



Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council



Minutes of Welsh Newton Parish & Llanrothal Parish
Held in Welsh Newton Village Hall
On Thursday 13TH October 2016

Present: Chairman Cllr C Bligh, Cllr Mr S Wilkes Vice – Chairman, Cllr Ms E Swinglehurst

In attendance: Mrs Kath Greenow Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 To receive and accept any apologies from Councillors
Cllr Mr M Barter, Cllr Mrs M Cox & 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 22/09/2016

It was **RESOLVED** to: agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22/09/2016

4. Public Question Time

No members of the public present

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllr report

Ward Cllrs report had been emailed to Cllrs and was noted.

6. Lengthsman

6.1 To receive a report from parish lengthsman No report had been received from the Parish Lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED** that: The Clerk contact the lengthsman to request an urgent report

6.2 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman

7. Footpaths report

7.1 To receive footpaths report from the footpaths officer

It was **RESOLVED** that: The Clerk contact the lengthsman to request an urgent report work required on the footpaths.

8. Welsh Newton Commons

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

Cllrs had meet with the Locality officer re tree issues and low overhanging boughs on the U71223. The locality officer advised that he would write to land owners concerned requesting them to attend to the overhanging boughs. The Clerk had contact George Thompson with regard to the issue of the trees on the commons at Welsh Newton. She advised that Herefordshire Council were not prepared to do anything about the issue with the trees as the commons was not owned by them and is covered under section 45

The local authority has the powers to protect common land but no duty to do so.

Discussion took place with regard to the issues with the trees on the commons that were covered by TPO (Tree Preservation Order)

It was **RESOLVED** that: The Clerk contact Herefordshire Council concerning application for tree works, works to trees that are subject to a TRO. to enable commoners on Welsh Newton

Common to carry out the work required.

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 Clerk reported that Kirkwells had added in the CIL details in the NDP.

It was **RESOLVED** to: remove the word 'improved' add recreational areas/open space to the list
Clerk to inform Kirkwells to amend and then submit the NDP to Herefordshire Council for regulation
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11. Finance

11.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances Bank Balance noted as Treasurers A/C £8074.06
Business A/C £6840.02

11.2 To consider invoices/ reimbursements for payment

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Terry Griffiths L/man invoice: 1839 = £452.40

Clerks mileage April – September £65.25

11.3 To receive an update regarding grant funding for purchase of defibrillator(s)

The Clerk advised that the grant application had not been submitted and that she needed to change the details from the previous Clerk and submit the application,

11.4 To note completion of external audit by Grant Thornton - Noted no action required from external auditors report

12. Correspondence

12.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting

Halc information corner - Noted

13. Date of next meeting Thursday 10th November 2016 @7.30pm

Signed  dated..... 10/11/16

Chairman