

WESTON BEGGARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,
Held at Yarkhill Village Hall
On Monday 17th February 2020
At 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

Public: 6

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 18th November 2019

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time

The following issue was RAISED:

- Concern was expressed at the recent registration of Shucknall Hill Common (CL137). The clerk will endeavour to find out details and pass them onto parishioners. Property boundary issues were raised.

All members of the public left the meeting.

5. Reports – Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester

5.1 Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester had sent his apologies but reported, via the clerk, that there would be an increase of 3.9% in council tax for the coming financial year, and that more finances had been allocated for spending on highways.

6. Finance

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

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

6.2 To consider the following invoices for payment:

6.2.1 The clerk's expenses £126.09 (previously circulated)

6.2.2 The clerk's salary and HMRC payments

6.2.3 HALC annual subscriptions 2020-21 £330.28

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment and the cheques were signed. It was RESOLVED that item 6.2.2 could be paid between meetings when the paperwork arrived.

6.3 To consider the request for funding from the PCC for a community lawnmower £600

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council were unable to assist with this funding request as it is written in legislation that funding cannot be given to the church (Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1894).

7. Highways and footpaths

7.1 To consider work to be undertaken on the parish footpaths

It was REQUESTED that the clerk order a new stile for installing on BJ5.

7.2 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

None

8. Planning

8.1 To consider an update on the review of the NDP and Core Strategy and related issues.

The clerk REPORTED that she has arranged a Review Meeting with Herefordshire Council on 26th March at 10am. The clerk will attend. The formal complaints submitted by Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council to Herefordshire Council were NOTED. The Parish Council support these complaints in principle but it was RESOLVED to take no further action until the outcome of the complaints was known. It was NOTED that Herefordshire Council seemed to have started to review the Core Strategy. It was RESOLVED to wait until the meeting of the 26th March before taking any further action on the review of the parish NDP.

8.2 To consider the Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy Review 2020

The consultation document was completed for submitting to Herefordshire Council by the clerk.

9. Community Matters

9.1 To consider a leaflet to send out to parishioners

As REQUESTED in the meeting of 18th November 2019, the clerk had prepared a leaflet for posting to all parishioners. The leaflet was APPROVED for posting with the following changes:

- the litter pick section was taken out.
- mention of the councillor vacancy was added

- parishioners were asked if they had any ideas they would like the Council to pursue.

9.2 To consider a litter pick

It was RESOLVED to not take this further at present. The side roads were already kindly cleaned by parishioners and the A4103 would be too dangerous to work on.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence regarding the 8th May 2020 VE Day celebrations and The Great Collaboration initiatives were NOTED, although neither were thought to be workable within this parish

11. To consider items for the next meeting

None

12. To note the date of next meeting – 18th May 2020

NOTED

A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the following confidential item – employment matters

13. To consider the Clerk's Annual Review

The clerk's annual review was deemed satisfactory by all.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

18th May 2020