

Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council,
Held at Welsh Newton Village Hall
On Thursday 12th July 2018
At 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mr. Craig Bligh (Chairman); Mr. Steve Wilkes; Mrs. Elissa Swinglehurst, Mrs. Moira Cox, Mr. Keith Simmons and Mr. Martin Barter

In attendance: Mrs. Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr. Matthew Hall.

2. To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items

Cllr. Steve Wilkes declared a non-pecuniary interest against item 8.3 and signed the book.

Cllr. Elissa Swinglehurst declared a non-pecuniary interest against item 7.2 and signed the book

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2018

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time

The following comment was made:

- The recent PCC concert had been a lovely event although it was a shame more people could not have been there.

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllrs report & Q & A time - Appendix 1

This report was taken as read. Cllr. Swinglehurst added that Herefordshire Council were very keen to liaise more closely with Parish Councils moving forwards.

5.2 Locality Officer Report

The Locality Steward was not present and had not responded to the Parish Council highway and footpath log yet.

6. Finance

6.1 To note the July Finance report and bank balances – Appendix 2

The finance report was RECEIVED. It was RESOLVED to sign the report and the bank statements as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

6.2 To receive an update on SID purchase

The previous contact dealing with the issue had left Balfour Beatty. The speed surveys had been done, although one had needed re-doing. The data should be coming next week.

6.3 To consider the following invoices for payment:

6.3.1 The clerks expenses £37.41 (previously circulated)

6.3.2 The clerk's salary – July

6.3.3 Invoice from Autela payroll services £46.80

6.3.4 Invoice from Terry Griffiths for maintenance £428.40

6.3.5 Invoice from Terry Griffiths for footpaths £60

It was RESOLVED to approve all of the above invoices for payment and the cheques and invoices were signed.

7. Lengthsman /footpaths

7.1 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman

It was unclear as to whether some of the previous requests had been completed. It was RESOLVED that the clerk request the lengthsman get in touch.

7.2 To consider the Jubilee Walk

It was RESOLVED that the clerk write a letter to landowners asking whether they are willing to work with the Parish Council in upgrading Jubilee Walk. Responses would be brought for discussion at the September meeting.

8. Highways

8.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

None

8.2 To receive an update on any highways/locality issues - attached table

Noted and updated (in red)

Date	Minute	Item	Status
08.02.18	8.3	Signs on the A466 road at Buckholt.	Clerk wrote to Monmouth – no response yet
06.12.17	Email	Highway damage	Highway damage by tractors – tarmac broken. Reported on HC log on 6 th Dec 2017 – CAS-656887-Q9N4H2
14.12.17	5.2		DA to ask Shane Hancocks what legal powers the council has to force the contractor to pay for damage to the highway.
11.01.18	6.1	Signs by Llanrothal rd jctn.	Clerk to request DA put up more signs by Llanrothal Road junction and by first driveway going to Cwm. Clerk emailed DA on 15 th January 2018
11.01.18	6.2	Stiles broken on WNN8 and LO1	TG to request stiles from DA for WNN8 and LO1 footpaths – awaited.
11.01.18	7.1	Missing grit bins	Clerk to request that DA replace 3 missing grit bins at telephone kiosk; Newton Lodge and on the road from Llanrothal to Tregate Bridge. Clerk emailed DA on 15 th January 2018 Completed
11.01.18	7.1	Slurry and mud on the highways	Cllr. Bligh to meet with relevant parishioners to discuss mud and slurry on the highway. Completed – new contractors were being used – they would clean the highways.

8.3 To consider the issue of the bridle-way – Morgans Grove

Research of the WNN6 shows that:

- Anecdotal evidence shows that the path has been used by all vehicles over the past years.
- The current designation of WNN6 is as a bridleway (upgraded in 1984). It had previously been designated as a footpath in 1952. A DMMO is currently logged to change the designation to a restricted byway.
- The designation of the path in the County of Monmouthshire is as a restricted byway.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk further investigate with Monmouth and Herefordshire Councils:

- What, if anything, can be done to redesignate the route so that motorised vehicles can use it?
- Can an individual challenge the right to use the path in a vehicle under their prescriptive rights, as they have used it for over 30 years?

Two members of the public left the meeting

9. Planning

9.1 To note planning application approved / refused by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting

Noted – it was RESOLVED that Cllr Swinglehurst chase a response to the top item below.

Date	App. No.	Description	PC Comment	HC Decision
2015?		Legal Agreement for Farm Worker bungalows at Lower Buckholt Farm		Awaited
11.01.17	173774/F	- Biddlestone Farm, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6NT Erection of up to 32 hectares of fixed polytunnels over arable crops grown on table-tops	Object	Awaited
12.04.18	180274	Brook Cottage – Buckholt, NP25 5RJ Proposed two-storey and single-storey extension, alterations and detached double garage - amended	Object	Awaited

10. Neighbourhood Plan

10.1 To consider approving the draft NDP, policy maps, SEA, HRA, Basic conditions statement and Consultation statement for submission to Herefordshire Council at Regulation 16.

Item deferred until September meeting as SEA and HRA need updating following a legal challenge elsewhere in the country.

11. Parishioner Engagement

It was RESOLVED that the clerk would get all paperwork ready for the September meeting, in order that Cllrs could do a door-knock to request others join the parish email list.

12. Defibrillator

The clerk had researched rough costs of a defibrillator; however, as there is no grant at present this item will be deferred until there is one.

13. Correspondence

The clerk had RECEIVED correspondence from Mr. Holland. This was NOTED

14. To consider the outstanding actions

Date and Minute	Item	Action
14.06.18 10	The War Memorial situation	Ongoing discussions with land owner
14.06.18 11	Application for an Armistice Grant and Silhouettes	ES to email clerk with grant amount required. Clerk to apply for 3 silhouettes. The time had now passed for grant to be submitted and the clerk had received no further instruction as to amount required so no grant had been submitted.
14.06.18 13	Pembridge Castle	SW to keep clerk informed when new ownership is established. Clerk to write regarding possible community access and use of castle.
14.06.18 14	The right for English residents to register with an English medical practice	Clerk to write to HCCG for clarity on the matter. Awaiting a response Cllr Swinglehurst had received an email from Mr. Simon Trickett regarding the Statement of Principles and Values document that is in progress.
14.06.18 12	Good Neighbour Scheme	ES to keep council informed about scheme

15. To consider items for the next meeting – No discussion

Cllrs were REQUESTED to email the clerk if they had anything they wished adding.

16. Date of next meeting - 13th September 2018

Noted

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____