£300.00
Welshampton Church	£350.00

c. Precept and Budget 2023/24

The Budget was approved, and the Precept set for £26,000.

d. Audit Programme 2022/23

The Audit Programme was approved.

e. Internal Auditor 2022/23

Linda West was appointed as Internal Auditor.

f. Consultation: Shropshire Council Budget 2023/2024

It was agreed not to submit a response.

09/23 Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

The Scheme was re-approved.

10/23 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

Cllr Withington reported that due to the Christmas and New Year holidays the Working Party had nothing of substance to report.

11/23 Action Plan 2022/2023

The Clerk advised limited progress had been made since the last meeting.

12/23 Councillor Reports

The Chair reported on the Parish Hall Management Committee meeting and advised the project regarding installing a EV charging point had stalled.

13/23 Parish Matters

a. Colemere Tree

The Clerk reported there was no update.

14/23 Highways.

a. A495

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

b. Newton Bends

Councillors reported a deep pothole on the dangerous bends. Police had been called to an incident following a vehicle being damaged.

15/23 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 8 February 2023

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

Signed.....

Date.....