

Draft Minutes of Llanfair Waterdine Annual Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 12th May 2016

Present

Cllr Andrew Beavan (Chair)

Cllr Richard Lewis (Vice Chair)

Cllr Mark Hughes (acting as clerk to the council for this meeting)

Cllr Barry Swancott

Cllr Roger Thomas

Shropshire Cllr Nigel Hartin

5 members of the public

1. Election of Chair
 - Cllr Andrew Beavan proposed Cllr Barry Swancott for Chair. Seconded by Cllr Mark Hughes. Agreed unanimously. Cllr Richard Lewis thanked Cllr Andrew Beavan for his work during his time as Chairman. Cllr Swancott duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance.
2. Election of Vice Chair
 - Cllr Richard Lewis proposed Cllr Andrew Beavan for Vice Chair. Seconded by Cllr Roger Thomas. Agreed unanimously.
3. Apologies for absence
 - Cllr Janet Lewis
4. Chair's report
 - This was adopted by the council and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May.
5. Declaration of interests.
 - Cllr Mark Hughes informed council that he is a supplier to The Waterdine ref 16.c below.
6. Questions from the public
 - Iorwerth Waters voiced concern about the loss of a licensed restaurant and whether anything could be done about this ref 16.c below.
7. Minutes of previous meetings
 - Draft minutes of the Llanfairwaterdine Parish council meetings held on March 10th and April 21st were agreed and signed as a true record.

- Council clarified that it would aim to publish minutes of meetings within seven days and these would be published on the parish notice boards as well as the website www.llanfairparish.co.uk.
8. Finance- Cllr Hughes
 - Report attached
 9. Development Plan update
 - Council will aim to have an updated version would be ready in time for the Annual Parish Meeting and councillors will meet informally before then to finalise it.
 10. Community Led Plan
 - As this is now a finished document, it will be used as a working document for the Council to update the Development Plan.
 - Council resolved to formally ask the different interest groups within the parish to consider results for the CLP with a view to a public meeting later in the year. Cllrs Hughes and Thomas agreed to take this forward.
 11. Review of Councillor conduct and internal inquiries
 - The Chairman proposed a resolution to exclude public and press from the discussion of this matter as this review would include employment matters, and therefore should be discussed at the end of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Roger Thomas. Agreed. After this matter was subsequently discussed a Council Statement was produced and a copy can be viewed on council notice boards and website.
 12. Shropshire Councillor's report Cllr Nigel Hartin
 - Cllr Hartin outlined changes to the County Council leadership and decision-making processes designed to be more transparent. He outlined budget cuts amounting to over £140m (or 40%) compared to five years ago. This results in, amongst other things, 50% fewer staff than four years ago and a £30m shortfall on last year's budget.
 - SCC will be forced to withdraw many non-statutory services and will be asking local communities so help find ways of maintaining these.
 - Cllr Hartin also spoke about changes to the Affordable Housing Levy whereby developments of fewer than 10 houses no longer have to pay the levy which will reduce the amount available for affordable housing in the county.
 - The Fire Service will now fall under the control of the Police Commissioner.
 13. Confidential items - none raised
 14. Highways - Cllr Beavan
 - Report attached
 15. Footpaths - Cllr Lewis
 - Nothing to report
 16. Planning

a)16/00858/FUL The Graig Llanfair Waterdine Shropshire LD7 ITS

Erection of extension to northern gable end of existing free range egg production unit.

- This application was supported by the council

b) 16/00850/FUL The Graig Llanfair Waterdine Knighton Shropshire LD7 ITS
Erection of extension to southern gable end of existing free range egg production unit

- This application was supported by the council

c) 16/01621/FUL The Waterdine Llanfair Waterdine Knighton Shropshire LD7 1TU
Change of use from Restaurant A3 to single dwelling (C3)

- Council agreed to oppose the application whilst making it clear that they are very sympathetic to the personal circumstances driving this application. It was agreed that council would write to Ken and Isabel Adams explaining its position.
- The council resolved to investigate the possibility of placing The Waterdine on a list of Community Assets to safeguard the presence of a licensed premises in the village for the future.

