

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council held on Thursday 15th March 2018

Present: Barry Swancott (Chair), Andrew Beavan, Mark Hughes, Zoe Court, Roy Lloyd and Abbie Price

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30 and explained that the Clerk was not able to make the meeting. All agreed that the Chair should take minutes.

2 Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor, Nigel Hartin who was attending another parish council meeting.

3. Declarations of interest. Cllr Swancott and Cllr Beavan (both item 15)

4. The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th January had been circulated in draft form, were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Public speaking none

6. Planning

a) it was noted that application for an extension at Stoney Pound had been approved. LWPC had supported. The application for a telecommunications mast at Garn Rock was awaiting a decision. LWPC had supported. It was noted that the application for a roof light in the stable block at The Runnis had been granted. LWPC had supported following an email decision in light of the deadline for comments. All agreed to ratify that decision

b) consideration was given to a new application for a replacement garage at Lower Skyborry. After discussion, it was agreed to support this application.

c) notification of an application in respect of a barn conversion at Upper Dyffryn, in Bettws parish. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this application had no impact upon LW parish and no comment was required.

7. Highways

a) Members reviewed the recent snow clearing operations in the parish. Cllr Lloyd (a contractor hired for snow clearing by SC) explained the protocol. All agreed that the contractors had done a marvellous job and it was decided to write to Ian Martin to thank and congratulate him. It was also agreed to request a map marked to illustrate which lengths of road each individual contractor is responsible for.

b) It was acknowledged that the recent spell of bad weather has resulted in some damage to roads. Agreed to ask Ian Martin if extra money is to be awarded or set aside to attend to repairs. Cllr

Swancott raised the issue of a passing place between Monaughty and Skyborry Green which was muddy and deep, however it was agreed to defer on this until cllrs carry out a survey of parish roads.

8. Finance

- a) Cllr Hughes presented his financial report (attached)
- b) it was resolved to pay the latest print bill for Llanfair Times following a previous resolution of Council
- c) Cllr Hughes confirmed that our application to the Transparency Fund has been successful with an award of £482.08

9. Councillor Vacancy

- a) The considerable contribution made by Richard Lewis was acknowledged and it was agreed that a letter signed by all Councillors should be sent. BS to draft.
- b) Notification has been received confirming we are free to co-opt. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy and request expressions of interest be submitted to the Clerk by Monday 16th April

10. Development Plan and Llanfair Times

- a) Agreed that Abbie will assume responsibility for Welcome Packs, BS to assume responsibility for Communications. The Christmas Post service will be discussed in September.
- b) BS advised that Richard Lewis was to remain on the Llanfair Times Editorial Team but a replacement PC member was required in accordance with the LT Policy. It was agreed that Zoe would be appointed the second PC member

11. Broadband

- a) Cllr Beavan reported on a conference call between himself and the Chair and Rob Jones and Lynsey Booth (BT Openreach). Siting a cabinet at Vedw turn is not now an option, following a survey of the infrastructure. The cabinet is to be sited at Lloyney Bridge. Following objections by Council, BT had offered a third option: FTTP for properties within the village. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that Council should support this option. The estimated delivery time is six months.
- b) **Community broadband initiative**, Cllr Hughes reported that little enthusiasm was evident for this scheme. Council, which had previously offered support to this scheme, agreed that it looked unlikely to progress at this stage.

12. PC Website

- a) Members considered a proposed design presented by Sarah Jameson. Members considered this to be excellent and accepted the quote of £450 for this work.
- b) Variations to the Llanfair Times Policy were agreed, in order to properly regulate the new website.

13. Shropshire Council No report in the absence of Nigel Hartin

14. Local Joint Committee No report for this meeting

15. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust The Chair advised that there was little to report this time because the last meeting of trustees was primarily concerned with award applications.

16. General Data Protection Regulations These are changing. It was agreed that the Chair in conjunction with the Clerk should consider these and report back to ensure Council's continued compliance.

17. Protocol for making decisions outside meetings had not been circulated prior to the meeting and will be considered at the May meetings

18. Correspondence. An email from Tim Russell was considered. Tim had offered to liaise on behalf of the Council with Enterprise South West Shropshire. It was noted that in the past we had a representative on this body. All agreed that we should gratefully accept Tim's kind offer.

Confirmation received from BT that the transfer of ownership of the kiosk at Lloyney to the Council has been completed. As LWCT is taking on responsibility for the kiosk it was agreed to write to the trustees advising them of this.

19. Confidential business none

20. Next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 17th May at 6.30. It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the same evening at 7.30

21. Close the meeting closed at 9.55pm