

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of the Scheduled meeting Thursday 15 July 2021, 7:30pm at the Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Beavan; Zoe Croose; Mark Hughes; Darren Knipe; John Lane and Abbie Price.

In attendance: Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk. No members of public.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Roy Lloyd and Shropshire Cllr Nigel Hartin.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations.** Cllr Andrew Beavan declared an interest in item 10.
4. **Open Discussion**
 - 4.1. No members of public were present.
 - 4.2. A report had been received from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin prior to the meeting. See appendix 2.
5. **Minutes** of the Scheduled Parish Council Meetings held on 20 May 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Noted: application below. No comments were required.**

Reference [21/02898/CPE](#); Alternative Reference PP-09916996; Stoney Pound Bungalow Stoney Pound Shropshire SY7 8PD. Application for lawful development certificate for existing use of building as dwelling.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1. Quarter End report from the Responsible Financial Officer received. No queries arising.
 - 7.2. Process for inviting Grant applications in financial year 2021/22 and 2022/23. **RESOLVED** applications will be invited via a Grant Application Form. Clerk to draft. To be finalised before September and made available on the website.
 - 7.3. Noted: Barclays Bank Account balance £7,304.29 **RESOLVED** to approve payments: Clerk's Payroll Months 3 & 4 £313.33; HMRC PAYE Months 3 & 4 £78.40 (not £313.53 & £78.20 as listed on the agenda); Clerk's Expenses £30.65 (Printer Ink £7.51, SLCC £22.29, 1st class stamp 85p). Total payments **£422.38**. Cllr Zoe Croose to authorise payments.
8. **Broadband.** Date for presentation from Clive Leworthy, Airband's Community Ambassador. **RESOLVED** to invite Mr Leworthy on 16 September. Meeting to start at 7pm. Location to be confirmed. To be advertised online and if possible, in Llanfair Times.
9. **Dog fouling** in Llanfair Waterdine Village. Noted: Posters will be put up reminding dog owners to pick up after their pets. Clerk to circulate draft letters to perpetrators prior to sending out.
10. **Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust (LWCT)**

Reported: No historic deeds for the Community Field exist. **RESOLVED** Clerk to download title register and plan from the Land Registry. To be put on the website.
11. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons.** **RESOLVED** LWPC wishes to light a beacon in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on 2 June 2022, subject to confirmation that a suitable site, in relation to other beacons, is available. The Parish Council will liaise with other groups to arrange an event for the whole community. Clerk to research locations of other beacons, and contact groups.
12. **AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at Everest Hall.** Cardiac Science has not yet confirmed what caused the AED to fail. A temporary replacement AED is on loan from Clun Valley. First aid training took place on 1 July. Although poorly attended, those who were there found it extremely useful. **RESOLVED** a donation of £50 and a letter of thanks to be sent to the South Shropshire Community First Aiders who arranged the training at no charge.
13. **LWPC representative for South Shropshire Area Committee (SALC) Meetings.** Agreed: Clerk to find out frequency and location of meetings.
14. **Llanfair Times.** June edition is online. A grant application has been submitted to the Llanfair Trust, for £150 towards costs of distributing to residents of Lloyney. Thanks to the Trust are recorded, and a letter expressing the Parish Council's gratitude will be sent.
15. **Highways**
 - 15.1. A written report was received from Cllr Beavan after tour of the Parish with the Area Technician. See Appendix 1. **Agreed:** List of works to be monitored, and reviewed in September. Noted: without local knowledge the list of defects would not have been as comprehensive. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Andrew Beavan for his time and expertise.
 - 15.2. Road conditions. No further problems were reported. Noted: Shropshire Council suggests using *FixMyStreet* to

report defects. Clerk to circulate information and raise awareness via the website.

