

WESTON BEGGARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,
Held at Yarkhill Village Hall
On Monday 26th November 2018
At 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Richard Williams (Chairman), Roger Barnett, John Young, Keith Bayliss and Keith Lawrence.

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

None – all present

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

None

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September 2018

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

4. Public Question Time

None present

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllrs report & Q & A time

Cllr Lester sent his apologies and a brief report for the clerk to deliver. The report included the following:

- The proposed Herefordshire Council budget is set at a council tax increase of 4.9%. The relevant scrutiny committees will assess the proposals this week. It will be agreed by Full Cabinet in the new year. It was RESOLVED that the Council should write to MP Bill Wiggin expressing their dismay at the ever-decreasing sum of money received by Herefordshire Council from Central Government.
- The Parish Council Summit held on the 17th October was well received. The next one is set for the 24th January 2019.

5.2 Locality Officer Report

Not present

6. Finance

6.1 To note the November Finance Report and Bank Balances – Appendix 1

The clerk gave her report. The spend was well within budget. It was RESOLVED to approve the finance report and it and the bank statement was signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

6.2 To consider the 2019-20 budget and precept - Appendix 2

The clerk explained the draft budget by highlighting each cost code. The clerk's home allowance was added into the budget and the contingency reduced by £100 to offset this. It was RESOLVED to increase the clerk's salary from 1st April 2019 to SCP32. It was RESOLVED to approve the draft budget and to set the 2019 precept at £3000.

6.3 To consider the following invoices for payment:

6.3.1 The clerk's expenses £126.38

6.3.2 The clerk's salary

6.3.3 ICO payment £40

It was RESOLVED to approve all the above invoices for payment and the cheques were signed. It was AGREED that the clerk's salary cheque would be signed between meetings once the payslip had been emailed across.

6.4 To consider online banking access for the clerk and sign the appropriate forms.

It was RESOLVED to allow the clerk to have online access to the bank account to view statements. The form was duly signed by all councillors – all of whom are signatories.

7. Highways and footpaths

7.1 To consider work to be undertaken on the parish footpaths

It was RESOLVED that a new stile be requested from Balfour Beatty to repair the stile on the WB3 from Moorend Farm to Church House Farm.

7.2 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

None at present

8. Planning**8.1 To note planning application approved / refused by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting**

Noted

Date	App. No.	Description	PC Comment	HC Decision
19 th June 2018	182266/F	Weston Green Farm Weston Beggard Lane Weston Beggard HR1 4BW Proposed steel portal framed general purpose agricultural building	Support	Awaited

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received by the clerk –

- *Safer Neighbourhood Team* – The police wished to attend a minimum of two council meetings a year. It was RESOLVED that the clerk would send them meeting dates and invite them to attend.
- *Planning application 184153* – As a response was needed before the next meeting, it was RESOLVED to consider this now. It was RESOLVED to support this application with the condition that external lighting is kept to a minimum – with no more flood lights.
- *Keep Warm Leaflet* – this was handed out to councillors

10. To consider the outstanding actions

Noted

Date	Minute	Item	Status
21.05.18	14	RW to investigate moving of war memorial further	

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

Clerk's Annual Appraisal; Elections

12. To note the date of next meeting – 25th February 2019 and approve 2019 meeting dates25th Feb 2019; 20th May 2019; 16th Sept 2019 and 18th Nov 2019.

The meeting dates were NOTED and APPROVED subject to hall availability.

The meeting closed at 20.00

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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