17. Commemoration of the Queen's birthday

- Council agreed to commemorate the Queen's birthday in some way and would see if any ideas emanate from CLP discussions.

18. Community Trust Cllr J Lewis

- Report attached.
- There will be a Summer Event at The Triangle again this year on Saturday 2nd July. Please keep the date, pass the word and look out for more details.

19. LJC Cllr Beavan

- Report attached

20. Communications

- Website Council
 - Minutes of historical council meeting will be loaded onto the website as soon as possible.
 - It was suggested that a parish gallery of local photographs could be included.
 - It was agreed to collect as many email addresses as possible so that parishioners could be alerted to any updates to the website.
- Successor to Link /Community newsletter - Cllr R Lewis
 - It was agreed that Link had been a very valuable publication. Cllr Lewis proposed that Council should aim to publish a newsletter itself. Contributors will be approached with a view to a new edition by the end of July. Seconded by Cllr Thomas. Agreed.
- Welcome packs
 - Cllr R Lewis reported that three packs had been distributed to new parishioners with a fourth about to be delivered.

20. Correspondence

- A letter was received from the Campaign to Save SpArC in Bishops Castle asking for support. The Chairman proposed that a donation of £50 would be made immediately to show Council's support and that a further sum would be considered when Council discusses charitable donations as planned in July. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. Agreed.
- A Formal Complaint against the Council was received and Council will hold a special meeting to review this.

21. Appointment of a clerk

- In hand

22. Dates of next meetings

- 24th May 2016 Annual Parish meeting
- 14th July 2016
- 15th Sept 2016
- 17th Nov 2016

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Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council Report

Appendix Ref:	
Topic:	Finance
Prepared By:	Mark Hughes

Report:

Statement of Finance May 2016

Current Balance £6,341.43

N.B. £81.50 is CLP funds and £517.87 is Transparency Grant
so available balance is £5742.06

Bill Payments since last meeting

31st March £89.56 CLP expenses

11th April £916.56 Laptop, software, printer etc from Transparency Grant

No outstanding payments

Budget 15/16

Expenses were within budget and Annual Return needs to be submitted by end June.

Budget 16/17

Approved Precept from SC is £4163.00 and was paid in on 29th April

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Appendix Ref:	
Topic:	Highways 12 th May 2016
Prepared By:	Andrew Beavan
Report:	<p>Some pot holing and drain unblocking work has been carried out since our last report ,and we now look forward to the major work due to take place from Teme Cottage Bridge, through the village This will involve cutting into existing drives etc. ,sorting out drains and overlaying with Tarmac. .It is likely to be done in three phases during which time there will be some disruption to traffic. However the resulting improvements should be considerable.</p> <p>No date has been set for this work, but it is unlikely to be carried out before the autumn .The Council will be looking to keep everyone informed when information becomes available.</p> <p>Council has not received any other highway issues of urgency. However we are aware from the Community Led Plan that 51 people said they were willing to monitor and survey road condition and usage within the Parish.</p> <p>The Council will be considering how best to coordinate this very positive offer from parishioners in the near future.</p>

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LLANFAIR WATERDINE COMMUNITY TRUST

Report to Parish Council

8th May 2016

Since our last report the board of Trustees has been brought up to full strength, thanks to the nomination by the Parish Council on 19th January of Graham Trew and Roger Thomas to serve four year terms as Trustees. We are very grateful for the considerable time, thought and care that you gave to the task.

At the three Trustee meetings since then we have conducted a full field visit and then successfully let the grazing of the Trust's land;

we have considered applications and duly awarded four educational bursaries and one general benefit grant - to the Llanfair Singers; we have identified one more household where the peace of mind of both the occupants and their wider families can be assisted through the installation of a fully funded Panic alarm - these are monitored 24 hours a day by Herefordshire Housing; we have also decided to organise another informal summer event, this year at The Triangle, for Saturday 2nd July, in conjunction with Life, Land & Livelihood, the Offa's Dyke Association and various other organisations and individuals; this will involve guided walks and talks, plus a barbecue and applebased liquid refreshments. Everyone welcome, so please pass the word!

