

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012**



No WNL/MW/066

**Present**

Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman  
Councillor Mr. S. G. Wilkes Vice - Chairman  
Councillor Mrs. M. S. Cox  
Councillor Mr. B. Stockley  
Councillor Ms. E. Swinglehurst  
  
Clerk Mr. M. Walker

**Also Present**

CSO Lisa Austin from the Local Policing Team, Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths,  
Mrs. Pattie Fender and Ms. Sue Parkinson

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

**1.0 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr. K. A. Simmons and  
Ward Councillor Mrs. Jenny Hyde

Councillor Mr. J. Lane was not present

**2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No WNL/MW/065  
held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the  
Chairman.

**3.0 Declarations of Interest Dispositions**

**3.1** To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors  
No declarations of interest made

**3.2** To consider any written applications for dispensation  
None received

**4.0 Financial Report**

**4.1 Bank Balances as per Statement**

@ 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Treasures Account	£7,159.57
@ 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Business Instant Access Account	£5,328.54

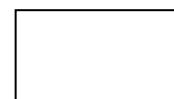
**4.2 Receipts**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Part Precept Payment	£3,265.00
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**4.3 Invoices for Payment**

Terry Griffiths (Contracts) TGC675 Lengthsman	£302.40
Clerk's Salary October 2012 Gross Pay	£283.45
Lengthsman Scheme Admin	£22.50
Vehicle Expenses	£21.19
Parish Council Postage	£7.80
HMR&C TAX £62.20 NIC £0.00	

**All payments were Unanimously Approved**  
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**5.0 To Receive Reports from:-**

**5.1 Ward Councillor**

Although Ward Councillor Mrs. Jenny Hyde was unable to attend she had forwarded the proposed footpath diversion request re LO3 (Part)

As the Parish Council were unaware of any evidence relating to this application the Clerk was instructed to request sight of said evidence upon which the application is to be based, as no rational conclusion could be reached without such information

Ward Councillor Mrs Jenny Hyde, Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman to be copied into this letter in addition Councillor Ms. E. Swinglehurst would speak to the Ward Councillor reference the application

This Parish Council is committed to look after and Promote Public Rights of Way as well as BOATs.

**5.2 Village Hall Committee Delegate**

Village Hall Committee Delegate not present so no report

**5.3 Llangrove School Delegate**

No update as no school

**5.4 Local Police Update**

CSO Lisa Austin from the Local Policing Team gave her report at the beginning of the meeting, it included an update of the West Mercia Alliance with Warwickshire which is aimed at sharing services thus reducing costs.

These changes are expected to be complete by June 2013.

**6.0 Transparency of Herefordshire Council**

The Parish Council raised concerns about the apparent lack of transparency of Herefordshire Council with major decisions being made behind closed doors, the public then only becoming aware of through the press.

Mrs. Pattie Fender offered what she believed to be specific evidence

**7.0 Neighbourhood Plan**

**7.1** To receive update on current status of application

Resolved to make formal application at November Meeting

**7.2** To consider Parish Council's response to Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Resolved not to complete questionnaire

**8.0 Lost Rights of Way**

The Parish Council resolved to have an Open Day so as everyone is aware of the Parish Council's proposals

The Event to be held in Welsh Newton Village Hall Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
10am – 12noon

**9.0 Parish Information Kiosk**

The Parish Council resolved to purchase 3 Vinyl sticky backed signs "INFORMATION" from "Chillipepper" for £20.00 plus VAT.

Detailed information to be emailed to Councillor Mr. B. Stockley

**10.0 Autumn News Letter**

The Parish Council resolved to print and distribute the Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council Gazette with the addition of a date and time of the Public Rights of Way Open Day Event.



### 11.0 Clerk's Salary Incremental Increase

The Parish Council resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by one incremental increase to SCP24 following his and the Parish Council's Power of Competence Accreditation.

### 12.0 Previous Action

Email received 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from Ray Wallace stating that 40mph roundels and red patches were to be installed once the winter had past.

The Clerk reported that he had emailed AMEY within the last two weeks but with no response.

The clerk reported that a second letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 reference **Sand Bag Storage** had been sent to Mr. David Harlow (1<sup>st</sup> letter sent 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012) still no reply had as yet been received.

Chairman said he would contact Mr. Harlow

Letter sent to Mr. Rob Ball **HWFS** Group Commander West District requesting a site meeting, dates to be confirmed.

Contact between HWFS and Councillor Mr. S. G. Wilkes Vice – Chairman

Clerk received the following response to his report about overhead cables at risk of tree damage on Welsh Newton Common

*"Thank you for your enquiry. Can I please ask is this a problem at one location or over the entire Welsh Newton Common area? I have a partial postcode of NP25 for the area, but is there a specific postcode I can log your request against? Also, are the trees in question causing any problems to supplies in your area at present?"*

*If there is no immediate risk I will log the job to our local team. I will email you a reference number and contact details for this team. They should contact you within 2 working days to explain what will happen next. Should you miss their attempts to contact you please feel free to contact them directly quoting the reference provided and they will be happy to discuss the job with you.*

*If this requires an emergency response I can arrange this for you."*

### 13.0 Correspondence

#### Planning Application

Site	Tregate Castle, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5QL
Description	Installation of 8kw of photovoltaic panels sited in field
Application No	S122481/F
Grid Ref	OS 347992, 217084
Application	Planning permission

Councillor Mr. C. D. Bligh Chairman to contact owner to clarify exact location

#### Correspondence received

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012      Fields in Trust FIT  
Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

28<sup>th</sup> September 2012      Herefordshire Council  
Parish & Town Council Allowances

### 14.0 Roads & Footpaths

Tregate Warren dip in road / Culvert blocked under road contact Amey again / Safety railing missing dangerous / All Flood signs have been taken away  
Pipe by Pleck damaged / issues near Pembridge Castle

Lengthsman reported that both Whitchurch and Marstow Parish Councils have been supplied with a free-issue of Tarmac for use by the Lengthsman to fill pot holes.



Although there has not been any official variation of the Lengthsman's role or indeed any additional funding for the Parish Councils to supplement the role of Herefordshire Council's preferred contractor who is already contracted for this work Lengthsman to quote for :-

Two adjacent ditching jobs for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting  
Clerk to order

10 Tonne Winter Grit for Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths

**15.0 Matters Relayed to the Clerk for the Agenda of the Next Meeting**

Formal application to produce a Neighbourhood Plan

Transparency of Herefordshire Council

Public Footpath Diversion

To consider proposed diversion WNN2, WNN3, WNN12

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

The next meeting will be the **Ordinary Meeting** of Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in Welsh Newton Village Hall to commence at **7.30pm**

**Meeting declared closed at 10.00pm**

Councillor .....

Signed.....

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012