15.3. No issues reported for the Footpaths Warden.

16. **Policing Charter. RESOLVED** Clerk to email priority policing issues in the parish, to West Mercia Police as follows: Livestock theft and theft from rural properties (including farmsteads).
17. **Climate Emergency Declaration.** In order to reduce LWPC's carbon footprint, in line with its Climate Emergency Declaration, it was **RESOLVED** to print and display notices in one prominent location only, the Everest Hall board. This will reduce paper usage, printer ink and emissions from vehicles. Notices will also be on the website. Residents are encouraged to sign up for updates.
18. **Assets.** The condition of the notice board at Dutlas. Following the decision at item 17, it was **RESOLVED** to decommission the boards at Dutlas and Skyborry. Action – Dutlas, Mark Hughes; Skyborry, Darren Knipe.
19. **Environmental Maintenance Scheme.** Noted: £400 grant for 2021/22 received, match funded by £400 from the precept. Reported: Problem at west end of Graig Wood. Silt washing down road has blocked drain causing localised flooding. Quote for approx. £200 received, to clean out sump and install grid to prevent blocking by larger debris. The removable grid will assist operatives maintaining this drain. **RESOLVED** to accept quote to have sump cleared out and grid fitted. Drain to be cleared on a proactive basis, at least once a year. Action – Andrew Beavan.
20. Correspondence. Training events discussed. Agreed: Clerk to attend London Bridge Protocol (free of charge). Email: The Parochial Church Council confirmed the tree on the 'Village Green' had been trimmed as a gesture of goodwill. Agreed: to send a letter thanking the PCC.
21. Noted: Date of next meeting Thursday 16 September 2021.
22. The meeting closed at 21:12

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Signed

Dated 16 September 2021

Cllr Mark Hughes, Chair

Appendix 1

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council Report

Appendix Ref:	Report for Parish Council Meeting July 15 th 2021 Item 15.1
Topic:	Highways
Prepared By:	Andrew Beavan
Report:	
<p>I took up the offer to survey most of the Parish Roads with Alan Meyrick on July 15th. We looked at issues of Drainage, Potholes, and larger overlay requirements along all of the roads.</p>	
<p>The drainage issues had originated from work carried out by the parish Council last winter under the Environmental Maintenance Scheme. We identified.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A jetting job and culvert inlet repair above Panponton2. A jetting job just east of Skyborry3. A jetting job between Skyborry and Skyborry Green4. A jetting and engineering job below Selley Cross toward Skyborry green5. A jetting job at the East end of under Graig wood near the field gate6. A new culvert with gully and outfall from the area below Graig Wood Cottages7. A jetting job from the drop pit at the West end of under Graig Wood8. An investigation job into a completely blocked gully above the Cwm turn with no identifiable outlet.	
<p>Shropshire Council now has an inhouse jetting team which will respond to all of the above issues in about five weeks' time. The work is expected to take about 1 week.</p>	
POTHOLES	
<p>We assessed numerous potholes across the whole road network in the Parish. Alan has promised a gang working during the next three weeks and probably putting in considerable time and around 50 tons of tarmac to temporarily repair Llanfair Parish roads.</p>	
<p>Main highlighted areas were</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kingsley road to Llanfair Village (specially between Skyborry Green and Monaughty).2. Above Melin Y Grogue3. Above Coed Y Hendrie towards Tyn Y Coed4. From Cwm Colla to Blan Y Drie turn.5. From Cwm Colla to Spring Hill.	
<p>Larger Capital works are in the system but no timescales we given. The work along the road near Runnis Chapel is out for engineering and quotes to deal with road subsidence before overlaying.</p>	
<p>Other work in the Parish is improvements to the road at New House to allow vehicles to access and turn and verge cutting along all our roads which should commence next week.</p>	

Appendix 2

Report from Cllr Nigel Hartin, Clun Division, Shropshire Council.

