

# WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ward Cllr Cooper and one member of the public.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Clerk to the Council

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Council was informed that Stan Simons had recently passed away. He had been an active member of both the community and the Parish Council, chairing the Council for 12 years. Council sent their condolences and best wishes to the family. A memorial service was being held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There was one member of the public present. The following issues were raised:

- The Parish Council was requested to consider endorsing a local community site, Next Door Weobley;
- A request to erect signage to discourage HGVs off the A4112 towards The Riddox was requested;
- Concern was expressed that no further progress appeared to have been made following the break in during November 2018 into a local shop;
- A request to address the heating issues at the library was made.

### **105/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs I Dyer, V Mackie, C Saunders and J Simons.

### **106/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

- Cllr Lloyd: P190491
- Cllr Ware: P190491

### **107/18 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

### **108/18 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **109/18 POLICE REPORT**

The Police had been unable to attend.

### **110/18 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Ward Cllr Cooper presented his written report, which was noted. The following matters were raised:

- BT had disconnected the telephone kiosk located at the entrance of the Castle Green. It was agreed to look into the possibility of powering the kiosk with solar panels. Western Power would also be contacted regarding reconnection;
- Concern was expressed regarding the increased volume of traffic along Hereford Road. It was noted that Herefordshire Council had recently changed its funding policy regarding transport subsidies for school pupils, which may have had an effect on the increase in traffic as more parents were using their own vehicles. The school had also become more successful;
- It was noted that the Head Teacher had requested parents to utilise the village car parks and had encouraged car sharing. The issues highlighted the inaccuracies of the traffic survey undertaken by Kodiak regarding its outline planning application;

- It was requested that future local road works were undertaken during school holidays as recent works had caused a number of traffic issues;
- It was agreed to forward Cllr Cooper all the correspondence regarding the recent road naming issue relating to the Gadbridge Road development for information;
- It was noted that the decision to grant outline permission on the Pepperplock site was expected to be challenged;
- It was noted that the latest news regarding the future of the post office had been included in the Newsletter alongside a form to encourage people to financially support the continuation of the service.

## 111/18 FINANCES & POLICY

- (a) **Accounts Outstanding and Financial Statement** – Council approved the payment of accounts relating to March 2019 amounting to £3,317.26, including VAT:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
C Breen	Tudors Building Supplies	1488	£179.40
C Breen	JDS DIY	1488	£15.32
C Breen	Keys	1488	£10.00
West Mercia Energy	Toilets	DD	£15.29
West Mercia Energy	Library	DD	£98.28
West Mercia Energy	Toilets	DD	£14.49
West Mercia Energy	Library	DD	£194.90
Sutcliffe Play South West Ltd	Spring Horse parts	1489	£133.50
P Russell	Salary Mar 19	1490	£258.11
HMRC Cumbernauld	TAX/NHI	1490	£64.40
P Russell	Clerk's Expenses Mar 19	1490	£40.77
C Breen	Petrol Sainsbury's	1491	£19.25
C Breen	Screws - Toolstation	1491	£18.78
PIP	Newsletter	1492	£182.42
Herefordshire Tree Wardens	Subscription	1493	£25.00
HALC	Subscription	1494	£0.00
Herefordshire Council	Library rates	1495	£1,399.35
Richard Mills	Lengthsman	1496	£648.00
			<b>£3,317.26</b>

It was formally **RESOLVED** not to renew Weobley Parish Council's annual subscription to HALC. This would be reviewed in 2020.

- (b) **Nominations** – It was agreed to nominate Cllr Mackie to be the Council's representative on the Village Hall, subject to her agreement.

## 112/18 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Planning** – It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments to Herefordshire Council:

**APPLICATION:** P190491

**SITE:** Plot 4 The Paddocks, Weobley

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed dwelling with double garage to replace previous approval NW2000/0941/F.

**COMMENT:** Council requested that this application be deferred for the following reasons:

- The design was unsympathetic and did not reflect a reasonable blend of contemporary design within the local environment;
- There were no details regarding the materials to be used. The plans suggested that the materials were not in keeping with the neighbouring properties.

