

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN on Tuesday 26th June 2018 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors L Anderson (Chair), M Ware (Vice Chair), C Breen, P Lloyd, V Mackie, H Quinlan, C Saunders and M West.

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Cllr Cooper

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

20/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Simons.

21/08 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made:

- Cllr Lloyd – M F Freemans (providing catering)

22/18 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

23/18 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising were considered:

- Glebeland Wall Repair – Carter Jonas LLP was currently developing a tender for suitably qualified contractors to undertake the immediate repairs that had been identified in the survey report. Work was expected to commence in September 2018;
- Defibrillator – An application for a second defibrillator was in the process of being submitted following agreement by Council that a second defibrillator would be an asset to the village;
- The Clerk would continue to chase up the connection of the Victorian lamppost, which had still not been undertaken;
- It was noted that the application related to land at Burtonwood would be considered by the Herefordshire Council Planning Committee;
- Consideration would be given to the purchase of a new barbeque and overhead projector at the next Council meeting.

24/18 POLICE REPORT

Apologies had been received from PCSO Stephanie Annette and her team. The following items were considered:

- The Chair had met with the Police regarding CCTV provision in the village;
- The Youth Shelter had suffered some damage but it had now been repaired;
- The signs to the new estate being developed by Freemans had also been damaged;
- It was suggested that the gates to the village hall should be locked at the end of each day due to the misuse of the car park;
- It was agreed to submit a response to the Police & Crime Commissioner's Parish Council Survey. Delegated authority was given to the Chair.

25/18 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Council received the following report from Ward Cllr Cooper:

- From May 2017 to March 2018 a total of 299 claims had been received by Herefordshire Council regarding damage to vehicles through the poor state of the highway;

- 7 had been settled, 134 required more information and 158 had been rejected. A total sum of £4,791 had been paid out in compensation;
- A high velocity patcher was currently being utilised to repair larger sections of C and U roads;
- 200 potholes were being filled daily. Residents were required to report all potholes via the website, not the locality steward;
- Streetlighting defects should be reported to the Locality Steward or via the website by the Councillors. The request for a diffuser had been submitted but it was likely to have to be developed via the community commissioning model.

26/18 FINANCES & POLICY

- (a) **Accounts Outstanding and Financial Statement** – Council approved the payment of accounts relating to June 2018:

| DATE | PAYEE | SERVICE | CHEQUE | TOTAL |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|
| 15/05/2018 | West Mercia Energy | Library | DD | £203.57 |
| 15/05/2018 | West Mercia Energy | Toilets | DD | £16.33 |
| 04/06/2018 | Dwr Cymru | Water | DD | £47.58 |
| 22/05/2018 | SLCC | SLCC Subs | 1436 | £84.00 |
| 22/05/2018 | Chris Breen | Petrol Morrisons | 1437 | £20.08 |
| 26/06/2018 | P Russell | Salary June 18 | 1438 | £258.11 |
| 26/06/2018 | P Russell | Clerk's Expenses | 1438 | £41.65 |
| 26/06/2018 | P Russell | HMRC Cumbernauld | 1438 | £64.40 |
| 26/06/2018 | P Russell | Dwr Cymru (toilets) | 1438 | £123.37 |
| 26/06/2018 | Chris Breen | Petrol Morrisons | 1439 | £21.60 |
| 26/06/2018 | Chris Breen | Aldi paint brushes | 1439 | £2.99 |
| 26/06/2018 | Wynnstay | Wood for P3 | 1440 | £56.66 |
| | | | | £940.34 |

- (b) **Length of Parish Council Meeting** – Concern was expressed regarding the length of Council meetings. It was noted that Standing Orders restricted meeting length to 2 hours. It was agreed to try to complete each meeting by 9:30pm.
- (c) **Code of Conduct** – Council noted that the Herefordshire Code of Conduct had been updated. It was agreed to consider adopting the Code at the next meeting.