Highways seem to be generating issues again, particularly the spate of road closures by SC Capital works, Utilities & Highways at Craven Arms where road closures are being pursued without consultation between these bodies which has led to some confusion on the roads – it's a particular problem in Chirbury & Worthen apparently but has had impacts here – My colleagues & I are trying to push improvements in the way communications are carried out between different sections of SC & various utilities to try to stop this problem occurring in the future. Due to issues with timing meetings, we are having to delay a proposed LJC meeting with Highways & local Parish & TC until early September. There is a Paper before Full Council tomorrow promising a further £120m over the next four years going into Highways, but some appears to be a reshuffle of monies already in the Highways budget, for example a £2M cut is proposed to the maintenance of Drains and Ditches! In my view this will lead to increased local flooding of roads, houses & businesses. Flash and localised flooding is a major issue in the south of the County & the Council is potentially just stocking up further misery by cutting back on routine and overdue highways drainage works. My group will be proposing an amendment to stop this particular cut too far.

Enterprise South West Shropshire, based at Enterprise House Bishops Castle have recently been awarded a grant of £23,916 from the Shropshire Council Economic Recovery Programme to develop Business Administration Support Services in the area. This will enable local companies to release their own staff time and focus on moving their businesses forward and it will also enable local communities to set up small festivals and events this year, after they have probably already cancelled the bigger ones, knowing that ESWS can support the administration and free their volunteers to come up with the ideas. ESWS will be engaging local freelancers with expertise in marketing, IT, finance, PR, HR and general administration and this is the first step towards the ESWS vision of becoming the Business Hub for S W Shropshire.

We have had a report from our Chief Executive highlighting the way SC is attempting to 'Upskill' Shropshire. We have nearly 200 apprentices who are currently developing their skills on the job within the council and our maintained schools. As an Apprenticeship Levy-paying employer, we and our schools use apprenticeships as a key route of development for members of staff. As of February 2021, we've created 115 new apprenticeships positions within the council and our maintained schools. 33 of these learners have now completed their apprenticeship programmes, with several progressing to higher level apprenticeships.

At our Full Council meeting tomorrow the 15th July, the hugely controversial Local Plan will be a topic for discussion and my expectation is that this will be recommended for approval and for it to then be sent onto the Planning Inspectorate. As I understand it officers have ignored many requests from Parish Councils asking about why they have been designated as a "Hub" area. (This designation means that in the Local Plan they have areas of land identified as new potential housing sites together with an indication of how many new houses will be built on them). The Local Plan proposals were taken straight to various cabinet meetings for approval and requests for this to be looked at by Councillors not on the Cabinet refused. A 'call in' request for further scrutiny of the Local Plan proposals submitted by my group was turned down by the administration. My group intends to ask again tomorrow for the Local Plan to be subjected to further Scrutiny by the Communities Overview Scrutiny committee before its sent to the Inspectorate as the Plan has not been discussed in any detail in any Council Committee and it appears officers are content to argue the issues with the planning Inspectorate at the Inquiry.

The Government White Paper which was initially consulted on towards the end of last year is expected, when it is published later this year, to include proposals that land in the Local Plan which is designated as being in "Growth Areas" will automatically have been deemed to have outline planning permission. In my view this is anti-democratic and will prevent local residents and both Parish & Town Councils raising legitimate planning concerns to ensure any development reflects and deals with local issues. Their only input will be when and if a detailed application is submitted, this is much too late in the process in my view.

Covid Cases are still rapidly on the rise in Shropshire, reflecting the situation regionally and nationally. Between 25th June - 1st July, 464 positive cases were recorded – up 69% on the previous week. The good news is that despite an increase in cases, there hasn't been a rise in the number of hospitalisations. However, there are still vulnerable people in our communities, and Shropshire Council is doing everything it can to protect them. This includes testing regularly using a Lateral Flow Test, getting both jabs and following the hands-face-space-fresh air guidance. We now know, that in England, most restrictions will be lifted on the 19th July, including the requirement for wearing of face masks indoors which will now switch to guidance only. However, both Scotland & Wales have since confirmed that the wearing of Face masks in most indoor spaces will remain the law under their devolved administrations

Lastly, Bishops Castle Community College is bringing to a close its Lateral Flow Testing programme, which I am involved with as a volunteer, for pupils in school very soon, with the final two weeks of testing taking place during the first two weeks of the new term in September. In future any such testing will be home based only.

End of report.