

**Minutes of a meeting of
Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council
on Thursday 21st September 2017, Everest Hall**

Present

Cllr Barry Swancott (Chair), Cllr Andrew Beavan (Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Hughes, Cllr Roy Lloyd, Sarah Jameson (Clerk). Plus 5 members of the public

1. a) The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

b) Ratification of the co-option of two new Councillors: Zoe Court and Abbie Price. Cllr Hughes proposed that both be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd. All agreed. Both new councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Chair welcomed them to the Parish Council.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Lewis (work commitments)
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Beavan (Items 7b) and Cllr Swancott (Item 7b).
4. **Approval of the draft Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 18th May 2017 (deferred from the August meeting) were approved. The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 10th August require a correction (Cllr Beavan) to item 5, line 4 (*“and taking a signal/feed from the 300MB village based fibre cabinet”*) which should read *“and taking a signal/feed from Mr Knipe’s own premises”*. Approval of these minutes will now take place at the November meeting.
5. **Public speaking**
There were no public speakers
6. **Broadband**
Connecting Shropshire update: Cllr Beavan gave the latest broadband update from Chris Taylor, Connecting Shropshire. BT is still intending to provide a Fibre to Cabinet solution for Llanfair Waterdine village. The cabinet is likely to be sited on the Community Field (the other option is likely to be the Vedw turn). The BT solution must be built by March 2018 since it is in Phase 2 and not Phase 2B of the broadband rollout. Superfast speeds will be receivable within 1.2km of the cabinet (speeds of up to 80MB within 500m; up to 30MB within 1.2km) for those households on the Knighton exchange only. For those households in the parish beyond the 1.2km reach of the Cabinet, the solution is at the moment Airband (the new Phase 2b, now contact 3, provider – wireless technology) for most, but not all properties. Some properties still have no solution. The Airband solution has a target delivery date of 2020. **Cllr Beavan to reply to Chris Taylor.**

Community broadband solution update: The Chair thanked and congratulated Mr Knipe on the impressive document he had provided to the Parish Council regarding a community broadband solution for the parish. It was agreed that whilst it was not within the Council’s remit to be a broadband provider, it was very keen to move this forward and help to put forward the possibilities of a community project to the Parish. It was therefore resolved to hold a public meeting on Thursday 19th October at 7pm (subject to Everest Hall being available). The project will need a formal ‘structure’ (eg

committee) to move this forward. **Clerk to produce a poster** and circulate via email to all on the Parish Directory as soon as possible, with a copy to the website and paper copies on parish noticeboards. **Cllr Hughes to liaise with Mr Knipe** and copy in the Chair. Mr Knipe was thanked very much indeed for all the work he has put into this so far.

7. Planning

7a) 17/03370/FUL - Cwm Sannum Knighton Shropshire LD7 1TP - cover for a cattle yard under the water quality initiative. The Council had supported this application and permission had formally been granted.

7b) New applications:

17/04146/FUL - Address: Proposed Community Building, Llanfair Waterdine, Shropshire

Proposed erection of community pavilion with car parking, amended vehicular access & septic tank installation. The Parish Council was in an unusual position since it had submitted this application (but has no management responsibility for the proposal). It was agreed that the Parish Council could formally agree that they were happy with the plans drawn from a planning perspective and to support it. **Chair and Clerk to liaise regarding suitable wording** for the Council's comments for the planning portal.

8. Affordable Housing

At the last meeting, the Parish Council considered land from 2 individual landowners for potential future affordable housing sites. The preferred sites had been communicated to the Housing Enablement Officer at Shropshire Council and she is now seeking formal approval for these. Once approved (hopefully this Autumn), they will become available for development. A member of the public had contacted the Council who is interested in affordable housing site and the Chair will respond shortly.

9. Highways

a) Potholes and remedial work: Clerk had received a response from Andrew Keyland, Highways Manager (South West), Shropshire Council. Further to Cllr Beavan's letter and highways survey, Mr Keyland had confirmed that some potholing work had already taken place in the Parish and that we were now on the list for 'overlying' works. **Clerk to write to landowners** prior to the autumn/winter season to ask them to ensure they clear away overhanging branches on roads and clear ditches to lessen the likelihood of water/mud on the roads. **Clerk to liaise with Cllr Beavan over suitable wording**.

b) Parish Path Warden

The Parish used to have a Parish Path Warden and this had been a very useful resource. A new possible warden has now been identified. **Clerk to write to him**. Cllr Hughes offered to be the Path Liaison Office on the Parish Council to whom the new Warden would report. **Clerk to contact Helen Beresford** (Shropshire Outdoor Partnership) who is in charge of Path Wardens from Shropshire Council.

10. Finance

- a) Cllr Hughes confirmed the current bank balance was £6761.47. Clerk's salary no longer requires approval since she is now formally in the employment of the Parish Council – 4 hours per week @ £9.74/hour.
- b) Invoices for approval: Parish Clerk expenses: £9.76.

11. Communications

a) There was no report from Cllr Lewis

b, c & d) **Llanfair Times:** The Chair reported that the Llanfair Times had had a successful year but that its funding would come to an end in November 2017 (the next issue). The Parish Council had funded issues 1 and 2 and the Community Trust had paid for the subsequent issues to the end of 2017. There was no consensus yet as to how to proceed. There are different options, including further funding from the Parish Council, and/or Community Trust, accepting advertising, charging a modest subscription fee to cover costs or approaching outside sources for grants. It was generally agreed that the Times does need a more long term plan in place for funding. It was resolved that the Parish Council donate £250/year towards production of the Llanfair Times (which amounts to one quarter of its overall cost of £1000/year to produce). Cllr Hughes proposed the resolution, seconded by Cllr Beavan and all agreed.

e) It was noted that the Parish Council noticeboard at the Triangle had been damaged by a tractor and needed repair. Cllr Lloyd will make enquiries as to who did the damage before the repair work is carried out.

12. Trustee vacancy for Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust

Two candidates had put themselves forward for this post. The Parish Council had interviewed both candidates just prior to this meeting and a secret ballot then took place. The result of the ballot was the Bob Bailey was appointed Trustee. The Chair thanked both applicants very much indeed. Both had been very impressive.

13. Parish Council website

Clerk to (re) circulate her short paper on this topic so the matter can be discussed at the next meeting.

14. Report from Nigel Hartin

Nigel Hartin was not present – no report.

15. Local Joint Committee

There was no report.

16. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust

There was no report

17. Correspondence

a) Invitation email from the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for representation on the AONB Board from Parish Councils. Cllr Hughes may be interested in putting himself forward for this. Clerk to write to AONB to request application form.

18. Confidential business

There was no confidential business.

19. Next meeting dates

Thursday 16th November, then the following dates are now confirmed for 2018:

**Thurs 18th January 2018 / Thurs 15th March / Thurs 17th May / Thurs 19th July / Thurs 20th September
and Thurs 15th November**

20. The Meeting ended at 9.10pm

Signed Date