

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council on Thursday 17th January 2019, Everest Hall

Present

Cllr Andrew Beavan (Chair), Cllr Zoe Court (Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Barry Swancott, Cllr Roy Lloyd, Cllr Abbie Price, Cllr Caroline Beadle, Sarah Jameson (Clerk), plus 6 members of the public

- 1) **Welcome:** The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.
- 2) **Apologies:** None
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Beavan/Cllr Swancott – item 6 (Community Trust); Cllr Swancott – item 9 (Planning)

The Chair requested that some agenda items were brought forward (so, items 12 and 16 from agenda became items 5 and 6)

- 4) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th November and the Special Meeting of Thursday 12th December 2018 were both approved and signed.
- 5) **Broadband update (item 12 brought forward to item 5)**
The Parish Council agreed to “To ratify the decision via email to request Chris New to do the desktop survey on topography of the parish for masts, with the Parish Council offer of making the first approach to landowners”. Proposed by Cllr Swancott; all agreed.
- 6) **Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust report (item 16 brought forward to item 6)**
Graham Trew announced that approval had been given for LEADER funding for the Community Field Pavilion project. The full grant amount had been awarded. This will be a volunteer project and work will start soon with a completion date of April 2020. Cllr Hughes proposed that the Trust be congratulated for the success of this bid. This project had come about as a direct result of the Community Led Plan. All Councillors agreed.
- 7) **Chris New presentation**
Chris New from SWS Broadband (wireless), gave a short presentation with a view to potentially supplying fast wireless broadband to the parish of Llanfair Waterdine. SWS currently have around 2500 customers across Shropshire, many in the South West of the county. He was unaware that Llanfair village has a fibre feed from Knighton. There is a possibility of bringing wireless broadband to the wider parish alongside qualifying businesses (for grant purposes, this does not include farming/agriculture). To progress, the Council now needs to ascertain actual *need* in the wider parish. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Court to liaise and circulate a broadband questionnaire door to door to all households and businesses with a view to feedback to Chris New in approx. 3 weeks. **MH/ZC**

(deadline – 7th Feb 19).

8) Public Speaking: There were no public speakers

9) Planning:

a) New applications:

A new planning application had arisen since the agenda had been circulated: Cllr Swancott left the room, having declared a prejudicial interest in the matter.

**Proposed Residential Development Land To The West Of Llanfair Waterdine
Erection of two affordable dwellings with garages and vehicular access
19/00124/FUL**

These proposed affordable houses (one house, one bungalow with 2 detached garages) would be to the West of the village and opposite the church. It was agreed that the Parish Council has been proactive on affordable housing in the past and had invited the Affordable Housing Officer, Maria Howell, to a Council meeting in May 2017. The applicants are eligible for affordable housing, so Cllr Hughes proposed that the Council resolve to support this application. Cllr Lloyd seconded, and all agreed. **Clerk to add comment of support to the planning portal.**

10) Highways update:

a) Parish Path Warden: Cllr Beadle said that Graham (Beadle) had met up with the Footpath Officer in late 2018 and had signed the relevant paperwork. He is hoping to start investigating local footpaths in the next month. Graham is happy to talk to the Council and provide updates for the Llanfair Times.

b) Highways issues:

1) Potholes: no progress has been made with the repair of the potholes in the Parish since the last meeting. **Clerk to follow up.**

2) Environmental Maintenance Grant: The Clerk had submitted the Council's application for this Grant in December 2018. We should hear if we've been successful around the end of January 2019. We will need to do the work and claim the grant by end March 2019. It was agreed that if successful, a meeting will be called to decide how/where to proceed. **Clerk to monitor.**

11) Finance:

a) See attached Financial report from Cllr Hughes

b) The following invoices were approved for payment:

i) £315.98 (Clerk salary and expenses)

ii) £257.60 (Zurich insurance – public and employers liability)

c) Budget for 2019/20 and Precept:

Cllr Hughes explained that the Council had agreed to reduce the Precept last year and keep £1000 back for contingencies. Our average expenditure is around £3800/year. A Precept of £2800 for 2019/20 was agreed. Cllr Beavan proposed to keep £1000 of reserves in a contingency fund for unspecified works; seconded by Cllr Lloyd. All agreed. Cllr Hughes was thanked and congratulated for his excellent and clear budget.

Cllr Hughes to circulate the amended budget figures to all, and progress the Precept

d) Everest Hall S137 grant application

The Parish Council had made an identical S137 grant offer of £500 to EHMC in November 2018 as had been offered (but not taken up) in 2017. The current grant offer repeats the stipulations given in 2017. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write back to EHMC to refer them back to the letter of November 18 and remind them there is no form to complete for this grant. Clerk also to circulate the Everest Hall accounts to Oct 18 to Councillors for their information. The current S137 grant offer will remain open until 31st March 2019. **SJ**

12) Welcome Packs: Cllr Price had brought along a copy of the Parish Welcome Pack. She had met with Richard Lewis in the summer about the Pack and it is being delivered to new Parish residents. If Councillors know of new people moving in to the Parish, please let Cllr Price know. It was agreed it was a very helpful Pack.

13) Parish Council Development Plan:

Clerk to circulate the Development Plan to all Councillors. This had been originally adopted in 2015. An amended version will need to be ratified at the March meeting. It was agreed that an interim meeting will need to be arranged in February to discuss the Plan and the amendments. **AB**

14) Llanfair Times update:

Sales of the 2019 Llanfair Calendar had resulted in a profit after costs of £485 which was to be donated to the Times by the volunteer photographers. Since the Times does not have its own bank account, Cllr Hughes proposed that the money should be held (ring fenced) by the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Price. All agreed.

15) PC Website

Clerk and Cllr Swancott to liaise over progressing the website. **SJ/BS**

16) Shropshire Council report: Nigel Hartin reported that the Community Enablement Team is being formally disbanded. Mathew Mead will be kept on as a Place Plan Officer, but it is not clear yet if he will cover our area. It was agreed he had been a great support to the Council. The LJC structure is about to change and Shropshire Council funding for this will cease in March 2019.

17) Local Joint Committee report: No report.

18) AONB update: It was suggested that we invite Phil Holden, Partnership Manager, Shropshire Hill AONB Partnership to speak at our Annual Parish Meeting this year about the SHAONB. The AGM date is 16th May. The APM date could be Thursday 9th May? **Clr Hughes to ask Phil Holden for a date.**

19) Defibrillator in Village Hall:

It was agreed a refresher course on the use of this machine would be worth arranging since the last was 2 years ago. Llanfair Times could do an item on this. **Clr Price to progress.**

20) Correspondence: None

21) Confidential business: None.

22) Next meetings: Thurs 21st March / Thurs 16th May / Thurs 18th July / Thurs 26th September (*note NOT 19th*) and Thurs 21st November.

23) The meeting closed at 9.30pm

SignedDate