

WESTON BEGGARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,
Held at Yarkhill Village Hall
On Monday 13th February 2023
At 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Keith Bayliss (Chairman), John Young, Keith Lawrence and Clare Fenton.

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

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence
None

2. To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items
None

3. To approve and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2022
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time
None

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllrs report & Q & A time

Cllr Lester's report included the following items:

- HC had approved a 4.99% increase in Council Tax for 2023-24
- Children's Services report had been submitted to the Minister and a report is awaited
- Cllr Lester has calculated that the cost of cancelling the bypass was in the region of £22.4 million

6. Finance

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

The clerk REPORTED that some of the invoices for this financial year had yet to arrive. The report was APPROVED as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

6.2 To consider the following invoices for payment:

- 6.2.1 – Clerk's Salary
- 6.2.2 – Clerk's expenses £125.87 previously circulated
- 6.2.3 – Autela Payroll Services - £30.22

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

6.3 To note payments made between meetings under Clerk's delegated authority

- 6.3.1 – HMRC PAYE £148.80

NOTED

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. To consider an update on Waste Collection issues at the bottom of Shucknall Hill and next steps.

It was REPORTED that the issue was worse over the Christmas period. It was NOTED that no replacement signs have been put up – the clerk AGREED to chase these up. It was NOTED that due to the winter weather the track was in poor condition.

9. Community Matters

9.1 – To consider the bus stop at the bottom of Shucknall Hill

The clerk REPORTED that the cost of a new bus shelter and disposal of old bus shelter was £5824 ex VAT. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should ask local businesses if they would like to sponsor a new shelter. Cllr Lester AGREED to ask if there were any bus shelters available from Herefordshire Council.

10. Correspondence

All voters in the May elections must now bring photo ID in order to be able to vote.

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

None

12. To note the date of next meeting – 22nd May 2023

NOTED – the be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting

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Ward Cllr Lester left the meeting

A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the following confidential item – Employment Matters

- 13. To consider the Clerk's Annual Appraisal and Salary Review.**
The clerk was thanked for her hard work throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: _____

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Dated: _____

21-5-23.