

# Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of**  
**Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council**  
**held in Welsh Newton Village Hall**  
**on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**



No WNL/MW/100

## **Present**

Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman  
Councillor Mr. S. G. Wilkes Vice – Chairman  
Councillor Mrs. M. S. Cox  
Councillor Mr. R. R. Keating  
Councillor Mr. K. A. Simmons  
Councillor Ms. E. Swinglehurst

Clerk Mr. M. Walker

## **Also Present**

Ward Councillor Ms. Elissa Swinglehurst, Locality Steward Mr. Dave Atkinson, PCSO Lisa Austin, Parish Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths and three further members of the public

**The Chairman declared the Parish Council Meeting formally open at 7.30pm**

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received as all Parish Councillors were present (1 Parish Council Vacancy)

### **2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No WNL/MW/099 held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman

### **3.0 Casual Vacancy Llanrothal Parish**

*To consider any candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council*

Mr. Martin P. F. Barter gave a short résumé of why he wished to be considered for the vacant Llanrothal Seat

Resolved unanimously to co-opt the candidate who was welcomed to the Llanrothal element of Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council

Parish Councillor Mr. Martin Barter received a copy of the Code of Conduct and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor form.

Notice of Registrable Interests Form to be completed as soon as possible and returned to the Clerk for copying and submitting to the Herefordshire Electoral Office

### **4.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

**4.1** To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors

Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman signed the Declarations of Interest book Item 11.0

**4.2** To consider any written applications for dispensation

No written applications received

**Due** to time constraints PCSO Lisa Austin was asked to provide her report at this time, after bringing the Parish Council up to date with the current officer deployment situation:-

Crime Prevention Website, Newsletter, Smart Water “Join Herefordshire Citizens’ Academy” meetings to be held at Marlbrook Road, Hereford every Monday from 6.30pm - 9.00pm from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Log onto [www.ow.ly/TD6wD](http://www.ow.ly/TD6wD) for more information

Some burglaries had occurred which are believed to be organised crime gangs

PCSO Lisa Austin from the Ross-on-Wye Safer Neighbourhood Team provided posters relating to Safety information regarding Smart Phones and Tablets and that Paul Crompton was co-ordinating the Neighbourhood Watch team

For the Community Speed Watch. Email [Rossonwye.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Rossonwye.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)



## 6.0 Financial Report

### 6.1 Bank Balances as per Statements

@ 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Treasures Account	£8,880.81
	Bank Reconciliation to agree with Statement No 73	£8,880.81
@ 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Business Instant Access Account	£5,336.97

### 6.2 Receipts

Herefordshire Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Lengthsman / P3 Grant	
July August September reference 4680588 received by BACS	£900.00

### 6.3 Invoices for Payment

Clerk's expenses reference Neighbourhood Development Plan	£145.40
Clerk's Salary December 2015 Gross Pay	£343.41
Vehicle Expenses gross	£14.87
Postage	£4.47
HMR&C TAX £68.60 NIC £0.00	
HMR&C October November December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	£206.00
Chairman's Expenses (previously paid by Clerk's credit card)	£25.00

**All payments were Unanimously Approved**

### 6.4 Village Hall Meeting Room

Village Hall invoices provided at meeting  
The Clerk had itemised all meetings held in the Village Hall, Welsh Newton for-  
April 2013 - December 2013  
January 2014 - December 2014  
January 2015 - December 2015  
Invoices Numbers 71, 72, 73 and 74 to be reconciled for payment at the next full Parish Council meeting

The Precept request for 2016 – 2017 of £7,700.00 had been sent to Herefordshire Council

Bank Mandate Form required so as Parish Councillor Mr. Martin Barter can become a cheque signatory

## 5.0 Cross Border Healthcare

A copy of The First – Tier Tribunal General Regulatory Chamber Informal Rights had been given to all Parish Councillors.

A local resident updated the Parish Council on the situation to date, provided adjudication information and asked what next?

Clerk to re-read letter from Jesse Norman MP reference process

Clerk instructed to write a letter from Parish Council to Jesse Norman MP

Letter also from Ward Councillor

**The Parish Council resumed the correct order of business at Item 7.0**

## 7.0 Roads & Footpaths

**7.1 To Receive Lengthsman Report** also any new issues on Highway or Public Footpaths

Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths gave a verbal update including

Description of work carried out:-

Specific Task work

U71223 Newton Lodge pitch, Cleared ditch area where buttress blocks had collapsed into ditch

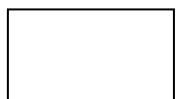
NB The blocks themselves had been removed by another party prior to our visit

Routine Maintenance Work

Clear grids and clean out road gullies, Jet connecting pipes, Clear road culvert headwalls,

Jet culverts clear, Check inspection pits, Clear ditch headwalls, Clear grips and reform leads,

Clear minor obstructions from ditches and reform leads, Clean off road signs.



Clear minor storm debris off roads

Trim and cut back overgrowth round grit bins and road signs

Trim verges on bends, junctions, splays, and areas regularly used by pedestrians where there is no footway provided

Village upkeep work as required

Roads covered on this visit:-

C1247 From A466 to Tregate Bridge

U71218 From C1247 to Llanrothal

U71219 From C1247 to parish boundary

U71220 From C1247 to parish boundary U71221

Notes

Ditches There several areas of minor ditch clearing which we can schedule in for December in order to ensure we are ready for the winter period

Grit/salt bins We noted on this visit that a number of grit bins /tubs and road signs had been damaged since our last visit. As the county contractors have not been in the area lately we can only assume that the damage had been caused by hedge cutting machines. The Council may be minded to put a note in the parish newsletter asking local landowners to be a little more careful to avoid this sort of damage especially as in future, due to forecast budget cuts by the HCC, the replacement cost will have to be borne by the parish council.