The Trustees

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Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council Report

Appendix Ref:	
Topic:	LJC Public Meeting 14 th April 2016
Prepared By:	Andrew Beavan
Report:	<p>I attended the Public LJC meeting held in the SpArC centre Bishops Castle on April 14th. Most Council representatives and our county Councillors were present to hear the important presentation on the future of Shropshire Council Services in South West Shropshire. The Hall was full of members of the public who appeared to have gathered out of concern as to the future of SpArC itself.</p> <p>Malcom Pate leader of Shropshire Council lead the presentation supported by the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council Clive Wright.</p> <p>Malcome Pate stated that there was a huge challenge in Shropshire to continue to deliver services in the future due to budget cuts .He said that the Government formula was wrong and was working against Councils such as Shropshire with a large number of older residents . He said he had a meeting planned with Greg Clark in May and that this was the best hope of Shropshire getting a better deal from Westminster.</p> <p>It appears likely that Shropshire Council will seek to work in partnership with town and Parish Councils to deliver services such as libraries ,road maintenance etc at a local level ,there may be precept implications to some to these initiatives.</p> <p>Clive Wright went on to say how efficient Shropshire Council had become with statutory duties but that Government cuts meant that funding of £200 Million would effectively become £20 Million.</p> <p>Nearly all questioning came from the Public and was in relation to the possible closure of SpArC .Feelings were running high with considerable local support to keep the centre open . Clive Wright urged local groups and Councils to come up with a management plan and to speak to Shropshire Council who would be keen to support and facilitate a solution to keep the centre open.</p> <p>Other business was that the youth budget of £3000 had all been allocated and a further £3000 would be available for 2016/17, however this is likely to be the last year it will be available.</p> <p>Two Local Grant applications were considered and approved those being The Bent Lawnt Memorial Project and the Hazelhurst CloseTenants Association for the establishment of a Lunch club.</p>

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Appendix Ref:	
Topic:	Communications – as identified below
Prepared By:	Richard Lewis

Report: Notice Boards: These now display the full Council with individuals' names beneath.

Telephones and Email Directory: This has been delayed. I would like to discuss the best way of gaining the required information from those willing to impart it and who have not already done so. As Councillors know, other than new Councillors, I have devised a new form which, if agreed by Council, we need to distribute rather as we did with Development Plan.

Parish Newsletter: With the finishing of the paper Llink, I propose that Council discuss the possibility of beginning a new Newsletter, which, although under the management of the Council, is nevertheless edited by a small group.

Welcome Pack: Three Packs have been delivered recently and I await feedback as to their usefulness.

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Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council Report

Appendix Ref:	
Topic:	Communications - Course – Good Grief – The loneliness of bereavement
Prepared By:	Richard Lewis

Report:

I attended this one-day course in Leominster Priory on 7 May, which was hosted by the Dean of Hereford Cathedral and Mike Keel, the Chief Executive of St Michael's Hospice, also in Hereford. This was a fascinating day: course participants came from a wide range of backgrounds, the course being held for those wishing to find out more about the process of bereavement and those, like us, with community responsibilities.

Firstly, a word about helping the bereaved. We were told that a manual for those in the mental health professions has, in its latest publication, included grief as an illness. It is clearly not an illness but a process through which people go. There is no cure for bereavement, as it is not possible to give back to the person what they have lost. Rather, there are behaviours of others – neighbours, friends – that certainly help.

Professor Allan Kellehear thought that there was too much emphasis – even an obsession – with professional interventions. The bereaved are often alone because there is still a notion that bereavement is best dealt with by professionals. Professor Kellehear dispelled this myth. Certainly professionals will hopefully be good listeners, but they might be under undue pressure, which community members might not. We need to look to each other within the community. Loss is universal and we will all experience it at some time in our lives – so why make it a trained person's responsibility?

