

WESTON BEGGARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,
Held online via Zoom – due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
On Monday 23rd November 2020
At 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Keith Bayliss (Chairman), John Young, Roger Barnett 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 meetings held on 21st September and 12th October 2020
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time
None present

Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester joined the meeting

5. Ward Cllrs's Report and Q&A time

Cllr Lester's report included the following items:

- The Scrutiny Committee recently examined a review of the Transport Package. Their findings will now go to Cabinet.
- Grey Friars Bridge, Hereford has on average 47,000 vehicular crossings a day.
- The budget will be discussed in early 2021.
- The Cabinet meeting on the 26th November will look at "Peer on Peer" abuse and the quarterly budget review.
- Herefordshire Council are investigating providing 2500 new Council Houses within Herefordshire in the future.
- A new Covid-19 testing centre has opened in Leominster.

6. Finance

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

The clerk REPORTED that finances remained underspent against budget. The report was APPROVED as evidence of bank reconciliation and budget monitoring.

6.2 To consider the following invoices for payment

- 6.2.1 The clerk's salary
- 6.2.2 The clerks expenses £39.57– previously circulated
- 6.2.3 ICO £40

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment.

6.3 To consider the 2021-22 budget and precept

It was RESOLVED to approve the draft budget and precept for 2021-22

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 attended the NDP Review meeting with Herefordshire Council NDP Team. It was AGREED that the clerk should obtain 3 quotes from NDP consultant's to undertake the review. A decision could then be made as to whether to move forward on the review.

9. Community Matters

9.1 Removal of the waste bin at Shucknall Bus Shelter.

The Clerk REPORTED that parishioners had requested that the bin either be removed or emptied by Balfour Beatty. It was NOTED that Balfour Beatty had refused to empty it. It was RESOLVED that Ward Cllr Lester should take the matter up with Balfour Beatty.

10. Correspondence

10.1 – Herefordshire Council Review of current arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints

The clerk ADVISED that Cllrs should submit individual responses to this consultation.

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

Clerk's Annual Review

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12. To note the date of next meeting – 8th February 2021
NOTED

The meeting closed at 20.02

Signed: _____

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Dated: _____

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