

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

Clerk: Carole Warner

Member of Public: 2

157/23 Public Participation Period

None

158/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Andrew Haydon (accepted) and Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

159/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2023 were approved and signed.

160/23 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 6biii (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination. Cllr Kathryn Holland advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 6bi (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination. Cllr Martin Withington 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

161/23 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams was not present.

162/23 Development in the Parish

- a. **Decisions Received – noted.**
 - i. 23/03303/FUL The Birches, Colemere, SY12 0QL
Erection of two storey rear extension

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Ellesmere, SY12 0QB
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Decision: Refuse

b. Applications Received:

Cllrs Holland and Withington left the meeting.

- i. 23/03845/FUL Bank Houe, Colemere, SY12 0QL
Installation of a 3.6kW domestic ground mounted Solar PV system

It was resolved to support the application.

Cllrs Holland and Withington re-joined the meeting.

- ii. 23/03995/FUL The Bungalow, Lyneal Lane, Welshampton, SY12 0PQ
Erection of replacement dwelling and erection of new garage

It was resolved to support the application.

Cllr Wellsbury left the meeting.

- iii. 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 resolved to seek clarification regarding the timescale/life of the site. The Council asked whether the site would be active until the extraction of the quoted tonnes had been completed irrespective of the timescale required? With respect to the inclusion of recreational facilities in the restoration scheme and discussions in the Quarry Liaison meetings, the Council commented that recollections may vary. However, it was acknowledged that commercial considerations may have changed the company's decisions. The Council thanked the company for re-instating the Liaison meetings and looks forward to these continuing on a regular basis.

Cllr Wellsbury re-joined the meeting.

- iv. 23/03639/FUL Chapel Farm, Lyneal, SY12 0LG
Erection of front porch.

It was resolved to support the application.

- v. 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 resolved to support the application.

163/23 Parish Clerk's Report

a. SALC AGM: Jan Snell Award

The Clerk confirmed she would be submitting an application to SALC.

b. Liaison with local Police

The Clerk confirmed she had met with the Police and had re-established communication lines.

c. Emergency Planning Seminars

The dates were noted. Cllr Withington offered to attend if appropriate.

164/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£712.25
A Russon	£530.00
K Holland	£76.00
K Thompson Bland	£398.46

165/23 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

The Chair and Councillor Holland updated Councillors on the Big Green Day. It was acknowledged that the event had been a success and thanks were expressed to all those who had taken time and effort to organise the event. A follow-up event would be considered.

The Chair reminded Councillors of the event at Montford Bridge on 17 November.

166/23 Action Plan 2023/2024

It was noted that a full review of the Plan had been planned for this meeting but was deferred until the Chair and Clerk had met.

167/23 Councillor Reports

Cllr Wellsbury updated Councillors with the position with available space at St Michael and All Angels' cemetery.

168/23 Parish Matters

a. Colemere flooding and provision of sandbags

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Council did not have the resources to manage the provision of sandbags, which was a Shropshire Council responsibility.

b. Post Box Welshampton: resident's comments

Following discussion, it was noted that the siting of the post box must be accessible to the public from the public realm and not private land.

c. Welshampton War Memorial: email dated 30 September 2023

It was agreed that this was a duplication of some of the research carried out for 'Our Gallant 35' and the book of the same name.

d. Medical Provision for Parish including Covid Boosters

It was noted that the issue regarding Covid Boosters had been resolved but access to Ellesmere Medical Practice was still an issue. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Practice and ask about the Patients Group.

e. Colemere Tree

The Clerk reported that ownership of the tree had not been identified by Shropshire Council, but it had been agreed the tree should be removed.

f. Streetlights

It was noted only one resident had come forward with a suggestion for dimming lights.

169/23 Highways.

It was agreed to defer an update on A528 to the next meeting.

170/23 Date of future meeting and agenda items: 8 November 2023

171/23 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.

172/23 Planning Discussions

The Clerk updated Councillors.

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

Signed.....

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