

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors L Anderson (Chair), M Ware (Vice-Chair), C Breen, P Lloyd, V Mackie, J Simons and M West.

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public.

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There was one member of the public present. A short update on the efforts to save the Post Office was provided. Residents were in the process of trying to set up a community fund to help retain the facility. A model had now been agreed and positive support had been indicated. A formal application to transfer the post office had now been submitted and would take up to three months to go through the process.

81/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Dyer, Quinlan and Saunders.

82/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

83/18 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

84/18 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising were noted:

- Work had commenced to carry out repairs to the public conveniences and the Library;
- The Glebeland wall repairs had now been completed;
- It was agreed to set up a Task & Finish Group to consider traffic, parking and the cobbles. Cllrs Simons, Ware, Lloyd and Saunders were appointed. Cllr Anderson would be reserve. The Group would report to Council at its meeting on 16th April 2019 with initial suggestions;
- The Village Hall leak had now been repaired. The potholes by the entrance had been filled in and resurfacing works were scheduled.

85/18 POLICE REPORT

The Police were not in attendance. It was noted that PACT meetings had been set up for 6th February, 13th March and 17th April 2019 at the Green Bean between 11am and 12 noon.

86/18 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

The following report was received from Ward Cllr Cooper:

- Outline permission related to the Pepperplock/Burtonwood site – Disappointment was expressed on behalf of the residents regarding the decision reached by the Herefordshire Council Planning Committee. A number of concerns were raised regarding the decision and it was noted that residents were considering mounting a challenge against the decision;
- A positive response had been received from local residents to help save the post office. If the initial application failed further applications would be invited. If the village lost its post office then a mobile option could be introduced, subject to it having adequate capacity.

87/18 FINANCES & POLICY

- (a) **Accounts Outstanding and Financial Statement** – Council approved the payment of accounts relating to December 2018 and January 2019 amounting to £3,032.48, including VAT:

DATE	PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
27/11/2018	MM & JE Ware & Son	P3 maintenance	1477	£885.00
15/11/2018	West Mercia Energy	Toilets Nov 18	DD	£15.28
15/11/2018	West Mercia Energy	Library Nov 18	DD	£48.57
14/12/2018	West Mercia Energy	Toilets Dec 18	DD	£15.70
14/12/2018	West Mercia Energy	Library Dec 18	DD	£81.63
14/12/2018	Welsh Water	Library Water	DD	£57.13
22/01/2019	P Russell	Salary Dec 18	1478	£258.11
22/01/2019	P Russell	Salary Jan 19	1478	£258.11
22/01/2019	P Russell	HMRC Cumbernauld	1478	£128.80
22/01/2019	P Russell	Clerk's Expenses	1478	£70.91
22/01/2019	Hopelands Village Hall	Council meetings	1479	£30.00
22/01/2019	Chris Breen	Harmoinsay/lights	1480	£49.98
22/01/2019	Chris Breen	Roadware Ltd/Bin	1480	£67.14
22/01/2019	Chris Breen	LBS	1480	£2.25
22/01/2019	Chris Breen	Lighthouse Bulbs	1480	£43.76
22/01/2019	Mary Kenny	Toilet supplies	1481	£12.00
22/01/2019	M Ware	Christmas Lights	1482	£27.72
22/01/2019	West Mercia Energy	Toilets Jan 18	DD	£14.61
22/01/2019	West Mercia Energy	Library Jan 19	DD	£105.38
22/01/2019	Richard Mills	Lengthsman	1483	£860.40
				£3,032.48

- (b) **Newsletter** – Council noted that the draft Winter Newsletter had been delayed due to IT issues.
- (c) **2019/20 Parish Precept Request** – Council considered the draft budget. Following consideration it was proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Simons and **RESOLVED**:
- To request a precept of £25,781 from Herefordshire Council for the 2019/20 financial year;
 - To ring-fence a sum of £3,000 to help support the post office, if required.

88/18 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Planning** – To discuss planning applications received from Herefordshire Council.

APPLICATION: P184040

SITE: 3 High Street, Weobley, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 8SL

DESCRIPTION: Listed Building Consent: Re-building of part rear wall

COMMENT: No objection

APPLICATION: P184264

SITE: Tudor Cottage, Broad Street, Weobley, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 8SA

DESCRIPTION: Proposed internal and external works.