Potholes U71218 The Parsonage area

Approximately 100m past the property in the direction of Llanrothal there are two deep potholes and an area of the nearside of the road is eroded

We think that the category that these pothole would carry are out of our remit

Action- Refer to L/S.

Sandbags and grit had been delivered

The Parish Council thanked Terry for all his hard work in keeping the parishes in good order

## **7.2 Locality Steward Mr. Dave Atkinson**

Locality Steward Dave Atkinson gave an overview of issues to date

See Information Sheet Item 13.0 for full November and December Report

Any ditch adjacent to the highway

New prices for Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs)

Attempting to address potholes

Osbaston Road in a very poor state - Locality Steward to provide feedback as to why road has not been repaired

Ward Councillor to investigate why an open ditch was put in by Herefordshire Council

Clerk instructed to write a letter reference C1248 opposite Upper Newton Farm

BT - Lengthsman to email grid reference

Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman read a letter from a resident – Locality Steward investigating

## **8.0 Public Question Time**

Designated maximum period of 10 minutes to accommodate members of the public who may wish to either raise relevant issues or ask the Parish Council questions.

No matters raised

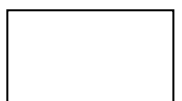
## **9.0 To Receive Reports from:-**

### **Ward Councillor**

Ward Councillor Ms. E. Swinglehurst reported on the following:-

Working for Llangarron Ward Report November 2015

“During this month I have attended a meeting of the Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee where we discussed fracking amongst other things. Working with Cllr. Paul Newman (Kerne Bridge) I am looking into the possibility of including oil and shale gas extraction ‘fracking’ as a policy within the Waste and Minerals Plan which is due in about 18 months.



I have also been busy at the Planning Committee and at the General Overview and Scrutiny committee where we had a joint meeting with Health Overview and Scrutiny to discuss the budget proposals. The budget setting is an on going process and this stage was taking into account the consultation responses (around 2000 people responded – a ten fold increase on the last time we did a budget consultation). Of the various measures proposed to either raise funds or save funds the most popular was the sale of the small holding estate and the least popular was to reduce funding to libraries.

I am currently drafting a question to the cabinet member to ask why TRO (traffic regulation orders) applications are so arduous. Llangrove has two TRO applications in the (very long) pipeline – one is for a reduced speed limit through the village and the other is to restrict waiting by the school. I have confirmed that they are on the prioritised list.

#### Other News

Broadband. Cllr Graham Powell is still working on getting 97% coverage. This is a massive task and the current phase of roll out is due to finish in December 2016. After that there will be an additional phase to complete coverage to rural areas due in 2017.

#### Hereford 20/20

A number of projects are getting underway to improve Hereford. The [Hereford 2020 website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages will present an holistic view of all of the planned infrastructure projects in Hereford City: city link road, transport hub and refurbishment of Commercial Road, Newmarket Street and Blueschool Street, High Town refurbishment, and South Wye transport package (including Southern link road), and how they connect to grow the economic, social and educational aspirations of the city. The Hereford 2020 website will be regularly updated with progress from each phase of the projects over the next five years.

Hereford 2020 will also incorporate the third-party facilities, such as the new university, that will be enabled through investment to communicate the ‘big picture’ by combining all of the proposed infrastructure activity under one banner.

Please encourage people to visit the site and explore the planned improvements. There will be a number of consultations and engagement opportunities as we progress through the program and it’s essential that as many residents and businesses as possible involve themselves.

#### STOP PRESS

As part of his recent statement the Chancellor has confirmed support for the new Hereford University. This is excellent news and congratulations are due to Karen Usher, David Sheppard and Jesse Norman MP. Exciting times! Contact me on [elissa.swinglehurst@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:elissa.swinglehurst@herefordshire.gov.uk) 01989 770038”

### **10.0 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Parish Council’s six week Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation period from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 running until 5.00pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 had now closed.

Several comments had been received, which will now be collated and sent to Steering Group members and Kirkwells Consultants.

The next stage is “Notice of Publicity (Regulation 16) Consultation”

The final version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan prepared on behalf of the Parish Council by Steering Group members will be submitted to Herefordshire Council

Letters will again be issued to all those consulted in the previous stages of the process.

### **11.0 Road Safety and Speed Indicators**

More information required

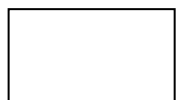
Item for the agenda of the next full Parish Council meeting

### **12.0 Parish Council’s Action Progress Report**

Councillor Mr. R. Keating gave an overview of progress report to date and would email document to Clerk for information and use to send reports to Locality Steward Mr. Dave Atkinson

Many of the outstanding issues had been addressed

Feedback required from all Parish Councillors



**13.0 Information Sheet**

*Information sheet received by all Parish Councillors  
(Paper copies to Councillor Mr Steve Wilkes and Councillor Mrs Moira Cox)*

Planning Application 152811 West View, Manson, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5RD  
Replace existing porch with single storey extension

**Permission granted 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

All further information on peach sheet

Transparency Fund Application submitted for Laptop, (Scanner, Copier, Printer) and Website presence

Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council Gazette for December 2015 approved with revision of front page

**14.0 Matters Relayed to the Clerk for Agenda of the Next meeting**

Bank Mandate Form  
Road Safety and Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

**15.0 Confirmation Date, Time and Venue of the next Group Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be an Ordinary **Parish Council Meeting** of Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council and is to be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016** in Welsh Newton Village Hall to commence at **7.30pm**

The Parish Clerk gave notice to the Parish Council of his resignation with effect from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**Meeting declared closed at 10.10pm**

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr. Craig D. Bligh

Signed.....  
Dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016

