



Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council



Minutes of Welsh Newton Parish & Llanrothal Parish

Held in Welsh Newton Village Hall

On Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: , Cllr Mr S Wilkes Vice – Chairman, Cllr Mr M Barter, Cllr Mrs M Cox, Cllr K Simmons, Cllr Matthew Hall & Cllr E Swinglehurst

In attendance: Mrs Kath Greenow Parish Clerk, Terry Griffiths Parish Lengthsman & 2 parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 To receive and accept apologies from Councillors

Chairman, Cllr C Bligh

In the absence of the Chairman the vice Chairman chaired the meeting

2. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items. Cllr Barter declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 13 planning application 170462

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 09/03/2017

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of the Group Parish Council meeting held on 09/03/2017

4. 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

A parishioner present raised her concerns about the tower and the materials to be used.

The parishioner advised that she would be making a comment on the application to Herefordshire Council

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllrs report & Q & A time

5.2 Locality Officer report

No locality report

6. Clerks resignation

6.1 To note Clerks resignation

The clerk had contacted the Chairman to advise that she would be leaving as the Parish Clerk at the end of May due to other work commitments.

6.2 To consider recruitment process for employing a new Clerk.

Discussion took place concerning the Clerk's vacancy

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Chairman contact HALC to engage their services to facilitate the recruitment of a suitably qualified Clerk for 5 hours per week. It was also agreed that the vacancy is advertised on HALC website.

7. Lengthsman /footpaths

7.1 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED:** that the maintenance days that are carried out by the lengthsman need to be streamlined for 2017/18 due to the lengthsman scheme budget restraints.

8. Footpaths

8.1 To consider work to be undertaken on the parish footpaths

It was **RESOLVED:** that the lengthsman attend to the following:

Wobbly step – footpath beyond the church LO4, WNL8 at Wooded area, timber lying across the track

9. Highways

9.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Fly tipping on Welsh Newton Common, Broken glass sheets dumped between Mayals cross and Hunters post (The Old Quarry)

10. Planning

10.1 To note planning application approved or refused by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting none

11. Neighbourhood Plan

11.1 To receive an update on the NDP

The NDP inspection is due to start on 28/02/2017

12. Finance

12.1 Confirmation of Bank Balances Bank balance noted as:

Main A/C at 22/03/2017 £11583.31

Business A/C at 09/03/2017 £6841.71

12.2 To receive an update on SID (Speed Indicator Device)

The clerk had contacted B/B and had been advised as follows: Unfortunately, SIDs cannot be permanently sited at one location as it is HC policy to have them installed for 1 month at a time with no return to that location for the subsequent 2 months. This is how our SIDs are deployed and if you were to operate your own this is how you would also be required to deploy them.

Other devices deployed permanently are called Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and use legal signs from the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) displayed in LED lights when a vehicle exceeds a certain speed threshold. These signs are governed by more strict deployment requirements as the over use of them would ultimately negatively impact those placed in the most relevant/dangerous places.

As a result, in order to deploy one of these VASA you need to have a clear speeding problem and a collision history with a demonstrable pattern to target. Unfortunately, this tends to mean only a few locations meet the requirements but ultimately ensures the efficacy of the ones deployed.

If you are still interested in purchasing your SID for periodic deployment, the next step would be to conduct an investigation as to whether a SID is appropriate in the location you are requesting to deploy one. This would involve a site visit to look at the location to find somewhere appropriate to install a SID base and then a speed survey to check if vehicle speeds exceed our required deployment threshold of the speed limit +10% (i.e. 33mph in a 30mph, 44mph in a 40mph zone etc). If speeds were supportive, the base could then be installed in the agreed location for the sum of £425+VAT.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk & Cllr Swinglehurst to take up the matter regarding SIDs and report back at the next meeting

12.3 To consider invoices for Payment

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Clerks reimbursement of postage £3.84

Eyelid Productions website £500.00

12.4 To consider appointment of internal auditor

It was **RESOLVED**: to appoint Julie Cole as internal auditor as per last year

12.5 To consider applying for a grant for parish defibrillator

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk looks into grants available for 2 parish defibrillators

13. Planning

13.1 To comment on planning application 170462 Primrose Cottage Welsh Newton Monmouth

Description: Proposed conversion of chapel to form ancillary accommodation and provision of 3 no. bay oak-framed garage with store over

It was **RESOLVED**: to support the application in principal with a caveat, this being that the materials used must comply with WNLNDP policies 5 & 8. Design principals for conversion of traditional rural buildings, and we ask that the tower is repositioned central to the north-east gable

14. Correspondence

14.1 To consider commenting on Herefordshire Council Code of Conduct Consultation - Noted