COMMENT: No objection

APPLICATION: P184664 & P1846655 (LBC)

SITE: 3 High Street Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SL

DESCRIPTION: Proposed alterations to the dwelling house, conversion of loft, and change of use of adjoining barn to provide additional living accommodation.

COMMENT: No objection

- (b) **Gadbridge Road (P163963)** – Council received an update and agreed to contact Herefordshire Council regarding the process to name the street. It was noted that drainage issues on the site had not been resolved and no further information had been received regarding the proposed yellow lines in Gadbridge Road. It was agreed to request an update.
- (c) **Burtonwood Application (P181050)** – Council considered the update following the Herefordshire Council's Planning Committee decision to approve the outline application. It was **RESOLVED** to

submit the questions that had been developed, including some additional ones from Cllr Simons, to the Planning Authority for a response. Thanks were extended to Cllr Cooper for representing the community.

- (d) **Neighbourhood Plan Update** – Council noted that the Plan had been submitted under Regulation 15 ready to commence a much wider Regulation 16 consultation, which would commence on 28th January and finish on 12th March 2019.

89/18 PARISH MATTERS

- (a) **Weobley Open Gardens** – Council noted that Cllr Mackie would be the Parish Council representative on the Weobley Open Gardens that were being held on 1st and 2nd June 2019. The organisation of the event was well under way and gardens would be open between 1:30pm to 5pm daily. Following consideration, Council **RESOLVED** to provide a prize of £25 for the Best Blooms in Broad Street.
- (b) **Defibrillator** – Council noted that a quotation amounting to £629 had been received for a new cabinet, signage and delivery. A further quotation was being obtained to re-site the existing box to the Village Hall. The training kit had also been received and a training event would be organised and promoted. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the new cabinet and signage at a cost of £629.
- (c) **Pump House & Car Park, Bell Square** – Council noted that the revised lease had been received and Council **RESOLVED** to sign it. It was noted that the car park had now been repaired by the Lengthsman.

It was further noted that a reply was still awaited from Welsh Water regarding the matters raised by the Parish Council relating to the Pump House.

- (d) **Post Office** – This had been considered under Minute 86/18.
- (e) **Library & Public Convenience Maintenance Plan Development** – Council discussed the developing a maintenance plan for the Library and Toilet buildings. Following consideration, it was **RESOLVED**:
- To develop a Maintenance Plan. Cllr West and the Clerk would develop an initial plan for consideration and an initial meeting would be held on 13th February 2019 at 3pm;
 - To allocate initial funding not exceeding £2,000 from balances to carry out additional repairs and redecoration to both buildings;
 - To carry out repairs to the heaters in the Library and provide a timer to control the heating of the building.
- (f) **Play Area/Skate Park** – Council received the following update on the play area and the proposed Skate Park:
- Both schools would cost up training staff in skating/scooting/roller skating plus research into insurance and numbers;
 - Further work would be undertaken to secure additional grant funding of approximately £15,000;
 - The tender would be circulated and three companies would be approached;
 - Preparation of the site was still under discussion;
 - Further information was being sought regarding roller skating provision.

Council agreed that it wished to be involved in the tendering process and it was agreed to confirm whether planning permission was required.

90/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Footpath update** – Council noted the update presented. The footpaths were being used regularly by walkers and a number of organised walks were being organised.

- (b) **Lengthsman/P3** – Council noted the works undertaken to date including the resurfacing of the Bell Square car park. Addition works had been requested including the clearing of the Chicken Run and removal of weeds at the Library. The drainage maps had been received and would be laminated.
- (c) **Traffic & Parking Matters** – This had been considered under Minute 84/18.
- (d) **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – Council discussed whether it wished to commission a SID for Weobley and following consideration, **RESOLVED** not to pursue this option at present.

91/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Council noted the following correspondence:

- Community First E-Bulletin – January 2019;
- Rural Hub Newsletter – January 2019;
- Road Closures update – January 2019;
- HALC training – January 2019;
- Parish Summit information – 24th January 2019;
- HC Cabinet updates

92/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.31pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: