

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 September 2023, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Karen Bland (Chair), Lawrence Houghton MBE Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes and Guy Wellsbury
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Clerk: Carole Warner
Member of Public: 2

140/23 Public Participation Period

None

141/23 Presentation by Dr Anton Garrett

The Chair thanked Dr Garrett for his presentation.

142/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Michael Dinsdale, Andrew Haydon, Kathryn Holland and Martin Withington (accepted)

143/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 9 August 2023 were approved and signed.

144/23 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 6bii (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

145/23 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams updated Councillors on the financial position of Shropshire Council. He assured the Parish Council that Shropshire Council was not in the same position as Birmingham City Council.

Cllr Williams advised Shropshire Council's verge cutting programme had been delayed due to the wet weather in July and August. It was now getting back on schedule.

146/23 Development in the Parish

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a. Decisions Received – none received

b. Applications Received:

- i. 23/03303/FUL The Birches, Colemere, SY12 0QL
Erection of two storey rear extension.

It was resolved to support the application subject to consultees' recommendations.

Cllr Wellsbury left the meeting

- ii. 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

It was noted that additional information had been submitted to Shropshire Council. The agent's response to the comments made by the Parish Council was reviewed. It was agreed to review the agent's response against notes of previous discussions/meetings and re-consider at the next meeting.

Cllr Wellsbury re-joined the meeting.

147/23 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Newsletter

It was noted the Summer 2 edition had been published.

b. SALC AGM: Jan Snell Award

Following discussion about the merits of the Award it was agreed to submit an application.

c. Liaison with local Police

The Clerk advised she had met with the local Inspector and periodic Teams meetings would be arranged with local members of the Police.

148/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£1,399.67
HMRC	£80.67
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£252.00
SLCC	£201.00
SALC	£40.00
Royal British Legion	£60.00

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Wellsbury reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

d. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2023 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

e. Community Grants

It was noted that the invitation for applications had been placed in the newsletter.

f. Community Infrastructure Levy/Neighbourhood Funds Annual Return

The Monitoring Report was approved.

149/23 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

The Chair updated Councillors on the planning for the Big Green Day.

150/23 Action Plan 2023/2024

Updates to the Plan from the Clerk were noted. It was noted that a full review of the Plan had been planned for this meeting but was deferred until October.

151/23 Councillor Reports

None.

152/23 Parish Matters

a. *Colemere flooding and provision of sandbags*

General discussion took place, and it was agreed to defer until the October meeting.

b. *Water pressure in the parish*

General discussion took place, and it was agreed the Clerk would contact the water companies to ascertain optimum water pressure.

153/23 Highways.

154/23 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 11 October 2023

155/23 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 17 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal/legal nature in the business to be transacted.

156/23 Planning Enforcement

The Clerk and Cllr Wellsbury updated Councillors.

The Chair, Cllr Bland, declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

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