We heard from Christina Welch of Winchester University about the role of supporting the bereaved from many different faith communities and there was a marked difference in the way in which this takes place in the Christian tradition and, for example, within Judaism.

Helen Clarke reminded us that bereavement recovery is not linear. I think we might all have asked the bereaved how they are. The answer often confirms Helen Clarke's statement, as they say something like "I have my good days and I have my bad days". Helen noted that on the one hand there will be loss-orientation, denial and the avoidance of change. On the other hand there will be restoration-orientation, doing new things, attending to changes, denial and avoidance of grief. Typically, the bereaved will move between the two states.

It was stressed that if we are with the bereaved it helps to:

- listen;
- to respond appropriately;
- to get resources and advice and
- to look after yourself.

Do not say to the bereaved that you know how they feel – you don't but do say that you would like to do something to help and ask for a job. Be prepared to be with them there for the long haul.

I have the following resources: "Has Someone Died?" and a "Bereavement Support Directory". I will be ordering "Is there anything I can do? How to help someone who is bereaved" and "Facing Bereavement", which I am happy to share or to be a Parish Council resource.

Lastly, we were told that we need to look after one another and be part of creating caring communities.

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Appendix Ref:	
Topic:	Communications – Meeting – Supporting Refugees
Prepared By:	Richard Lewis

Report: I attended a course in the Bishop's Palace in Hereford about Diocesan (and County) support for refugees. Bishop Richard, the Diocesan Bishop, spoke and facilitated other speakers, most notably Martin Samuels for Herefordshire Council and Jeffery Beatty who told us of experiences in Wales, mentioning Brecon, Hay and Talgarth Group, and the City of Sanctuary movement. There was a wide range of course participants, from, for example, Homestart, the Samaritans and the local Christian denominations and the Muslim community, to those representing the Diocese in different ways and those who were simply representing themselves and their families or parish groups. It is seen as important to cascade the information from the evening to Parochial Church Councils and to Parish Councils. Our county, Shropshire, was apparently in the forefront of developments by appointing a full-time refugee officer.

Martin Samuels clarified the situation for us thus, speaking at length:

There are three groups of people, all of whom are very vulnerable.

The three groups are:

Unaccompanied children: 1000 have been placed and there are already more to arrive. Herefordshire, for example, at the moment, has six children and is taking six more who will go into foster care.

Asylum seekers: these are mainly young adult men. They are not allowed to work. Their assessment is outsourced. They are not encouraged to integrate.

Syrian refugees: They are from the camps along the Syrian border and are family groups with five years' leave to remain. The Public Sector has a full range of statutory duties and the refugees have rights like ours.

How are Syrian refugees funded for education, health and general support?

Year 1 funding comes from the Department of International Development;

Years 2 – 5 funding is by the Home Office.

Additional funds are available for those with complex needs.

Herefordshire will take 15 to 20 families (60 individuals) and this will be phased. People will go into up to three locations in Herefordshire and two in Powys. (Martin Samuels thought that circumstances were similar in other counties, so this also applies to Shropshire.) People will arrive in September after support services are sorted.

Will refugees go to the top of the social housing list? They will not. They will go into privately rented accommodation.

Syrian refugees are often able to speak English, having learnt it at school.

The City of Sanctuary movement offers respite for refugees. It seems unlikely that refugees will come here to settle as it is preferable for them to be in groups to avoid feelings of isolation in already traumatised people. However, some might benefit from respite days, as not all will have come from cities in their homeland: some will have come from a very rural setting. Knighton and District Refugee Support Group, of which a parishioner has recently been Chair, - they have a revolving Chair – looks forward to welcoming refugees, from a city, in June for a respite weekend.

We spoke briefly of the need for individuals and families to be able to worship: some refugees will be Christian but for those who are Muslim there are no Mosques hereabouts so temporary prayer space, even if small, will be an essential and courteous consideration and provision.