

# Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 January 2024, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Cllrs, Karen Bland (Chair) Sheila Stringer, Chris Symes, Martin Withington, and Guy Wellsbury.

Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of Public: None

#### 01/24 Public Participation Period

None.

#### 02/24 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Michael Dinsdale, Andrew Haydon, Lawrence Houghton MBE and Kathryn Holland (accepted).

#### 03/24 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2023 were approved and signed following amendments to correct Cllr Houghton MBE advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 6biii (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination and not Cllr Withington.

#### 04/24 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

#### 05/24 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Williams reported on Shropshire Council's proposed Budget for 2024/2025. General discussion took place on the financial positions of district, county and unitary councils nationally.

#### 06/24 Development in the Parish

**a. Decisions Received – noted**

i. 23/04743/FUL Mayfield, Breaden Heath, SY13 2LG

Clerk: Carole Warner,  
Orchard Cottage,  
Rowe Lane,  
Welshampton,  
Ellesmere, SY12 0QB  
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Two storey side extension

Decision: Refuse

- ii. 23/04708/FUL Caravan At Heartlands Farm, Northwood, SY12 ONQ  
Change of use of land to a mixed use for the keeping of horses (existing) and use as a residential caravan site for an extended Gypsy family, with a total of 5 No. caravans, including the laying of hardstanding and erection of 5 No. amenity buildings.

Decision: Withdrawn

- iii. 23/04918/FUL Little Mill Cottage, Colemere, SY12 OQR  
Alterations and extension to existing detached annex

Decision: Granted

**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.

**Correspondence forwarded to the Parish Council by the agent on 14 December 2023 was considered. The Council thanked the applicant and agent for clarifying the position on the points raised and it was resolved the Council no longer objected to the application.**

***Cllr Wellsbury re-joined the meeting.***

**07/24 Parish Clerk's Report**

**a. Change of date of monthly meetings**

General discussion took place. It was agreed that the earlier meeting start, on a Wednesday, at 6.30pm would be implemented.

**b. Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to allow the Clerk and Chair to discuss.

**c. Newsletter and Council Surgery Dates**

The Clerk advised the next newsletter would be published soon and include Surgery Dates.

**d. Community Service Award 2024**

**It was resolved to present an award during 2024**

**08/24 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for information**

Noted

**b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following accounts were approved:**

C Warner £740.55

**c. Precept and Budget 2024/25**

**The Budget was approved, and the Precept set for £26,344.**

**d. Audit Programme 2023/24**

**The Audit Programme was approved.**

**e. Internal Auditor 2023/24**

**Janet Hankey was appointed as Internal Auditor.**

**09/24 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity**

The Chair advised a meeting of the Group was yet to be set.

**10/24 Action Plan 2023/2024**

No updates due to the Christmas and New Year break were available.

**11/24 Freedom of Information Publication Scheme**  
**The Scheme was re-approved.**

**12/24 Councillor Reports**

Cllr Withington reported there was one Emergency Planning session to be attended which would be held in Shire Hall.

**13/24 Parish Matters**

General updates were noted.

**14/24 Highways.**

One issue was raised and would be followed up.

**15/24 Date of future meeting and agenda items:** 14 February 2024 at 6.30pm

**16/24 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.

**17/24 Planning Discussions**

The Clerk updated Councillors on planning issues in the Parish.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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