

# Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 April 2023, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Michael Dinsdale (Chair), Karen Bland, Andrew Haydon, Kathryn Holland, Lawrence Houghton MBE, Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes, Guy Wellsbury and Martin Withington

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner

Member of Public: Five

#### 52/23 Public Participation Period

A member of the public raised serious concerns regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing in the middle of Welshampton along the A495. He considered Shropshire Council should have consulted with the residents who will be affected by the installation. He believed there was no pedestrian need for the crossing and was too close to private drives. He considered a clear line of sight to the proposed position was not possible. In addition, it should not be used as a traffic calming measure.

#### 53/23 Apologies for absence:

None

#### 54/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 202 were approved and signed.

#### 55/23 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.**

**It was agreed to bring forward item 10e**

#### 56/23 Action Plan – Pedestrian Crossing

The Clerk explained the background of the project and the long delays by Shropshire Council in producing a proposal. This had been sent to the Parish Council as a confidential document and therefore could not be shared with residents. The Parish Council had responded to the proposal in October 2022 and had not received any further communication from Shropshire Council. The Parish Council was not aware whether the proposal as consulted on was being delivered and any timescale. The Clerk had requested further information but was awaiting a response.

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Councillors suggested the residents direct their requests for information directly to Shropshire Council.

### **57/23 Shropshire Council Member's Report**

Cllr Williams reported that Shropshire Council had advised a road closure along A528 from Harmer Hill to Burlton for most of the month of May. Cllr Williams reported on the recent planning committee meeting decision.

The Chair explained his participation at the committee meeting and his actions prior to and after the meeting.

### **58/23 Development in the Parish**

#### **a. Decisions Received - noted**

- i. 22/04843/FUL and 22/04844/LBC Old Hall Farm, Breaden Heath, SY13 2LF  
Demolition of lean-to and replacement with three-bay garage with first floor games room and attached agricultural machinery store  
Decision: Grant Permission

#### **b. Applications Received - to consider response:**

- i. 23/00679/FUK 4 Foxglove Close, Lyneal, SY12 0FS  
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of 1.8m fence and gates  
**It was resolved to object to the application. The Council considered the height of the fence and gates to be out of keeping with the local development, and was visually oppressive which negatively impacted the amenity of neighbours.**
- ii. 23/00847/FUL Station House, Welshampton, SY12 0QA.  
Erection of single storey lounge extension to front elevation and alterations to dwelling to form a ground floor bedroom.  
**It was resolved there were no objections.**

### **59/23 Parish Clerk's Report**

#### **a. Local Council Award Scheme Panel**

It was noted that the Parish Council had retained its Quality Gold Award.

### **60/23 Financial Matters:**

#### **a. Balances for information**

Noted

#### **b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following accounts were approved:**

C Warner	£1,515.86
NALC	£10.00
Highline Electrical Ltd	£104.40
JACS UK Ltd	£1,678.00

#### **c. Hall hire and associated costs for Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group**

**It was resolved to fund the hall hire and associated costs of the Working Group**

#### **d. Parish Maintenance**

The Clerk advised that approximately £9k of Neighbourhood Funds had been received. This could only be used for infrastructure improvements/repairs. This would be allocated to existing projects in the first instance. The Clerk advised that there appeared to be some misunderstanding regarding the informal agreement with the Parish Hall Management Committee to maintain the grass and hedges around the Hall. A letter to explain the situation was agreed.

### **61/23 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity**

#### **a. General Update**

Cllr Holland advised that a further meeting had been held to progress the current projects and an update would be included in the next newsletter.

**b. Middle Marches Community Land Trust**

Cllr Bland updated Councillors on this Trust. Councillors Bland and Holland would be attending an event held by the Trust on 12 May. It was agreed that the Trust could be invited to submit a grant application at the appropriate time.

**c. Restoring Verges**

Cllr Bland reported that Shropshire Council had in principle agreed to the planting subject to the Parish Council having adequate insurance for volunteers.

**62/23 Action Plan 2022/2023**

**a. King Charles III Coronation**

Cllr Stringer advised the School had agreed to a whole school photograph to be taken as a memento for the children. Events taking place within the Parish were noted and informal litter picks may take place.

**b. Community Planning**

The Clerk advised the emergency planning event with SALC was being progressed.

**c. Colemere Meeting with Shropshire Council**

Cllr Houghton reported on the meeting, and it was hoped that future meetings would be in the spirit of cooperation as agreed with the senior Shropshire Council officer. Quotes had been obtained for the repair of the fencing in the area around the car park. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the quote to Shropshire Council for consideration.

**d. Action Plan**

It was agreed that Councillors would feedback items for consideration to the Clerk.

**63/23 Consultation**

**a. DLUHC Infrastructure Levy**

It was agreed that Councillors would review and consider at the next meeting.

**64/23 Councillor Reports**

The Chair advised The Sun had offered to hold Business Breakfasts but a minimum number of 12 would be required. It was agreed that any interested parties should be directed either to Ellesmere or Whitchurch where existing business groups existed.

The Chair advised he had contacted Bronington Community Council regarding speeding along A495 but no meeting had been scheduled.

**65/23 Parish Matters**

**a. Proposal from resident: Book/Goods sharing area.**

It was noted the community group would not be progressing this project in the near future.

**66/23 Highways.**

No issues were raised.

**67/23 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 10 May 2023 and Annual Parish Meeting**

**68/23 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 items of business numbered 17 and 18 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal nature in the business to be transacted.**

**69/23 Planning Enforcement**

The Clerk reported she had been unable to obtain an update.

**70/23 Community Service Award**

**Having considered all nominations, the recipient of the 2023 Community Service Award was agreed.**

The Chair, Cllr Dinsdale, declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed.....

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