

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council on Thursday 21st March 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 Cllr Nigel Hartin and 1 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 15
- 4) **Minutes of Thursday 17th January 2019:** Correction to Minute 19: Councillor *Price*, not Cllr Court - Clerk to amend. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th January were then approved and signed.
- 5) **Public speakers:** None
- 6) **Planning: New application: 19/00357/LBC | Exterior alterations to Listed Building including reconstruction of south porch; replacement steps; roof works; replacement front door; provision of timber barge-boards to the south gables and dormers | Nantiago Llanfair Waterdine:**
The Council agreed to ratify the email decision taken since the last PC meeting to support this application.
- 7) **Highways update:**
 - a) **Potholes:** See attached Highways report (Cllr Beavan). Cllr Swancott said that some pothole work has been done near Hurgin but the quality is not good. It was agreed the Clerk should write to Steven Davenport (Highways Dept) to say that the PC has done what it can with drainage via the Environmental Maintenance Grant, but that the pothole situation remains bad in the parish. Agreed that all councillors to send the Clerk photographs of the worst of the pothole damage in the parish in the next week.
 - Parishioner complaint re roads:** Cllr Hughes had been approached by two parishioners who had complained about mud on the roads in the parish, which is potentially dangerous. It was resolved that the Chair would speak to the farmer concerned.
 - b) **Environmental Maintenance Grant:** Iorwerth Waters had completed this drainage work and submitted his bill for £500 to the Council for payment. The Council had received the grant payment of £250 towards this work. Clerk to send a letter thanking Iorwerth for his meticulous work. The Council agreed to repeat this grant work in 2019/20 to the same value of £500 (with the Council contributing £250) – proposed by Cllr Swancott/seconded by Cllr Price. Clerk to follow up with Shropshire Council.

c) Footpath Officer update: See report. Cllr Beadle reported that Graham Beadle had sent his first report to Helen Beresford, Shropshire Council and has started to put in footpath markers. He has a walk planned on 23rd March in the parish

8) Finance

a) To receive a financial update:

See attached report. Cllr Hughes explained that £485 is ring-fenced for the Llanfair Times (from calendar sales). The Bank balance stands currently at £6168.26.

b) The following invoices were approved for payment:

- i) SALC (training for 3 new councillors) £81.00
- ii) Clerk salary/expenses for Jan/Feb £314.88
- iii) Defibrillator training £45.00

c) S137 grant:

The Chair read out a letter received from the Everest Hall Management Committee along with a copy of a recent EPMC Minute in relation to the S137 grant on offer. However, since they are still offering to circulate approved, rather than draft minutes to the Council, they continue to be non compliant with our terms and conditions of March 2017. The Council had therefore withdrawn the S137 grant offer.

9) Parish Council Development Plan – review

The review had taken place and the Development Plan will be updated and brought to the May meeting for adoption.

10) Llanfair Times:

The March edition is out and material for the June edition being gathered. The Times is approaching its third anniversary.

11) Broadband:

Cllrs Court and Hughes and others had worked hard to plot interested households on to a map for SWS. Twenty-seven properties had been identified as 'interested' in receiving fast broadband from SWS (ie one quarter of the parish). The Chair thanked everyone who had been involved in the information-gathering door to door. Clerk had sent the map to SWS and awaited reply.

12) PC Website

Clerk and Cllr Swancott to liaise over progressing the website.

13) Shropshire Council report: Nigel Hartin reported as follows:

a) There are political changes afoot at Shropshire Council. A by-election is due soon. Cllr Nutting will make changes to the cabinet structure.

b) Highways: There has been a re-organisation of management structure and a reduction in staffing including fewer inspectors. Ian Martin may be retiring. There is concern with regard to the performance of the Keir, the highways contractor. Cllr Hartin felt that Llanfair WD PC has been active and done good work with the EMG grant and by having a new and active Footpath Officer. Maintenance of footpaths is a statutory duty for Shropshire Council.

14) Local Joint Committee report: No report. The LJC has now been discontinued by Shropshire Council.

15). Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust: No report

16) AONB update: (Cllr Hughes)

i) The Glover report is currently reviewing AONBs and National Parks and their terms of engagement.

ii) The Shropshire Hills AONB are looking to reduce the number of people on their management committee and involve more farmers.

iii) Phil Holden, manager of the SHAONB, is booked to be the main speaker at the APM on 16th May 2019. He has offered to arrive earlier and see some farms/meet some farmers. It was agreed that we could accommodate this on the day. Cllr Hughes had produced a draft poster for the APM. Cllr Hughes to follow up arrangements with Phil Holden.

17) Defibrillator training:

This had taken place with 11 attendees. It was resolved to ratify the decision to request funding for this training from the Llanfair Community Trust (£45). However it had become clear on the training day that the defibrillator box attached to the wall of the Village Hall is in error mode and not functioning. Clun AED (Automated External Defibrillator) had originally fitted the box and this had been part-funded by the Parish Council. It was not clear to the Council who 'owned' the box or whether or not it had been wired to the coin meter or the permanent electricity supply. The former would affect battery life adversely.

It was agreed that:

- a) Cllr Price approach Clun AED urgently to find out more about the installation
- b) Clerk to write to Everest Hall to ask about the power supply
- c) A sum of up to £400 will be made available from PC funds to put the Defibrillator into working order, if it can be established that it does have a permanent power supply.
- d) To put up a temporary "Out of Order" notice on the box
- e) Cllr Price to inform the relevant '999' services that our box is out of order
- f) The Parish Council to take charge of the defibrillator in future

18) Correspondence:

a) Knighton Library: Knighton Town Council are asking local Parish Councils to support them, in partnership with Knighton Community Centre and Friends of Knighton Library, to maintain the Knighton Library service beyond 1st April 2020, since Powys Council are due to withdraw funding after that date. It was agreed we would lend our support. Clerk to write.

b) Grant to PCs for feasibility studies into renewable heating systems: Clerk was awaiting an info pack on this from Carbon Smart and will circulate to the Community Trust on receipt.

19) Details and arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting (Thursday 16th May): It was agreed that the APM date should be separate from the Annual PC meeting which will now take place on Tuesday 14th May. Phil Holden, manager, Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, will be the main speaker on 16th May. Clerk to book extra date with Everest Hall.

20) Confidential business: none

21. Next meetings – Tuesday 14th May (Annual PC Meeting) / Thursday 16th May (Annual Parish Meeting) / Thurs 18th July / Thurs Sept 26th / Thurs November 21st 2019

22) The meeting closed at 9.30pm

SignedDate