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

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Karen Bland (Chair), Michael Dinsdale, Kathryn Holland, Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes, Guy Wellsbury and Martin Withington Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams Clerk: Carole Warner Member of Public: None

110/23 Public Participation Period

None

111/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Lawrence Houghton MBE and Andrew Haydon (accepted)

112/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2023 were approved and signed.

113/23 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. Cllr Guy Wellsbury advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 6bi (Development in the Parish) 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.* None

114/23 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams reported that Shropshire Council were cutting verges later this year due to finance restrictions and the planned 'no mow May' policy. He had circulated Shropshire Council's response to his enquiry which explained the process of verge mowing.

He also explained that the Outdoor Partnership budget for this current year was 25% down from previous years. Parish Councillors update Cllr Williams on conversations held with senior Shropshire Council officers regarding funding for Colemere.

115/23 Development in the Parish

a. Decisions Received - noted

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- 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 Decision: Refuse
- 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
 Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received:

Cllr Wellsbury left the meeting.

 i. 23/02265/VAR Zone 4, Wood Lane Quarry, Spunhill, SY12 0HY Variation of Condition No.s 2, 10, 29 and 38 attached to permission 14/04589/MAW dated 22 June 2016

The following comments were made:

1. Shropshire Council's Ecologist had objected to the variation of Condition 38. There appeared to be some confusion with comments made in the Ecologist's response and the Planning Statement.

2. There had been an expectation of recreational facilities in the restoration scheme and the accompanying Statement only referred to agriculture use.

It was resolved to object to the application but would re-consider the decision once the applicant submitted a response to the Ecologist's objection and the use of the restoration area had been clarified.

Cllr Wellsbury re-joined the meeting

 ii. 23/02569/VAR Development Land South Of B5063, Welshampton, SY12 0FU
 Variation of condition 1 (approved plans to Plot 7 only) Application Reference Number: 17/03500/REM Date of Decision: 06/11/2019

It was resolved there were no objections to the application.

c. Place Plan Review

The Clerk advised this was the topic for discussion at the North Committee meeting of SALC to be held the following week.

116/23 Parish Clerk's Report

a. PCC Town and Parish Council Survey Newsletter

It was agreed the Clerk and Chair would submit the response from the Council.

117/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payment was approved:

C Warner £742.10

118/23 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

Cllr Holland reported on the successful and positive Swishing event held in early July which promoted sustainability. It had also been a good social event for the community. Clothes remaining at the end of the day had been donated to Severn Hospice. £56 had been raised and would be put towards other events organised by the Working Group.

The Chair advised that plans were progressing with the Green Day. Plant Life videos would be available on the day, and she was hoping to liaise with Tudor Griffiths.

119/23 Action Plan 2023/2024

Updates to the Plan were noted.

120/23 Councillor Reports

Cllr Withington advised he had attended the Wood Lane Quarry Liaison Meeting. Tudor Griffiths had advised a planning application to extend the workings at the Quarry would be submitted later this year.

Some Councillors had attended the recent open event held by Helen Morgan MP. General discussion took place on the merits of holding a Parish Council open event/surgery.

121/23 Parish Matters

No new issues were reported.

122/23 Highways.

No new issues were reported.

123/23 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 10 August 2023

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

Signed..... Date.....