

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council on Thursday 18th July 2019, Everest Hall

Present

Cllr Andrew Beavan (Chair), Cllr Zoe Court, Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Barry Swancott, Cllr Roy Lloyd, Cllr Caroline Beadle, Sarah Jameson (Clerk), plus Cllr Nigel Hartin

1. The Chair opened the meeting opened at 7.30pm and the Chair welcomed Cllr Hartin
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Abbie Price
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Beavan and Swancott, Item 15
4. **The draft Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Election of Vice Chair**
This item had been adjourned from the last meeting. Cllr Swancott proposed that Cllr Court be elected to the post of Vice Chair. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. There were no other proposals for Vice Chair. All in favour. Cllr Court was elected as Vice Chair.
6. **Public speaking:** There were no public speaker requests
7. **Planning:**
There were no new planning applications, other than a Discharge of Conditions (July 19) for Upper Dyffryn which the Parish Council is not invited to comment upon.

Update on existing applications:

i) **19/01451/FUL - Brackenway, Knighton, Shropshire, LD7 1TW: Alterations in connection with the erection of single storey front and rear extensions.** (Llanfair PC had supported this application). *Granted permission.*

ii) Discharge of Condition re **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. *Discharge conditions had been approved.*

iii) **19/00357/LBC | Exterior alterations to Listed Building, Nantiago** (Llanfair PC had supported this application) – *Pending Consideration*

iv) **19/00124/FUL / Proposed Residential Development Land To The West Of Llanfair Waterdine. Erection of two affordable dwellings with garages and vehicular access** (Llanfair PC had supported this application) - *Pending Consideration*

v) **18/05192/FUL /Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling, detached garage, package treatment plant and associated works, Garbett Hall** (Llanfair PC had supported this application) – *Application refused*

8. Highways

a) Potholes: Some pothole work had been done in the parish but there were still major issues with potholes between Monaughty and Skyborry Green, above Panponton, below the Green and between Llanfair Hall & Old Forge (turning to Cwm Collo). Clerk to follow up again with Highways Dept.

b) Environmental Maintenance Grant: Clerk to progress the grant for 2019/20 since the Parish Council would like to do the work before winter.

c) Footpath Officer: Cllr Beadle read out a report from the Footpath Officer (report attached). The arranged 'bimble' (walk) had not been well supported and Cllr Hughes felt it should be possible to create an email list of residents in order to be able to remind them about upcoming events. The issue of GDPR was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Hughes will create an emailing list and send a communication out to ask if recipients would like to Opt In to such emails. Clerk to give Cllr Hughes the link to our Parish Council Privacy Policy for use in the email.

d) Chairman's letter to Ian Martin: The Chair had written a letter of thanks to Ian Martin, Highways Department, who was being made redundant from his post at Shropshire Council. Llanfair Parish Council had worked closely with Mr Martin for some years and he had visited the county annually and knew the parish well. His knowledge of the parish will be missed.

e) Traffic calming: This matter had been raised by a parishioner at the APM in May. Llanfair Parish Council had succeeded in getting road signs in the past but our request for "SLOW" signs on the road had yet to be implemented. Cllr Hughes thought a white picket fence with a sign "Welcome to Llanfair Waterdine: Please drive with Care" (or similar) could make an attractive and useful addition to traffic calming measures for the village. It was felt that the current road sign by the Vedw turn, is not usefully sited. **Cllr Hartin** said that Bucknell PC is buying flashing speed signs that can be rented out or borrowed temporarily (eg for a month). Clerk to contact Bucknell PC to find out more. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Swancott to meet on site to look at potential location of the picket fence signs and report back at the September meeting.

9. 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 May/June (incl expenses) of £323.60.

10. Bishops Castle Place Plan

Llanfair PC had not attended the Place Plan meeting in the Spring. In June, the Chair had written to Mathew Mead on behalf of the Council to ask that the Plan include two items for Llanfair Waterdine – the Community Pavilion and the Community-Led Plan. Cllr Swancott proposed that the Parish Council ratify the Chair's letter; Cllr Beadle seconded; all were in favour.

11. Llanfair Times report

Everything was progressing well. Next issue is out in September and will have an environmental slant. Kerry Essex had left the team. Feedback continues to be positive.

12. Broadband update – there is no further news

13. Website update – the Clerk had received an invitation to SALC “Web Accessibility” training in the Autumn due to new rules coming in on the accessibility of PC websites (mainly for people with impairment). However, it was felt that this training is likely to be ‘over the top’ for our modest site.

14. Shropshire Council – Cllr Hartin gave a brief report. There had been some recent issues with Councillors resigning or being removed and reinstated. There are now two planning committees and not three. As a result Cllr Hartin has stood down from one of these. Our area has a new Place Plan officer – Vicky Turner. Cllr Hartin will be attending an upcoming meeting on changes to Highways arrangements and organisation of teams. Bishops Castle and surroundings is now in the Central Area not Craven Arms area.

15. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust – Work on the Pavilion is slightly ahead of schedule. More volunteer effort will be required soon. The Pavilion should be weatherproof by the winter. There is something for everyone in this project. There is a need to make parishioners more aware of what is happening – again an email distribution list could be very useful.

16. AONB report –The AONB’s five year Management Plan had been approved and is available online. The River Clun Recovery Project is working to improve water quality in the catchment. Could this be replicated on the River Teme? The AONB are working with the Woodland Trust to plant trees. Llanfair Parish Council could encourage tree planting in the parish – perhaps plant one tree for every household? Agreed that Clerk would contact Janet Lewis (ex Parish Councillor) who had suggested tree planting in the Llanfair Times, and ask her to take this forward with the support of the Parish Council who could help her find suitable land and work with her. Phil Holden from the AONB, our speaker at the APM, had enjoyed his visit and mini tour, and wished to follow up with further conversations about grazing. Cllr Hughes to arrange a meeting.

17. Defibrillator – Clerk had written to the old VOIP volunteers and requested return of VOIP equipment. The VOIP handsets were now with the Chair. Andy from Clun AED will come over to install the handsets and give some basic training on how to use them, ideally before September. Clerk to find out if only the named person may pick up any phone calls, or whether any family member can. Cllr Swancott reported that the defibrillator was not in working order again. Clerk to action.

18. Correspondence – (i) Enterprise South West Shropshire had requested a representative from the parishes to sit on the Board. However, the Parish Council cannot at present think of anyone who might be suitable. Clerk to write to Mike Ashwell. (ii) 2019 Polling Station Review. Clerk to send a copy of the notice for the Chair to put up on the public noticeboard. It felt that Everest Hall was the only suitable location for a polling station in the parish and there were no current alternatives.

19. Next meeting dates: Thurs 26th September (note NOT 19th) and Thurs 21st November.

20. Meeting ended at 8.40pm.

SignedDate