

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of scheduled meeting Monday 18 July 2022, 7:30pm at the Everest Hall.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Beavan (Chairman), Zoe Croose, John Lane, Roy Lloyd.

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin, Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk

1. **Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Darren Knipe & Cllr Abbie Price.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations.** None received.
4. **Open Discussion**
 - 4.1. Views of the public on agenda business items. No members of public were present.
 - 4.2. Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin reported the Shropshire Council Local Plan Enquiry is taking place. The inspector asks the Council questions on the plan to 2038, initially on strategic policies. Discussions included mitigation measures in the Clun catchment area, nutrient neutrality and whether mitigation is possible to achieve under the current proposals. If it is undeliverable, it will need to be reconsidered.
Ukrainian settlement scheme - refugees have been allocated to hosts, and given free bus travel.
5. **Minutes** of the Annual and Scheduled Parish Council Meetings held on 17 May 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the previous meeting.** No matters were raised.
7. **Reports from Councillors.** No reports were received.
8. **Planning. Items 8.1 to 8.3 were noted**
 - 8.1. 22/02759/DIS Llanfair Waterdine CP. The Graig Llanfair Waterdine Knighton Shropshire LD7 1TS Discharge of Condition 4 (Surface water drainage) associated with planning application number 21/05050/FUL. *Comments not invited.*
 - 8.2. 22/03069/AGR Hidmore Redgate Knighton Shropshire LD7 1YD. General purpose shed 80 feet long by 45 feet wide by 18 feet to the eaves, within the curtilage of another agricultural shed. *For Information Only, no comments are required.*
 - 8.3. **Planning update:** 22/01723/LBC (validated: 11/05/2022). Llantroft, Llanfair Waterdine, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8PD. Proposal: Rebuilding of stable (Barn 1), instead of previously approved repairs and alterations.
Decision: Grant Permission
9. **Finance.**
 - 9.1. Noted: Quarter End report from the Responsible Financial Officer. **RESOLVED** to accept recommendations as follows: Vire (transfer) £157.50 from General Reserves to Training budget heading, Vire £263.76 from General Reserves to Contingency budget heading, Change the online name of the bank account to Llanfairwaterdine Parish Council, as per the cheque book.
 - 9.2. **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made between meetings: postage costs for Llanfair Times reimbursed to Cllr Lane £12.97; Jubilee Mugs x 108 £664.94 gross (£110.82 VAT to be claimed); food for Jubilee Beacon event reimbursed to Cllr Lane £80; food for Jubilee Beacon event reimbursed to Cllr Croose £10.66; drinks for Jubilee Beacon event paid to Skyborry Cider and Perry £93.00.
 - 9.3. Barclays Bank Account balance £6,411.25 was noted, and it was **RESOLVED to** approve payments: Shropshire Council Fee for uncontested election in May 2021 £100.00; Craven Arms Design & Print Llanfair Times June edition £270.50; Clerk's Payroll Months 3 & 4 £325.44; HMRC PAYE Months 3 & 4 £81.20. Total payments £777.14
10. **Consultation.** A response to the Police & Crime Commissioner Parish Council Survey was agreed. The clerk was instructed to submit the deadline of 8 August 2022.
11. **Llanfair Community Trust.**
 - 11.1. A vacancy for a Trustee has arisen. Applications are invited by Monday 5 September. Interviews will take place prior to the meeting on 19 September. Councillors were encouraged to be pro-active in finding candidates. Clerk to circulate via a News item on the website.
 - 11.2. An update regarding bracken at The Triangle and its potentially overshadowing saplings was received from Trustees. It is hoped to control the bracken by cutting/rolling. A management plan is being drawn up and Trustees have recently been informed that planting more trees is not advisable due to the surrounding nesting

area for lapwings and curlews. This was not known before the trees were planted. It was **AGREED** the clerk will write and thank the Trust for its update, and suggest that spraying bracken may be more effective.

11.3. A grant from the Trust for £183.66 in respect of expenses incurred for the Jubilee Beacon has been received. A letter is to be sent to the Llanfair Community Trust thanking it for its support.

12. The Platinum Jubilee.

12.1. Thanks were recorded to everyone who contributed to the success of the Llanfair Waterdine Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including the Llanfair Singers, Everest Hall, the Parochial Church Council and The Pavilion. An email of thanks received from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster, was noted, including receipt of a virtual plaque – available to view on the Parish Council’s website.

12.2. Noted: Llanfair Jubilee mugs still available at less than cost, £5 each. 27 mugs had been presented to children in the Parish and following purchases at the meeting 19 are left. Clerk to advertise via the website.

13. Llanfair Times.

13.1. The Llanfair Times Constitution. It was **AGREED** to redraft the Llanfair Times & Lloyney News Policy, to be discussed further in September.

13.2. **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Mark Hughes as chair of Llanfair Times, if he is willing to accept, and to defer choice of a second Councillor until September.

13.3. Whether to continue printing and delivering copies now it is available online. Deferred until September.

13.4. A survey of parishioners in regard to 13.3 was **AGREED** in principle. Clerk to draft survey for further discussion in September.

14. **Airband Fibre to the Premises in the Parish.** Airband reported on 12 July – *“Build is progressing. Estimate completion the end of August if goes to plan. Delays can be expected with complex builds but currently there is good progress. Residents are reminded to register their interest at www.airband.co.uk. There is no commitment at this stage but it will enable the marketing team to keep everyone informed about the project.”* Clerk instructed to circulate a News item, and write to Airband thanking them for update, confirming councillors are not aware of the build being in progress, and expressing concern that the target cannot be reached.

15. Highways / Public Rights of Way

15.1. It was **AGREED** to contact Shropshire Council regarding signs and paraphernalia left behind by Highway Contractors near Melin-y-Grogue having first checked with Cllr Hughes that the items are still there. Reported: Certain potholes have been sprayed with white paint prior to being filled. **AGREED** to contact Shropshire Council thanking them, reiterating concerns that temporary repairs have taken place in the same areas for the last 3 years, that overlaying is badly needed and that it may prove more cost effective. Clerk to action.

15.2. Works under the Environmental Maintenance Grant. **RESOLVED** – Cllr Beavan to arrange

15.2.1. To have shingle and silt dug out of trap installed in 2021 near Graig wood.

15.2.2. To have grid installed at the top side of Graig wood to prevent brash washing into pipe under road.

Noted: ditching work to be done later in the year.

15.3. No issues were raised to report to the Footpaths Warden. Noted: Helen Beresford at Shropshire Council confirmed that the 4ft metal footpath gate requested in May to limit interaction of livestock due to health concerns would be installed soon. The work has been delayed due to injury.

16. Noted: The Llanfair Waterdine Village Green is registered as Unit No VG19 which confirms it is owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed to add it to the Asset Register.

17. Storage of historic and more recent Finance records and Minutes at the County Archive. **RESOLVED** to deposit all documents at the Archive for their safekeeping.

18. **Correspondence.** No items of correspondence were raised.

19. **Noted:** Date of next scheduled meeting – Monday 19 September 2022 7.30pm at the Everest Hall.

20. The meeting closed at 21:08

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Signed
Cllr Andrew Beavan, Chairman

Dated 26 September 2022