

WESTON BEGGARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,
Held online via Zoom – due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
On Monday 21st September 2020
At 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk
Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester

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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 18th May 2020
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time
None present

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllrs report & Q & A time

Cllr Lester's report included the following items:

- Herefordshire Council have borrowed £4 million to assist with flood damage to highways.
- Changes have been made to highways to allow for physical distancing measures. This will be assessed on an ongoing basis.
- The "Planning for the Future" white paper consultation is open for responses.
- Talk Community will be contacting Parish Council's.
- The Transport Policy will be coming before the Scrutiny Committee shortly.
- The land supply figure is at 3.69.

Cllrs asked questions regarding the cost of purchasing the leasehold of the Maylord Shopping Centre as well as how much the highway measures above had cost to put in place.

6. Finance

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

The clerk REPORTED that the budget was underspent for the period. The report was APPROVED as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

6.2 To note the following payments made between meetings under Clerks Delegated Authority (Finance Regulations item 5.5)

- 6.2.1 The clerk's salary
- 6.2.2 HMRC PAYE £60
- 6.2.3 Herefordshire Council – Elections 2019 charge £72.77
- 6.2.4 Autela Payroll Services £42.48
- 6.2.5 Clerks expenses £53.06

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6.3 To consider the following invoices for payment

- 6.3.1 The clerk's salary
 - 6.3.2 The clerks expenses £26.94 – previously circulated
 - 6.3.3 HMRC PAYE £70
 - 6.3.4 HALC Web Hosting £66
 - 6.3.5 Came and Company Insurance £218
- The above invoices were APPROVED for payment.

7. Highways and footpaths

7.1 To consider work to be undertaken on the parish footpaths
None

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

The clerk REPORTED that she had had no further detail on the Review meeting with Herefordshire Council. It was AGREED that this should be followed up.

8.2 To consider submitting a response to Herefordshire Council's Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2020

It was AGREED that the Clerk should submit the following response:

Weston Beggard NDP does not contain site allocations. A review will shortly begin, during which it is hoped that sites will be allocated. When this occurs the Parish Council will inform Herefordshire Council". It was AGREED that all Councillors should submit individual responses to the White Paper "Planning for the Future" consultation.

9. Community Matters

None

10. Correspondence

None

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

Budget and precept

12. To note the date of next meeting – 23rd November 2020

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The meeting closed at 20.07

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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