

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of scheduled meeting Thursday 20 January 2022, 7:30pm at the Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Beavan; Zoe Croose; Mark Hughes (Chairman); Darren Knipe, John Lane; Roy Lloyd and Abbie Price.

In attendance: County Cllr Nigel Hartin, Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk

1. **Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence.** All councillors were present.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations.** Cllr Beavan declared an interest in item 8, as a Trustee.
4. **Open Discussion**
 - 4.1. No views were raised by the public on agenda business items.
 - 4.2. Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin reported: Shropshire Council to get less funding from central government than expected. £13.5m of reserves may be used. 80% of budget spent on adult social care. Scheme offering free additional wheelie bin to replace recycling boxes and help keep plastic waste contained until collection. Optional scheme – bins can be requested online at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/requestmixedrecyclingbin>
Small bins are not available.
5. **Minutes** of the scheduled Parish Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021 and extraordinary meeting 2 December 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the previous meeting.** [Parish Online Digital Mapping software](#) missed from this Agenda, to be added to the March Agenda.
7. **Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Lane attended South Shropshire Area Local Committee (SSALC) meeting on 6 December. Discussed: Shropshire Council budget; highways; numbers of potholes completed; the need for road resurfacing; upcoming boundary review; temporary closure of Bishops Castle hospital; need for integrated care system, to support people at home rather than in hospital; the need for additional land for burials. Cllr Lane considered the meeting useful, and worth attending in future. Clerk to find out date and location of next meeting.
8. **To consider applications for the post of Trustee of the Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust.** Application received. Candidate to be interviewed, either via Zoom, or before extraordinary meeting to be arranged on Thursday 3 February.
9. **Planning.** Noted: Permission Granted for Application 21/05403/FUL Llanfair Hall Erection of cover over existing stock-handling area.
10. **Insurance**
 - 10.1. **RESOLVED** to accept responsibility for a contractor or volunteer and their duties, thereby providing cover under Employers' Liability, Public Liability and Personal Accident Sections of the Parish Council's insurance policy.
 - 10.2. **RESOLVED** to accept quotation from Gallagher for insurance for 2022/2023 and pay the premium of £218 before the renewal date of 17 February.
11. **Finance.**
 - 11.1. Noted: quarter end report from the Responsible Financial Officer.
 - 11.2. The second draft of 2022/23 budget was discussed. **RESOLVED** to budget £5,551.43.
 - 11.3. **RESOLVED** to set Precept for 2022/23 at £4,000. No increase on 2020/21. There may need to be an increase next year, April 2023 to March 2024.
 - 11.4. Noted: Barclays Bank Account balance £5,671.15; **RESOLVED** to approve payments: Craven Arms Design and Print £314; Clerk Payroll Months 9 & 10 £313.33; HMRC PAYE Months 9 & 10 £78.40. Total payments £705.73. Cllr Croose will authorise payments.
12. **The Queen's Green Canopy / Platinum Jubilee.** The Parish Council concurs with a letter received from Everest Hall Committee, and agreed the Parish Council will arrange a meeting inviting 2 representatives from the Everest Hall,

Llanfair Trust, Pavilion Committee and Parochial Church Council to discuss plans for the four-day celebration between Thursday 2 June and Sunday 5 June. Date of meeting to be confirmed. The Clerk will write and thank Everest Hall Committee, the Chairman and Clerk and will arrange the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that The Parish Council will arrange a beacon (bonfire) on Llanfair Hill, to be lit at 9.45pm on Thursday 2 June. Residents will be invited via the Llanfair Times, complimentary drink and snack e.g., sausage roll will be provided.

Clerk to contact councils at Beguildy, Bettws-y-crwyn, Newcastle on Clun and Clun with Chapel Lawn to encourage further beacons in the area; add Llanfair Waterdine to official national list of beacons; write to the Llanfair Trust to request support in funding the event at an approximate cost of £200, research a risk assessment, and ensure insurance is in place.

13. **The effects of hunting in the Parish.** A letter received from a resident raised concerns on the subject. The Parish Council is neither for nor against hunting, but agreed to write to the United Pack at Bishops Castle highlighting the concerns and asking that only registered ground is hunted over. In addition, it will raise awareness via a news item on the Parish Council website, asking landowners to consider whether they support hunting on their land, and suggesting they write to the hunt accordingly. A landowner may refuse access if they wish.

14. **Update on the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at Everest Hall.** Cllr Price reported: new pads, supplied by Clun Valley AED scheme have been fitted and the defibrillator is rescue ready.

15. Highways

15.1. Responses received to letter from the Parish Council to Shropshire Council, Cllr Nigel Hartin, and Philip Dunne MP, about road conditions in the Parish. Noted: Disappointment that only one response received to date, from Philip Dunne MP. Cllr Hartin advised that Bucknell has invited Cllr Dean Carroll to speak on the subject. Agreed: Clerk will contact Bucknell Parish Council to ask if a combined meeting Llanfair Parish Council can be arranged.

15.2. Road conditions. No further discussion took place.

15.3. Review of parish footpaths, with consideration to access, repair and historic landmarks. Reported: Issues raised have been resolved. A website for reporting problems on the footpath network is available. Details will be added to the Parish Council website.

15.4. Issues to report to Footpaths Warden. No problems were reported. Clerk to write to the Warden and ask that reports sent to Shropshire Council be copied to the Parish Council. The Parish Council wishes to support the Warden and would be interested to receive updates on any surveys undertaken.

16. **South Shropshire Climate Action.** A 15 Point initiative proposed by South Shropshire Climate Action was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to support all points although none is specifically relevant to Llanfair Waterdine Parish.

17. **Environmental Maintenance Scheme.** Cllrs Beavan and Lloyd are making arrangements for works to be completed.

18. Correspondence. **To discuss in detail items of correspondence (so requested by members before the meeting).**

18.1. Membership of the Town and Country Planning Association, £110 per annum, £90 for the first year. Not discussed. Resolved in November.

18.2. Email requesting reinstatement of notice board at Nether Skyborry and new seat at same location. Clerk to respond that having declared a Climate Emergency, the Parish Council resolved to reduce printing, use of paper and travelling. As a result, it was agreed the board should be removed. The request for a seat is noted. There are no funds available for the purchase of a bench.

19. **Date of next scheduled meeting Thursday 17 March 2022, Extraordinary Meeting Thursday 3 February.**

20. The meeting closed at 21:30

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Signed

Dated 17 March 2022

Cllr Mark Hughes, Chair