



Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council



**Minutes of Welsh Newton Parish & Llanrothal Parish
Held in Welsh Newton Village Hall
On Thursday 10th November 2016**

Present: Chairman Cllr C Bligh, Cllr Mr S Wilkes Vice – Chairman, Cllr Mr M Barter & Cllr Mrs M Cox
In attendance: Mrs Kath Greenow Parish Clerk Parish Lengthsman Terry Griffiths

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 To receive and accept any apologies from Councillors
Cllr Ms E Swinglehurst, & Cllr Mr K Simmons

2. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items from Councillors
Cllr S Wilkes declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 8 Welsh Newton Commons
2.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation from Councillors
No written requests received

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 13/10/2016

It was **RESOLVED** to: agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13/10/2016

4. Public Question Time

No members of the public present

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllr report
No ward Cllrs report

6. Lengthsman

6.1 To receive a report from parish lengthsman.
A report had been received from the Parish Lengthsman
Grit bins :12 in all throughout the parish.

It was RESOLVED: that the lengthsman check the salt bins to see if any needed salt or replacing.

Maintenance work to be carried out by the lengthsman in the parish during November. The lengthsman has marked some road ditches / drains needing attention during November of which have been a painted white arrow on the road.

C124 Near The Nunnery Clear out exist shallow ditch to road culvert.

Spout pitch area- Lower Cym Side. Clear roadside ditch to road culvert.

Spout pitch-Llanrothal side.

Clear roadside ditch to road culvert. Junction with U71218.

Reform ditch from junction to road culvert.

U71218. Lower Skenchill Farm area. Clear ditch from field gate entrance to road culvert.

Llanrothal Bridge area. Clear ditch and extend as necessary.

U71220 Lower Buckolt Farm area. Clear ditch to road culvert.

These jobs are on the priority list at present and once cleared we will continue inspections and report back to the parish council. Estimated costing. We would expect to schedule the work to be completed over a two-day period Labour equipment fuel £900 Plus vat at 20%.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the lengthsman undertake the work required at a costing of £900.00 +VAT

7. Footpaths report

7.1 To receive footpaths report from the footpaths officer

The first maintenance repair circuits for the year have been completed

7.2 To consider work to be carried out by L/man on the footpaths

No further work required at present. Discussion took place about putting information into the parish newsletter concerning footpaths and the responsibility of landowners and the PC.

7.3 To consider implications of changes to l/man & P3 grant by Herefordshire Council for 2017/18
The l/man grant for 2017/18 was being reduced by 25% for 2017/18 and the enhanced scheme would no longer exist after 2016/17.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the chairman and clerk liaise to work on a budget for l/man & p3 work for 2017/18.

8. Welsh Newton Commons

8.1 To receive an update on tree issues on Welsh Newton Common

The clerk had contacted Herefordshire Council about the matter of removing overhanging boughs and trees on Welsh Newton common the advice given was that "as a section 45 common the local authority have the powers to protect the common but no duty to do so and we have a policy to not get involved in section 45 commons. In regards to consent to cut overhanging branches back on a tree with a TPO, an application needs to be made to the planning department to enable commoners on Welsh Newton Common to carry out the work required.

It was **RESOLVED** that: The Clerk write to residents on the common to advise them accordingly with the trees and overhanging boughs causing a problem on the common

9. Planning

9.1 To note planning application approved/refused since last meeting by Herefordshire Council - None

10. Neighbourhood plan

10.1 To receive an update on the NDP and next steps as required

The NDP had been submitted to HFDC NDP planning for regulation 16 consultation. The consultation began on 7 November 2016, and will finish on 19 December 2016.

10.2 To consider applying for grant funding from Locality regarding examination assistance and any resulting modifications required post regulation 16.

The clerk had contacted Kirkwells for advice and they advised that the pc speak to Herefordshire Council about timetables for the Examination as after the 6 weeks' consultation an Examiner would need to be appointed jointly with the Parish Council. As you may be aware you can only apply to Locality for funding which you can spend within 6 months

11. Finance

11.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances Main a/c £5969.15 Bus a/c £6840.59

11.2 To consider draft budget for 2017/18 deferred to the next meeting

11.3 To consider a request from Dore Community Transport regarding a donation to assist in continuing to provide a transport service for residents in South Herefordshire

It was **RESOLVED**: not to donate to Dore Community Transport

11.4 To consider invoices/ reimbursements for payment

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Clerks reimbursement for postage £11.04

Grant Thornton invoice £120.00

11.5 To receive an update regarding grant application for purchase of defibrillator(s)

The clerk advised that a referee was required on the grant application form. A member of the community had come forward who was happy to be a referee on the application.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the clerk send the completed form to the Chairman for him to attend to with regard to the referee's information to be added by the referee. The clerk would then be able to send the application form off.

12. Correspondence

12.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting
Halc information corner & Halc Conference information
All correspondence was noted

13. Date of next meeting Thursday 8th December 2016 @7.3pm

Signed  dated *8th Dec 2016*
Chairman