27/18 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Planning** – It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations Herefordshire Council regarding the following planning applications:

APPLICATION: P182087
SITE : Land North of Gadbridge Road Weobley Herefordshire
DESCRIPTION: Temporary signage advertising a new residential housing development and show home
COMMENT: No objection.

APPLICATION: P181826
SITE : Land north of Gadbridge Road, Weobley, Herefordshire
DESCRIPTION: Non-material amendment P163963/RM (Reserved matters following 132924/O for landscaping, appearance, layout and scale.)
COMMENT: No objection.

APPLICATION: P181808
SITE : Beam Ends 2 High Street Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SL
DESCRIPTION: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 attached to Listed Building Consent 174624

COMMENT: No objection.

The Chair agreed to contact the Enforcement Officer regarding 1 High Street, Weobley, to establish what permissions had been granted.

- (b) **Gadbridge Road (P163963)** – Council noted that a new site manager had been appointed by Freemans. Freemans was currently helping with the drainage and water leak issues being experienced at the entrance of the Village Hall. There was also a proposal to submit an application to resurface the road area in front of the village hall and estate entrance. The application to hard surface the grass verge was pending approval.
- (c) **Neighbourhood Plan Update** – Council noted that leaflets had been distributed and hard copies of the plan were available at a number of locations. Statutory consultees and other stakeholders had been notified. The Regulation 14 consultation would end on Monday 6th August 2018. Following the completion of the consultation the responses would be reviewed and the Plan revised prior to Regulation 16.

28/18 PARISH MATTERS

- (a) **Telephone Box** – Council noted that the volunteers were still keen to help refurbish the telephone box. The paint would be delivered to the volunteers as soon as practicable and Perspex would be purchased to replace damaged glass.
- (b) **Pump House** – Council had been provided with a copy of the survey recently undertaken and a letter received from the Garnstone Estate, owners of the car park, to ask whether Council wished to renew its lease. Following consideration Council **RESOLVED:**
- To agree to renew the lease of the car park;
 - To defer a decision regarding the offer from the Garnstone Estate to take back ownership of the Pump House and lease it back to the Parish Council and to request more time to consider this offer;
 - To continue to review the Council's future intentions regarding the Pump House.

It was agreed to forward the Council's thanks to the Garnstone Estate for its agreement relating to a number of permissive paths.

- (c) **Post Office** – Council noted that possible funding to support the Post Office was being pursued but there was nothing as yet to report. Contact had been made with the MP and Herefordshire Council. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Post Office to establish the latest position.

Following discussion Council **RESOLVED** to provide a range of support measures to ensure that the Post Office remained in the village. The measures would include financial support for a three month period subject to establishing a legal power to do so, and help develop a business plan for a new business venture.

- (d) **Play Area/Skate Park** – Council received an update on the play area and plans for a new skate park. A number of notices were to be erected to discourage users breaking glass in the play area and causing a danger to other users. Stage two of the application process to Sport England for financial support for the proposed Skate Park had been completed successfully. Further clarification regarding the S106 funding would be sought.
- (e) **WW1 Commemoration Display** – Following consideration Council agreed to provide its support to this display and to express its preference for option two.

29/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Footpath update** – Council noted that a number of new permissive paths had been opened. It was agreed to arrange a Parish Council walk one Tuesday evening at 7:30pm commencing from the Rose Garden.

(b) Lengthsman/P3 – The following works were identified:

- Request that the hedge along the Chicken Run be cut (report to Locality Steward).

30/18 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- Community First E-Bulletin – June 2018;
- Rural Hub Newsletter – June 2018;
- Road Closures update;
- Herefordshire Council budget consultation;
- Herefordshire Armed Forces Day;
- Bus Service 498 update;
- The Alzheimer’s Society has published a Dementia- friendly rural community’s guide.

31/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 24th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN.

It was agreed to organise a thank you to Brenda Havard for all her years of service to Weobley.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: