

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council on Tuesday 14th May 2019, Everest Hall

Present

Cllr Andrew Beavan (Chair), Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Barry Swancott, Cllr Abbie Price, Cllr Roy Lloyd, Sarah Jameson (Clerk), plus 1 member of the public

1. The Chair opened the meeting opened at 7.30pm
2. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and as such requires the election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Election of a Chairman

Cllr Swancott nominated Cllr Beavan, seconded by Cllr. Price. Carried unanimously.

3. Election of a Vice Chairman

Cllr Swancott proposed that this matter was deferred until the July meeting since Cllr Court was absent. There were no other nominations for the post of Vice Chair. All agreed. The Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Apologies for absence: Cllr Beadle, Cllr Court, Nigel Hartin

5. Declarations of interest: Cllrs Beavan and Swancott, Item 15

6. The draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 21st March 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

7. Public speaking

There were no public speaker requests

8. Planning:

**a) New application: 19/01451/FUL - Brackenway, Knighton, Shropshire, LD7 1TW
Alterations in connection with the erection of single storey front and rear extensions. To ratify the Council's decision to support this application.**

Due to time restraints, this application had been considered by Councillors via email since the last meeting and a decision had been made to support the application. Cllr Swancott proposed that the Council now ratified that decision. This was duly seconded by Cllr Lloyd; all agreed.

b) A new Discharge of Condition had appeared on the Shropshire Council portal regarding Criggin Stable (19/02106/DIS) - Discharge of conditions 5 (windows and doors), 6 (weatherboarding) and 7 (bat & bird boxes) on planning permission 16/04974/FUL for

the conversion of former agricultural building to residential dwelling. The Clerk had not been notified about this matter and will follow up the non notification with the Planning Department. Since the Council had originally been concerned about privacy (window/door placements etc) it was felt Councillors should have an opportunity to consider this DOC and arrange a site visit if this was necessary. Clerk to circulate link with 7 day deadline for responses.

9. Highways

a) Potholes Monaughty to Skyborry Green is now particularly bad. The road surfaces are also poor below the Green and between Llanfair Hall & Old Forge (turning to Cwm Collo). Clerk to follow up with Highways Dept.

b) Environmental Maintenance Grant: Iorwerth Waters had been paid for his work. Clerk to confirm to the Council that we do wish to have the grant again in 2019/20. Councillors felt the system had worked well.

c) Footpath Office: The Chair read out a report from the Footpath Officer (report attached)

10. 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 March/April (incl expenses) of £314.68, and (ii) Clun AED (£200 for defibrillator battery replacement).
- c) S137 grant. The PCC had received a £500 grant towards grass cutting for the past 2 years and they were due to present a report at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 16th May. Cllr Swancott proposed that the Council repeat the award this year. Seconded by Cllr Lloyd; all agreed. Clerk to write to Graham Trew & Rob Taylor.
- d) Cllr Hughes will look into the possibilities of the PC reclaiming VAT but this will not be via our SALC membership
- e) Annual Audit update: The internal audit had been carried out by Bob Bailey and he had approved the figures and signed the Audit. Since the Council is under the £25,000 limit, we sign a Certificate of Exemption from external audit. Clerk to put this information on to the website. The Council ratified the Annual Audit update and the Account statement was approved and signed. The Certificate of Exemption was also signed by the Chair.
- f) Public liability insurance – the matter of more than one organisation sharing PL insurance had been looked in to previously, but found to be impractical.

11. Parish Council Development Plan - review

Deferred from the March meeting. An updated version of the Development Plan had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Swancott proposed the Council formally adopt this Plan. This was seconded by Cllr Hughes; all agreed. A Review date of May 2021 was agreed. Clerk to add to Parish Council website. Chair to send a copy to the Clerk.

12. Llanfair Times report – There was no report

13. Broadband update.

The Chair explained that Chris New had been back in touch to say there were not enough households in the parish to make bringing SWS wireless broadband commercially viable. However, there are possible changes in 2020 when extra funding may be possible.

14. Shropshire Council report: There was no report

15. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust: There was no report

16. AONB Report – There was no report

17. Defibrillator: Cllr Price explained that Clun AED had successfully fitted a new battery to the defibrillator at Everest Hall and had confirmed that the electricity supply to the unit is not problematic. The battery had last been replaced 9 years ago. It had been agreed at the last meeting that the PC would fund the cost of the battery replacement. Four parishioners had originally been given VOIP phones and charged with monitoring the unit. Since the unit monitoring appears not to have taken place, it was agreed that the PC would nominate 4 new VOIP volunteers. Clerk to write to the original 4 volunteers to ask them to return the VOIP hardware and explain the new situation. It was agreed that the unit will henceforth be checked every two months, at every PC meeting. The four new VOIP volunteers (Cllr Hughes, Cllr Beavan, Cllr Swancott and Cllr Lloyd) will be trained free of charge by Clun AED. Cllr Price volunteered to monitor the unit.

18. Correspondence:

i) VE Day: 2020 will be the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Clerk to forward to the Community Trust.

ii) Climate Emergency: A letter from Richard Lewis had been circulated to councillors. Although the Council owns no assets it was felt that declaring a climate emergency was very much 'of the moment' and a good idea. Cllr Beavan proposed the declaration; Cllr Price seconded; all agreed. Cllr Beavan to write about the decision in the next Llanfair Times.

iii) Gift for Cllr Court: Cllr Swancott proposed that Council considers giving a small gift to Cllr Court on the event of her wedding later this year. Advice had been sought from SALC, but it was decided to proceed with a suitable gift up to the value of £30.

19. Approval of Chairman's Annual Report: Cllr Beavan had previously circulated the Annual Report to Councillors and this was approved for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May.

20. Next meeting dates: Thurs 18th July, Thurs 26th September **(note NOT 19th)** and Thurs 21st November.

21. Meeting ended at 9.30pm

SignedDate