

# Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Thursday 21 January 2021

The meeting was held remotely, via Zoom.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Andrew Beavan; Zoe Croose; Mark Hughes (Chair); Darren Knipe; John Lane; Roy Lloyd and Abbie Price (Vice Chair).

**In attendance:** Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk. 1 member of public.

### 1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and congratulations were recorded to Cllr Zoe Croose on the birth of her daughter.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Received from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin

### 3. Declarations of Interest

received from Cllr Lloyd in item 6.1, and Cllrs Beavan and Croose in item 9.3.

No requests for dispensations received.

### 4. Open Discussion

4.1. No views from members of public on agenda business items.

4.2. A written report from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin can be seen at Appendix 2.

### 5. Minutes

5.1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 November 2020 were agreed as a true record. To be signed at a later date.

5.2. Noted: Medicott Solicitors in Knighton has agreed to store historic minute books at no cost. Cllr Hughes agreed to look after the books until it is possible to deposit them.

### 6. Planning

**To consider responses to the following planning applications:**

6.1 [20/04215/FUL](#) The Garn Duffryn Shropshire SY7 8PQ Erection of agricultural storage building.

**RESOLVED** to support this application.

6.2 [20/05305/FUL](#) Communications Mast Dfp057b Llanfair Waterdine Knighton Shropshire LD7 1TS

Removal of existing 25m tower; erection of 35m tower with antennae and dishes; erection of additional cabinets and apparatus within existing compound; 3m support pole with dish link.

**RESOLVED** to support this application in line with comments made at consultation stage: in light of its importance to the emergency services, and potential improvements to 4G in the vicinity.

#### 6.3 Application responded to since the November meeting.

[20/04680/FUL](#) Conversion of former traditional agricultural building into residential dwelling. Proposed Barn Conversion South Of The Vedw Llanfair Waterdine Shropshire.

Having invited comments from the public between 1 and 10 December 2020; councillors **agreed** to respond as follows, in accordance with Parish Council policy.

*Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council **supports** this application.*

**RESOLVED** to ratify this decision.

### 7. Llanfair Times

7.1. Noted: At this stage, The Llanfair Community Trust is not able to confirm whether it will fund an edition of the Llanfair Times in 2021/22.

7.2. To confirm decision agreed in principle at the November meeting, that the Llanfair Times be provided via the precept to residents of the Parish only in 2021/22 after subscriptions are used up.

**RESOLVED** the Parish Council will fund 3 editions of the Llanfair Times from the precept in 2021/22. 100 copies to be printed, and distributed at no charge to residents of Llanfair Waterdine civil parish.

## 8. Finance

- 8.1. Quarterly Report from the Responsible Financial Officer received. No questions raised.
- 8.2. Quotations for Insurance reviewed. **RESOLVED** to accept quote for £218 from Came & Co for 2021/22 and reassess in one year's time. Noted: Renewal date 17 February 2021.
- 8.3. Draft Budget debated. **RESOLVED** to budget **£6,457.40** for 2021/22. Summary attached at Appendix 1.
- 8.4. **RESOLVED** to set Precept for 2021/22 at **£4,000.00**
- 8.5. **RESOLVED** to authorise Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to sign and return Precept Request Form.
- 8.6. Noted: £82.60 PAYE due by 22 January, was paid between meetings.
- 8.7. Barclays Bank Account balance @ 31 December 2020 **£4,807.93** noted; and payments approved:  
Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk, Payroll Months 9 & 10 £313.53  
HMRC PAYE, Months 9 & 10 £78.20  
Craven Design & Print - December edition Llanfair Times £197.00  
Total payments **£588.73**

## 9. Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust

- 9.1. To discuss the Trust's application for a Premises Licence for the Community Pavilion.

### Reported:

- A hearing, on Tuesday 19 January, held by a subcommittee of Shropshire Council, will determine whether a Premises Licence is granted as applied for, or with further conditions attached, or be refused. The result is expected by 26 January.
- Concerns about levels of noise have been raised.
- A licence would protect the public's interest, as it would impose restrictions which would not otherwise be enforceable.
- It is hoped the Pavilion will provide a central hub, which will be used responsibly by all, to the benefit of all residents.

- 9.2. Noted: The Trust's offer to fund the March 2020 edition of Llanfair Times, a cheque for £265.50 has been received.

- 9.3. Two Trustee applications were received within the last week. Interviews took place prior to this meeting, and councillors voted unanimously to appoint both applicants. They were congratulated on their appointments. Clerk to email letters of appointment.

## 10. Highways

- 10.1. Actions required following discussions with Mr Andy Wilde, Shropshire Interim Head of Highways, at the November meeting.  
Agreed: The Parish Council is disappointed that no response has been received from Mr Wilde, despite reminders from both the Chairman and Clerk. **RESOLVED** Clerk to write requesting an update on: the bespoke inspection and route assessment of road degraded by excessive traffic from the diversion (suggested by Mr Wilde); expected repairs where the recycling vehicle came off the road; when the *Find and Fix* team is expected and when the Annual Inspection will take place?
- 10.2. Potholes. No update.
- 10.3. No issues reported for the Footpath Warden.

