

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council on Thursday 26th September 2019, Everest Hall

Present

Cllr Andrew Beavan (Chair), Cllr Zoe Croose (nee Court), Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Barry Swancott, Cllr Abbie Price, Cllr Roy Lloyd, Sarah Jameson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. The Chair opened the meeting opened at 7.30pm and wished a happy birthday to Cllr Hughes and congratulated Cllr Croose on her recent wedding. She was presented with a small gift from the Parish Council.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Caroline Beadle
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Beavan and Swancott, Item 13
4. **The draft Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 18th July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Public speaking:** Janet Lewis spoke with regard to Item 9 – Climate Emergency Declaration and Tree Planting. Janet explained that the IPCC (International Panel on Climate Change) was currently recommending planting 1.5 billion trees in the UK to help mitigate the effects of Climate Change. This breaks down to an average of over 50,000 trees in every Parish in England. Janet had spoken to several local farmers, most of whom had no opposition to the idea of tree planting, but they would lose their Basic Farm Payment on land where they planted trees and the cost of planting and time and cost required to maintain young trees was not generally something they would be able to easily do. The Shropshire Hills AONB is keen to encourage tree planting and Conservation Fund monies may be available (eg for riverside plantings).
6. **Planning:**

A) Update on existing applications:

i) 19/00357/LBC | Exterior alterations to Listed Building, Nantiago

(Llanfair PC had supported this application) – Granted permission

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

(Llanfair PC had supported this application) – (still) Pending Consideration

B) 17/05705/FUL – Proposed Telecommunications mast, Garn Rock, Stoney Pound.

Llanfair Waterdine PC had supported this application in January 2018. However, the Clerk had recently received a complaint from a local resident that he had not been notified by the Parish, or County Council, of the erection of the mast close to his home. The Clerk had written to the parishioner explaining that the Parish Council is not responsible for informing local residents about planning applications. It was also noted that for planning applications

of this type, it appears that Shropshire Council do not alert neighbouring parishes (eg in this instance Newcastle or Bettws). It was agreed that the Clerk write to neighbouring parishes to suggest that we might start to notify each other of applications that may impinge on each other. Clerk to write to Clun and Chapel Lawn, Bettws and Newcastle Parishes.

7. Highways

a) Potholes: Further repair work had now been done. Councillors were encouraged to look at Shropshire Council's 'potholes reporting' [website here](#) and familiarise themselves with the process of reporting potholes. The Clerk had produced a short guide to this process.

b) Environmental Maintenance Grant: £250 had now been paid into the PC account from Shropshire Council in readiness for the 2019/20 work. This needs to be spent by March 2020. It was agreed that Iorweth Waters might be asked to do this work again once the autumn is over and that afterwards Shropshire Council should be asked to provide a gully machine since many grids are still silted. Cllr Hughes to help provide a map for this purpose. Cllr Beavan to progress matters with Mr Waters and Shropshire Council.

c) Footpath Officer: Cllr Beadle's Footpath update was read out. It was agreed he was doing a very useful job for the parish.

d) Traffic calming: Cllr Hughes felt a picket fence welcoming visitors/drivers to the village would look attractive and help slow down drivers. A site meeting was agreed for 2nd October to decide on the best sign location/s. The 'flashing' speed signs that are being used at Bedstone & Bucknell Parish are not available to loan at present.

8. Finance

- a) Cllr Hughes's financial report was read out. (Report attached).
- b) The following invoices were approved and paid: i) Clerk's invoice for July/Aug (incl expenses) of £324.06; (ii) SALC membership (£139.78).
- c) Further compliance with new NALC Model Financial Regulations:
Cllr Hughes had looked at this document and felt that it would entail too much bureaucracy for little or no benefit (since our parish has a small turnover, all cheque payments are sanctioned at public Parish Council meetings and we do not have an online bank account, etc.). He will complete the necessary form/s omitting items that are not necessary. The matter will be further discussed at the November meeting.

9. Climate Emergency Declaration and Tree Planting: It was felt that tree planting would be a suitable thing for the Parish Council to encourage and initiate. The Community Trust and Church may be willing to take part by offering land for tree planting. An item will be put in the Llanfair Times. Clerk to ask Janet Lewis if she might be willing to co-ordinate this effort. It was agreed that to start the process, the Council would purchase one pack of 105 saplings (Woodland Trust) for £105. These could be heeled in prior to suitable ground being found. Clerk to progress.

10. Llanfair Times review

It was agreed that the two Parish Council representatives on the editorial team should see all proposed content in good time. Leaflets and inserts should only be included if the contents were

relevant. Adverts in the Times can add value and a small charge could be made to local businesses for this service. Cllrs Swancott and Croose to progress.

11. Shropshire Council – No report

12. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust – The Pavilion is now waterproof and is running one month ahead of schedule.

13. AONB report – Cllr Hughes’ two year term on the AONB advisory committee expired and was re-elected to serve a further term. Phil Holden (Manager, SHAONB Partnership) would like to discuss grazing with representatives from the Council. Cllr Hughes to find suitable dates for an informal discussion in the next few weeks.

14. Defibrillator update – No training had yet taken place on the VOIP system. Agreed that Cllr Swancott would come off the list of VOIP contacts. Cllrs Hughes, Beavan and Lloyd remain the VOIP contacts for the parish and Cllr Beavan will organise a training date.

15. Correspondence – a) ICO – data protection fee. It was agreed that although our PC holds very little personal data, we must comply with the new data protection regulations which entails a £35/year fee to the ICO. Cllr Hughes to complete the online form and set up a subscription.

b) Water and flooding. A parishioner had reported recent problems with the (mains) water supply which had been under too much pressure, some flooding. The pressure had been amended but the flow rate was still not satisfactory. It was agreed that if this matter remains ongoing or unresolved the Parish Council will support parishioners in this matter.

16. Confidential business – None

17. Next meeting: Thurs 21st November.

For 2020, meetings will continue on the 3rd Thursday every other months, namely:

16th January 2020

19th March 2020

21st May 2020

16th July 2020

17th September 2020

19th November 2020

Clerk to write to the Everest Hall to book the room.

18. Meeting ended at 9.15pm.

SignedDate