

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 August 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

124/23 Public Participation Period

None

125/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Lawrence Houghton MBE and Andrew Haydon (accepted)

126/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2023 were approved and signed.

127/23 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 Mike Dinsdale 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

128/23 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams updated Councillors on the new location for the post box which had been removed from The Sun's car park entrance following damage.

129/23 Development in the Parish

a. *Decisions Received - noted*

- i. 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
Decision: Grant Permission

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b. Applications Received:

Cllr Dinsdale left the meeting.

- i. 23/02978/FUL Oteley, Mereside, Ellesmere, SY12 0PB
Change of Use of Buildings for the display or retail sale of goods (Use Class E[a]) and for the sale of food and drink for consumption (mostly) on the premises (Use Class E[b]). Provision of car parking area. (Part Retrospective

It was noted that additional information had been requested by consultees. It was requested that all responses be brought to the Council's attention. A formal response would be submitted once all requested information has been received and considered.

Cllr Dinsdale re-joined the meeting.

c. Place Plan Review

Cllr Holland reported she had attended the North Committee meeting of SALC where the Place Plan had been presented by Shropshire Council Officers. The meeting had been held by Teams and it had been disappointing that no questions/discussion had taken place after the presentation.

It was noted that there was some confusion about the purpose of the Place Plan relating to CIL Local funds and the Clerk would make enquiries of Shropshire Council.

130/23 Parish Clerk's Report

a. PCC Town and Parish Council Survey Newsletter

The draft response produced by the Chair and Clerk was agreed for submission.

b. Newsletter

It was agreed to issue the next edition at the end of August.

c. The Sun/Royal Mail Post Box

This item had been discussed during the Shropshire Council Member's Report.

131/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payment was approved:

C Warner	£722.55
Mark Adams	£60.00
Alan Russon	£385.00

132/23 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

The Chair and Cllr Holland updated Councillors on the planning for the Big Green Day. Promotion and confirmation of exhibitors were the key areas being worked on.

133/23 Action Plan 2023/2024

Councillors reported on the site meeting at Spunhill junction with A528 held with representatives of Ellesmere Rural Parish Council, Shropshire Council (members and officers) and West Mercia Police. It had been organised to review the safety of the junction following the fatal accident earlier in 2023. Councillors reported that the meeting had been very positive and the dangers at the junction were acknowledged. It was agreed the Clerk would thank the Traffic Management officers and enquire when the proposal for solutions would be available.

Updates to the Plan were noted.

134/23 Councillor Reports

All meetings which Councillors had attended had been reported earlier in the meeting.

135/23 Parish Matters

Cllr Dinsdale reported on an event being held at The Sun on 26 August, the proceeds from which would be donated to the Parish Hall.

Cllr Wellsbury reported that Community Payback who helped with the maintenance of Welshampton's churchyard had not been as active as previous years. The PCC was seeking additional help with the maintenance.

The request from the campaign group Shropshire Defend Our NHS to support its latest initiative 'Rural Shropshire needs NHS care too!' was noted and agreed.

136/23 Highways.

Cllr Withington followed up the discussion on Spunhill junction with comments regarding the general safety of the A528 between Ellesmere and Harmer Hill. There were limited overtaking sections and blind corners. He considered the whole stretch, not just the Spunhill junction, to be dangerous. Although there were central white and double white lines within the 40mph limits, there were long stretches with no white lines. Cllr Withington proposed the Council approach Shropshire Council for a review of the A528 and contact Parish Councils along the A528 for support. This was agreed.

137/23 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 13 September 2023

138/23 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 item of business numbered 16 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal/legal nature in the business to be transacted.

139/23 Planning Enforcement

The Clerk updated Councillors.

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

Signed.....

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