

## Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of scheduled meeting Monday 16 January 2023, 7:30pm at the Pavilion.

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

**In attendance:** County Councillor Nigel Hartin, Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk

1. **Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed Abbie Price's resignation from the Council. Abbie is thanked for her contribution to the Parish during her time on the council, and it is hoped she may stand for election again in the future.
2. **Apologies for absence.** None received.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations.** Cllrs Croose and Beavan declared an interest in item 8.
4. **Open Discussion**
  - 4.1. Views of the public parish matters. No members of public were present.
  - 4.2. Report from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin. Please see Appendix 1 attached to these Minutes.
5. **Minutes.** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 November 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.

Prior to item 8 The Chairman handed the meeting to the Vice Chairman, Cllr Mark Hughes, and Cllrs Croose and Beavan left the room.

### 8. **Planning. Response to application to be determined by Shropshire Council**

Reference: [22/05448/FUL](#) (validated: 05/12/2022) The Vedw, Llanfair Waterdine, Knighton, Shropshire, LD7 1TU  
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose domestic outbuilding. **RESOLVED** to support application 22/05448/FUL

Cllrs Croose & Beavan returned to the room. Cllr Beavan resumed chairmanship of the meeting.

### 9. **Finance.**

- 9.1. Noted: quarter end report received from the Financial Officer. **RESOLVED** to vire £305 from reserves to Clerk's Salary budget heading and to no longer refer to funds budgeted for Llanfair Times as 'earmarked'.
- 9.2. Agreed: Cllr John Lane will join the Finance Working Group.
- 9.3. Noted: Barclays Bank Account balance on 11 January 2023 £4,840.27
- 9.4. **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made between meetings: £5.15 to Cllr John Lane, postage for Llanfair Times. £35 direct debit to the Information Commissioners Office.
- 9.5. **RESOLVED** to make payments to  
Craven Design & Print - Llanfair Times December edition £318.50;  
Clerk's Payroll Months 9 & 10 (inc. £138.67 backpay agreed Nov 2022 backdated to 1 Apr 2022) £464.18;  
HMRC PAYE Months 9 & 10 £115.80;  
Cllr John Lane postage - Llanfair Times distribution, £6.50;  
Clerk's Expenses and Annual Home Working Allowance £56.08 (£6.08 for stationery and £50 annual allowance).  
Total payments £961.06
- 9.6. Agreed: Cllr Mark Hughes will authorise online payments until the March meeting.

### 10. **Llanfair Times.** Results of the survey on the future of the Llanfair Times.

23 responses were received. No negative results. 22 of the 23 can access it online. 1 did not have online access. Of those able to access it online 6 preferred reading online copy and 16 preferred a paper copy. 18 of 23 would like 4 editions a year.

Reported:

Cllr Hughes – Editorial Team is strong and working well.

Cllr Lane – Distribution. Considered manageable. A four-hour task picking up and passing on to various volunteer distributors. Benefits of paper copy reported by distributors, who are thanked for carrying out this task.

Note: The publication is available on the website.

Proposal 1. To continue as before. 4 editions a year, printed and delivered/posted. Seconded.

Proposal 2. To produce 4 editions a year, available online only. Not seconded.

Amendment to Proposal 1. That the number of editions be reduced to 3. Seconded.

**RESOLVED** to accept Proposal 1 with Amendment, producing 3 editions per year in March, July and November.

**RESOLVED** to apply to Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust for a grant of £200 towards 2022/23 costs of providing Llanfair Times to Lloyney residents.

**RESOLVED** Subscription fees for other readers (not in Llanfair Waterdine Parish or covered by Llanfair Community Trust Grant) set at £5 per annum for printing and hand delivery, and £10 per annum for printing and posting.

11. **Quotations for Insurance from 16 February 2023.** Three quotations were received. Zurich £214 p.a.; BHIB £490.25 p.a. or £468.30 p.a. if signed up for 3 years; Gallagher £619.74. **RESOLVED** to accept quote from Zurich Insurance. The Clerk was instructed to complete forms required and make payment before 16 February.

## 12. Events in 2023/24

12.1. The Coronation of King Charles III on 8 May 2023.

**RESOLVED** to arrange a joint meeting with The Trust, Everest Hall and the Pavilion Committee. Proposed date 7 February. Cllrs Mark Hughes and Roy Lloyd will represent the Council. Clerk to contact other groups.

12.2. The lighting of a beacon on 6 June 2024, in the celebration/commemoration/tribute to D-Day 80, the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy. **RESOLVED** to not arrange a beacon for this event.

13. **Budget.** Following discussions in November and January, **RESOLVED** to Budget £6,465.33 for 2023/24.

14. **Precept.** **RESOLVED** to set the Precept for 2023/24 at £4,500.00. Clerk to submit request to Shropshire Council.

## 15. Llanfair Community Trust.

Agreed: Cllr Beavan will write a news item to raise awareness of the Trust and Trustee vacancy to be included in the next edition of Llanfair Times.

Correspondence received and requested for discussion prior to the meeting.

The Community Trust has applied for a variation to the current premises licence conditions, to remove the majority of the annex 3 conditions, including the requirement for each member to be first-aid and fire safety trained, and for a least one member to be a personal licence holder. Similar conditions are not shared by other organisations for example village halls or clubs. These conditions are burdensome to individual Trustees and a financial draw on the Trust's funds. The application is to include the boules pitch; extend the opening hours from 11pm to 12:30am, and licensable hours from 10:30pm to 12am.

Councillors agreed the pro-active team of volunteers running the Pavilion, to the benefit of the community, has established a successful track record. It was unanimously agreed to fully support the application which would make this community venture run by volunteers more manageable.

