

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council on Thursday 21st November 2019, Everest Hall

Present

Cllr Andrew Beavan (Chair), Cllr Zoe Croose (nee Court – Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Abbie Price, Cllr Roy Lloyd, Sarah Jameson (Clerk) plus Cllr Nigel Hartin and 1 member of the public

1. The Chair opened the meeting opened at 7.30pm and a short silence was observed in memory of Giles Swancott.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Barry Swancott, Cllr Caroline Beadle
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Beavan, Item 12
4. **The draft Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 27th September 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Public speaking:** There were no public speakers
6. **Planning:** There were no new planning applications to consider. It was noted that the application for the erection of two affordable dwellings was still pending consideration.
7. **Highways:**

a) Potholes: Councillors were concerned that the contractors, Kier, who have now been in the area repairing potholes, are not doing this to an acceptable standard. In addition, recent flooding had created further new potholes in the parish. There had also been an incident of road subsidence and reflectors had still not been replaced near Black Hall. Cllr Hughes will produce a parish map for circulation to councillors on which they can mark any potholes or highways problems of note. Alan Meyrick is the new highways officer for South Shropshire and it was agreed he should then be invited for a tour of the parish roads with Cllrs Lloyd and Hughes. Cllr Hughes to contact Mr Meyrick to send him the invitation.

b) Environmental Maintenance Grant: Cllr Beavan had spoken to Iorwerth Waters. Once the leaves have fallen, work will begin on the gullies. This should be before Christmas.

c) Footpath Officer: See the Footpath Officer's report appended. Graham Beadle was not getting support from Shropshire Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Helen Beresford (Shropshire Council) to request that the remedial work requested is done (copy to Graham Beadle and Cllr Hartin).

d) Traffic calming: A site meeting had taken place after the last PC meeting and Councillors attending had walked the length of the village. It was agreed that both current road signs are logically placed. Cllr Hughes suggested that the "Please Drive Carefully through the Village" signs

could be mounted on existing poles below the road signs. Clerk to investigate Shropshire Council's source of road signs and any grant help available for these.

e) Road subsidence between Melinygrove and The Runnis: There had been a complaint from a member of the public about subsidence and in separate incidents two refuse lorries had left the road. Clerk to thank the member of the public who raised this issue and add these matters to the list to bring to the attention of Mr Meyrick.

8. Finance

- a) Cllr Hughes's financial report was read out. (Report attached). The current bank balance is £5747.66
- b) The following invoices were approved and paid: i) Clerk's invoice for Sept/Oct (incl expenses) of £459.31; (ii) Everest Hall room hire 2018-19: £51.00.
- c) Compliance with new NALC Model Financial Regulations: Cllr Hughes read through the updated template document and Councillors approved which sections to adopt in the light of our Council's size and activities. Cllr Hughes to circulate the finalised document to all so it can be formally adopted at the next PC meeting. It was confirmed that Cllr Hughes is currently the Council's RFO (Responsible Financial Officer).
- d) Cllr Hughes had now gone through the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) documentation re GDPR and paid £35 for our PC's registration. This will be an annual subscription.

9. Climate Emergency Declaration and Tree Planting: The Clerk had purchased a pack of 105 native trees from the Woodland Trust and these will soon be delivered at Black Hall and heeled in ready for parishioners to plant in their gardens. It will be possible to plant some up at the Triangle. All councillors to spread the word. A notice will be included in the upcoming issue of the Llanfair Times. Clerk to ask Janet Lewis if she would be the Council's formal 'point of contact' for trees.

The Clerk had attended a meeting for Parish and Town Councils on the Climate Emergency. See report.

10. Llanfair Times review: The December issue of the Llanfair Times will be out soon. It was noted that Richard Lewis had formally stood down from the editorial team.

11. Shropshire Council report: Cllr Hartin reported that Shirehall budgets are over-run and there is a freeze on non-statutory funding. Kier will continue as highways contractors pro tem, although their performance has not been satisfactory.

12. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust: There will be a Trustee vacancy in January 2020 with the retirement by rotation of Graham Trew. The Clerk had re-drafted the application form and advert and will circulate and put on the website. Agreed to advertise the position as soon as possible and interview candidates on Monday 16th December (7.30pm). Clerk to book the Hall. Deadline for applications to be Wednesday 11th December.

13. AONB report: No report

14. Defibrillator update: Monday 25th November was chosen for VOIP training for relevant Councillors. A refresher defibrillator course will be organised in the spring.

15. VE Day – Friday 8th May 2020: This day will be a bank holiday. It is hoped that the Pavilion will be completed by this time so it can host a parish event for VE Day. Clerk to write to the Community Trust to say the Council is keen to be part of an event which could jointly celebrate VE Day and the opening of the Pavilion.

16. Correspondence: No correspondence

17. Confidential business: None

18. Next meeting: Thursday 16th January 2020

19. Meeting ended at 8.55pm

SignedDate

2020 meeting dates:

16th January 2020 / 19th March 2020 / 21st May 2020 / 16th July 2020 / 17th September 2020 / 19th November 2020

7c: Parish Footpath Officer's report (Graham Beadle) presented to November 2019 meeting:

Much of the same, no response yet from previous email to Helen Beresford which is mildly frustrating having requested reports from the locals it looks like no remedial work has been actioned or implemented. However I have continued with my occasional footpath and bridleway forays within the parish and hope for some top down action within the new year and will try and apply the wise words of Alexander Pope who once wrote 'Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.'

Sadly to report too that due to lack of support for the local community Bimbles I will leave to Spring 2020 to organise another.