

Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council,
Held at Welsh Newton Village Hall
On Thursday 12th March 2020
At 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mr. Craig Bligh (Chairman); Mr. Steve Wilkes, Mrs. Moira Cox, Ms. Elissa Swinglehurst, 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 Debbie Clarke

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

Cllr Craig Bligh DECLARED a DPI against item 6.5.1 and signed the Register of Interest book.

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2020

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time

None raised

5. Reports

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

NOTED

6. Planning

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

The following table was NOTED

Date	App. No.	Description	PC Comment	HC Decision
14.11.19 09.01.20	193391	Homeleigh, Welsh Newton, NP25 5RR Proposed replacement dwelling and garage	Object	Awaited
14.11.19	173774	Biddlestone Farm, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6NT To erect up to 28 hectares of fixed (i.e. non-rotating) 'Spanish' polytunnels over arable (soft fruit) crops.	Object	Awaited

It was NOTED that a decision on application 193391 by the Herefordshire Planning Committee had been deferred.

6.2 To consider an update on listing un-converted barns in the parishes

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Steve Wilkes would compile a map showing any barns that need listing and the clerk would seek clarity on the planning rules under which a barn can be taken down.

6.3 To consider the Garway NDP Regulation 16 Consultation

It was RESOLVED to make no comment.

6.4 To consider the Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy Review 2020 consultation

The Settlement Hierarchy Review document was completed ready for submission to Herefordshire Council.

6.5 To consider planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council

Cllr Craig Bligh left the room

6.5.1 200284 Tump Farm Barn, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire,

The conversion of a courtyard of barns on the site known as Tump Barn. The purpose of the scheme is to provide multigenerational living accommodation on the site.

It was RESOLVED to support this application on the condition that there is no demolition of the main integrity of the building. It was further requested that renewable energy sources are considered.

Cllr Craig Bligh rejoined the meeting

6.5.2 200645 - 2 Woodside Cottages, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5RS

Proposed two storey extension.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

It was RESOLVED to take item 11 and 9.4 next as members of the public were waiting on them.

11. Environment

11.1 To consider environmental and climate issues affecting the Parishes and set up a Working Group

Both Sue Parkinson and Margaret Phillips were thanked for coming to the meeting. It was NOTED that Patti Fender had sent her apologies. Possible environmental initiatives were discussed. It was RESOLVED to discuss the issues further at the next meeting. It was AGREED that a parish litter-pick, followed by teas and coffees, may be a good way to spread the word in the first instance.

11.2 To consider an update on arranging a litter-pick and the purchase of litter-picking kit.

It was RESOLVED to revisit this in June along with item 11.1

9.4 To consider trees on the Common and the purchase of fallen wood

It was NOTED that Commoners and Estovers have rights to fallen wood on the Common. It was RESOLVED that the tree should remain where it fell. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should get a list of the rights of Commoners and Estovers for clarity as well as seeking clarity on who has liability for trees on the Common.

All members of the public left the meeting

7. Finance

7.1 To note the March Finance report and bank balances – Appendix 2

The clerk REPORTED that finances were on track for the period. The report was APPROVED and duly signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

7.2 To consider the following invoices for payment:

7.2.1 The clerks expenses £33.32 – previously circulated

7.2.2 The clerks salary – March

7.2.3 HMRC £288.60

7.2.4 BHF – Defib Cabinet £574.99

It was RESOLVED to pay the above invoices and the cheques were signed.

8. Lengthsman

8.1 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman - see report previously circulated

It was RESOLVED that the lengthsman should undertake the three tasks on his report.

8.2 To note the submission of the Lengthsman Scheme Expression of Interest Form for 2020-21

NOTED

8.3 To consider work to be undertaken on the parish footpaths

The following items were logged for reporting:

- WNN8 – a landowner has installed a second gate and broken a previous gate.

- Fencing appears to be going up across the footpath between Moyles Cross and Parkside Farm.

9. Highways and footpaths

9.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

None

9.2 To consider an update on the SID data

It was RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting.

9.3 To consider an update on installing white gates on the approach to the village.

The clerk REPORTED that she had received one quote. It was RESOLVED that further quotes should be sought.

10. To consider an update the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet, installation and fundraising

It was RESOLVED that the clerk would email Cllr. Debbie Clarke about arranging installation of the cabinet at Welsh Newton Village Hall.

12. To consider an update on Pembridge Castle

It was RESOLVED that a further attempt should be made to discover who the owner of the property are. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Keith Simmons would undertake an Index Map Search. It was further RESOLVED that the clerk should submit an application to register the castle as a Community Asset.

13. To consider an update on VE Day 2020

It was RESOLVED to take no further action with this initiative.

14. Correspondence

The following items were RAISED:

- Position Statement regarding phosphate levels in the Rivers Wye and Lugg. NOTED

- The notice boards on the Common need replacing – discuss at next meeting.

- Invoices from Autela Payroll Services (£48.24) and Terry Griffiths (£436.80) had come in too late for the agenda but need to be paid before the end of the financial year. The invoices were APPROVED and the cheques signed.

- The area of Common by Newton Lodge has been formally de-registered by Herefordshire Council. It was AGREED that the footpath across this land should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

15. To consider the outstanding actions

The following table was NOTED

Date	Minute	Item	Status
13.06.19	11.5	Update on the Market Path DMMO submitted in 2015	Clerk has now received the original application for checking by Councillors. The application was checked for re-submitting. Following feedback from HC – further detail is needed to complete the application. HC contacting the Commons Department for clarification. Clerk still awaiting response
13.06.19	14	Update on the future of the Post Office	Negotiations ongoing with out-reach service It was REPORTED that this was planned to take place in the Village Hall. Parishioners commented that they felt there was little interest in such a service. Cllr Debbie Clarke AGREED to undertake a survey of opinion for reporting at the March meeting.

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

To consider writing to landowners who discharge an excessive amount of water onto the highways from their fields.

17. Date of next meeting – 9th April 2020

NOTED

The meeting closed at 9.43pm

Signed: _____ Dated: _____