**APPLICATION:** P190574

**SITE:** St Peter and St Pauls Church, Church Road, Weobley HR4 8SD  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed works to Weeping Ash (T1) east side of churchyard - raise canopy by 15 % and thin out heavy leaders 15%, remove deadwood which currently falls on to public road and is therefore a danger. Cherry Tree (T2) by Garden of Remembrance - remove long low limbs and raise canopy to allow light through to ground below. Mature Beech and adjacent mature sycamore (T3 and T4) raise canopy and remove lower limbs over-hanging road.  
**COMMENT:** No objection subject to the Tree Warden's comments.

**APPLICATION:** P190613  
**SITE:** Land adjacent to Arrow Cottage, Ledgemoor, Weobley  
**DESCRIPTION:** Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 10, 12, 13 attached to planning permission 181956  
**COMMENT:** No objection. (It was noted that this application was adjacent to the parish)

- (b) **Gadbridge Road (P163963)** – This matter had been discussed under Minute 110/18.
- (c) **Pepperplock Application (P181050)** – This matter had been discussed under Minute 110/18.
- (d) **Neighbourhood Plan Update** – Council noted that the Plan had successfully gone through the Regulation 16 consultation and was ready for examination. Amendments were currently being considered and the final Plan would be presented to the Parish Council for approval.

Consideration was currently being given to the future designation of the Glebeland following submissions from the Diocese and the need to create additional car parking capacity for the village centre. Views from Councillors were requested.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Steering Group be given delegated authority on behalf of the Parish Council to appointment an Examiner to examine the Plan.

## 113/18 PARISH MATTERS

- (a) **Telephone Box/Defibrillator** – This matter had been discussed under Minute 110/18.
- (b) **Pump House** – Council noted that confirmation from Welsh Water regarding the asset transfer of the Pump House and land to the Parish Council was still awaited. This matter would continue to be pursued.
- (c) **Post Office** – Council noted that a leaflet had been distributed with the Spring Newsletter.
- (d) **Highways Task & Finish Group** – The following update was noted:
  - The report from the meeting was noted;
  - A project list was being developed and this would be completed as soon as possible;
  - Letters regarding parking had been sent to residents and an article had been included in the Spring Newsletter;
  - A walkabout with the Locality Steward would be arranged to discuss options.
- (e) **Library & Public Convenience Maintenance Plan Development** – Following discussion, Council **RESOLVED**:
  - To accept the quotation received to decorate external woodwork at Library and toilets, Back Lane at a cost of £980, which included materials;
  - To ratify the purchase of a fan heater at a cost of £39.99;
  - To undertake electrical works to repair the wall heater. An electrician had been approached and a quotation was awaited;
  - To allocate the funding required to enable electrical works to be undertaken.
- (f) **Play Area/Skate Park** – Council noted the following update:
  - The spring horse had now been repaired;

- Mowing had commenced;
- A meeting related to the skate park was being held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**(g) LEADER Funding Project** – Following discussion it was agreed to appoint Cllrs Anderson, Lloyd, Saunders, Simons and West to oversee the LEADER signage project. A meeting would be arranged as soon as practicable.

#### **114/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**(a) Footpath update** – Council noted the following report:

- The footpath at Garnstone Hill required clearing;
- Mowing would commence in the near future.

**(b) Lengthsman/P3** – Council noted the following update:

- Work undertaken to date included the clearing of pavements between the Catholic Church and Sawne, Primasil to Park View and Red Lion carpark to the Church entrance;
- A quotation to remove the cherry tree at the Rose Garden had been received and a further quotation had been requested;
- Works at Weobley Marsh had commenced;
- The blocked drains at the library were still outstanding and would be addressed at the beginning of May;
- It was agreed to apply for permission to remove the cherry tree.

**(c) Gritting, Portland Street** – Council noted that this road would be removed from the gritting schedule by Balfour Beatty due to access issues. In future if this part of the highway needed gritting it would have to be undertaken by hand probably by the Lengthsman.

**115/18 CORRESPONDENCE** – Council noted the following correspondence:

- Locality Steward Weekly Briefings – March 2019
- Herefordshire Council, Road Closures March 2019 – Update to programme
- Herefordshire Rural Hub March 2019 newsletter
- Police Newsletter – March 2019
- Cabinet Update – March 2018
- HALC Information Corner – March 2019

#### **116/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN.

Council noted that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**