16. **Vacancy.** A vacancy on the Parish Council was noted. Following confirmation from the Elections office that no request for a by-election was received, the Parish Council is required to co-opt as soon as practicable. Notice to be posted in Llanfair Waterdine and on the Parish Council website. Applications to be considered at the March meeting. Information also to be included in the Llanfair Times.

## 17. Highways / Public Rights of Way

17.1. Issues relating to Highways – reported:

17.1.1. Cllr Hughes - collapse of roadside bank due to water erosion. To be reported to Shropshire Council.

Location: Road number U6236/ 10; Crochen Brook to Cwm Brain.

17.1.2. Cllr Knipe - improvement following works under Graig Wood.

17.1.3. Cllr Lloyd - blocked pipe following recent rains at Lower Bryn Bedw, Dowke Hill junction to Red Lane, Lower Wain, LD7 1UB.

17.2. Works under the Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG). Agreed: Cllr Beavan to arrange for 17.1.3 to be checked under the Environment Maintenance Grant. **RESOLVED** to pay G M Lloyd Inv. 805 £730.80 gross

(£121.80 VAT to be reclaimed) for drainage work in the Parish under the EMG scheme.

17.3. Issues to report to the Footpaths Warden. None reported.

18. **Airband Fibre to the Premises in the Parish.** County Councillor Nigel Hartin confirmed a meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 24 January. (See Appendix 1.) Agreed: Llanfair Waterdine Parish Councillors will attend, and raise issues as appropriate, including querying whether monies paid to Airband for the contract will be refunded to Shropshire Council.

19. **Correspondence.** Discussed in detail items of correspondence (so requested by members before the meeting).

19.1. Parish.UK Network Contact details on parish.uk website. Agreed: Clerk to confirm email address is correct. No further detail to be added.

19.2. SpArc – request for support from Parish Councils in Clun District. Agreed: The Parish Council supports SpArc on the basis that children in the Parish attend schools which use SpArc facilities.

19.3. Code of Conduct', Zoom training Thursday (19th January), 6.30pm – 8pm. £20. Agreed: Clerk may attend.

19.4. Subsidised Tree Scheme 2023. Agreed: to not purchase trees, but to inform residents of the offer via a news item on the website.

20. **Noted:** Date of next scheduled meeting – 7.30pm on Monday 20 March 2023, to be held at the Pavilion.

21. The meeting closed at 21:33

Original signed and on file

Signed .....  
Cllr Andrew Beavan, Chairman

Dated 20 March 2023

## Appendix 1

Report from Cllr Nigel Hartin, Shropshire Council

**Broadband - Airband contract.** Meeting arranged on Tuesday the 24 January for Cllrs from three parishes, Llanfair Waterdine, Bettws & Stowe. Chris Taylor & Ben Walker from Shropshire Council will be in attendance, as will Airband.

### **Boundary Commission - Redrawing of Division Boundaries.**

Discussions are underway about Boundary commission proposals for changes to Shropshire Council Division boundaries. Boundary commission has rejected Shropshire Council proposals to change number of Councillors from 74 to 76. Principle followed is for Divisions to be for 1 member only & ideally contain 3,600 electors +/- 10%. (2,520 electors, with Clun on 3,205 & Bishops Castle on 3,011).

This affects this areas three Divisions, Clun Bishops Castle & Chirbury & Worthen as follows: Each division is large geographically and sparsely populated. Each has a shortfall in electors with Chirbury & Worthen forecast to be 30% below the 3,600 electors' target. Officers have now come up with two options 74 & 75 members. It is proposed that under a 75-member Council the division boundaries should remain unaltered. There is now the other option under consideration in order to stick with 74 - which would mean Clun Division expanding to just below Bishop's castle, Bishops Castle expanding to close to Worthen, and Worthen disappearing into Loton Division, which would mean Chirbury & Worthen ceased to exist. (My colleague Heather Kidd is not too chuffed with this option however).

### **Voter ID regulations.**

Voters in England will soon need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations. From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections. No elections are planned in the Shropshire Council area this year, but from late January anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID – known as a Voter

Authority Certificate at [www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/](http://www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/) or by completing a paper form. Shropshire Council is keen to inform residents in case a General Election is called.

### **Government Energy Bills Support Scheme - More information.**

An update for those who could not receive their £400 energy grant from the Government and also includes information on the Government energy bills support scheme alternative funding including for those off the gas grid using LPG, oil, coal and wood.

Applications to the Government's Energy Bills Support Scheme – Alternative Funding (EBSS AF) is due to open in the next few weeks, bringing more much needed help to many Shropshire residents.

The scheme means that households who didn't receive the original energy bills support, such as those without their own electricity meter or without a direct relationship to an electricity supplier, may be eligible for a £400 support payment.

This might include people who live in

- care homes or park homes,
- residents of caravans and houseboats,
- as well as some private tenants.
- social and private tenants who pay for energy through a landlord on a commercial supply
- travellers
- homes on a heat network/private wire
- off-grid homes
- farmhouses used for wholly domestic purposes

There are lots of circumstances that might have led you to miss the original Energy Bills Support Scheme. The updated package aims to get the right support to everybody who needs it. If you don't heat your home with mains gas and use an alternative fuel which could include oil, biomass and bottled gas, you might also be able to get an additional £200 payment, known as the Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP).

If you want email updates as more information is available, such as when applications open and how to access them, you can sign up to Shropshire Councils mailing list for cost of living updates using this link [cost-of-living mailing list](#). You will be able to apply through a gov.uk portal, but there will also be a Government helpline available. The portal is not yet available but is expected to open this month. Most households eligible for this further payment will receive it automatically through their electricity supplier. If you don't have any relationship with an energy provider, a separate Government application portal is due to open in the coming weeks.