## 11. COVID-19

Effects of pandemic on the Parish. No further actions. Noted: Important updates received by the Parish Council are available on its website. <https://www.llanfairparish.co.uk>.

## 12. Climate Emergency Declaration

- 12.1. Community Tree Scheme. Application for 100 trees has been accepted. Due for collection towards end of February. Clerk to advise collection date, and councillors agree a date for planting once this is known. Advice on planting to be sought. Clerk & Cllr Lane to follow up.
- 12.2. Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP) Pledging support to the work of SCAP in achieving net carbon zero Shropshire by 2030, and undertaking to align parish council activities to be consistent with achieving this goal. **RESOLVED** to pledge support as above. Clerk to complete online form.

## 13. Environmental Maintenance Scheme

- 13.1. Arrangements for drainage works are being finalised next week. Cllr Beavan and/or Cllr Lloyd to follow up,

and report back in March.

- 13.2. Noted: deadline for applications 12 March 2021. Invoices for works carried out in current financial year required to be submitted by 12 March 2021.

**14. To consider a WhatsApp group for Llanfairwaterdine Parish.**

Reported: a resident suggested setting up a group. Agreed: Not suitable for the Parish Council to run a group, it could be set up by an individual, and promoted through the Llanfair Times. Cllr Lane to respond to resident.

**15. Correspondence**

No correspondence received for discussion.

**16. Date of next meeting. Thursday 18 March 2021.**

**17. Meeting closed at 21:50**

Signed Cllr Mark Hughes  
Chair 18 March 2021

*Original to be signed and placed on file. Not signed at meeting due to COVID 19 restrictions.*

**Appendix 1**

**Budget for 2021/2022**

Clerk's salary, expenses & home working allowance	£2650.40
Election costs	£750.00
Insurance	£218.00
*Subscriptions	£225.00
Hall hire	£60.00
Grants	£500.00
Training	£150.00
Website	£20.00
Llanfair Times	£334.00
Environmental Maintenance Grant match funding	£800.00
Total	£6457.40

\*Shropshire Association of Local Councils, The Information Commissioners Office and Society of Local Council Clerks

**Appendix 2**

**Report from Cllr Nigel Hartin 21 January 2021.**

You might have seen over the last few days the press release in the Shropshire Star which made public that the administration has decided not to proceed with a remodelling of the Shirehall as was originally planned but instead to bulldoze the Shirehall, sell the site for housing & move the council offices into the Pride Hill centre in the centre of Shrewsbury. We will apparently have chance to debate this at full Council in February!

Covid wise we are at a difficult point in the pandemic I think, Hospitals are filling up & many Hospitals report they are days away from full capacity & creaking under the strain with exhausted staff, whilst many scientists & epidemiologists have been arguing for some time now that the third lockdown was too limited in its scope to deal with a worse situation than we faced last March & April.

The Government however seems caught in the headlights, between calls to increase the severity of the lockdown to save lives & calls from the right wing of the Government to do the opposite & relax measures to save the economy from further damage. Good news though is on the horizon with, we are told, the fastest vaccine rollout in the world! Here in Shropshire we have recently had deliveries of the first supplies of the Oxford-AstraZenica vaccine which, as it

can be stored at normal fridge temperatures, is going to really help with the rollout of the vaccination programme into the rural areas although, as this is being managed centrally by NHS England, there has been a lack of information flow down to the Council, even the Director of Public Health not yet being given the criteria by which NHS England assess prospective community venues to be used for vaccinations, but it's hoped that information flow will improve once the programme really gets going.

At the Council, electoral staff are continuing to prepare for the May Elections this year, which will be the biggest set of local elections for many years, combined as they are, with elections for the Police & Crime Commissioner postponed from last year - IF that is they go ahead as planned! The Government's official line - at the moment - is that they will, although it's 'under review' they say! However I heard last week some information leaking out of Westminster that suggested that down there it's about when, not if, the Government will postpone them, lots of talk apparently about a 'Boris Bounce' happening in Late September/early October when Brexit teething problems will apparently have been sorted and the vaccine rollout will, it's assumed, have had a positive impact on the number of hospitalisations & deaths, leading to a grateful electorate voting in loads more Conservatives! On the other hand, I also heard today that the Government might be moving back towards carrying on with the elections in May as they think that might be a political advantage for them since they have vastly more incumbent councillors who, for the most part, are well known, whilst their opponents won't be able to do the usual door knocking campaign to introduce themselves to the electorate!

I don't know about that, not being party to the inner workings of the minds of Boris & his Cabinet, but I do agree with postponement being the right approach! - To my mind the maths is simple: If we go ahead with Countrywide elections in May, still in the middle of a pandemic, with the voting public visiting polling stations in schools & village halls etc to cast their votes, & with a number of new emerging strains of Covid virus potentially in the community by then, could that lead to more infection spread & potentially cost lives? - The answer, it seems to me has to be yes!

Cllr Nigel Hartin  
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Shropshire Council