

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN on Tuesday 26th April 2022 commencing at 7:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors L Anderson (Chair), J Simons (Vice Chair), A Apps, C Breen, C Mills, C Saunders and H Quinlan (2 Vacancies).

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk to the Council – Romily Giddens and Guest Speaker Emma Jordan.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Lloyd.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr L Anderson declared an interest in Village Hall related matters.

3. CO-OPTION

Council **NOTED** that there are 2 vacancies on the Council. No applications had been received.

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held 22nd March 2022 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. OPEN SESSION

5.1 Police Report - The Police were not present but the following written report was received in advance and read by the Clerk and **NOTED** by the Council:

- Friday 01st April 2022 to Wednesday 06th April 2022 a resident living along the Kington road, Weobley has been victim of a shed break. A Stihl chainsaw was stolen.
- Concerns have been raised surrounding a scrambler off road bike being driven through the village, the rider wearing no protective equipment.
- Overnight on Saturday 04th April 2022 A farmer keeping sheep near to Dilwyn has been victim of theft – twenty white Welsh lambs were stolen.
- A unit on the industrial estate has been burgled. Offenders forced entry and stole a QUAD BIKE - KAWAZAKI BIG BEAR and a number of hand tools. The offence took place between Thursday 07th April and Sunday 10th April 2022.
- Overnight on Friday 01st April 2022 a shed has been damaged in Burton wood, Weobley. Two strimmer's were stolen.
- Overnight on Wednesday 06th April 2022 strimmer's and a chainsaw were stolen from a garage along Kington road, Weobley. A window was smashed to gain entry.

Council **RESOLVED** to enquire with the SNT re media reports of retrieval of stolen items and any feedback/news regarding Surgeries held in the Green Bean Café.

5.2 Ward Councillor Report – The following written report was received from Ward Cllr Jones and **NOTED** by the Council:

- The first wetland pond for stripping out Phosphates will be operational by June. This one is situated in Luston with a further seven planned around the county to protect the River Lugg. Currently there are 137 planning applications held up affecting 1,538 new homes from the Phosphate issue.
- The council have just had a report on the effect of Covid 19 on the mental health of children. There has been increase right through all ages with the early years most affected and with children in year 1 & 2 and year 7 most affected at school. Early years from 1 – 3 years of age

most affected especially in communication and language. Their speech and accent have suffered from lack of socialising. This report will be updated in 6 months' time to monitor changes and help with the direction of support and resources to address this issue. Brookfield School is the only specialised school in the county to take children with special mental health needs. This has capacity for 100 pupils with a decision needed to either expand or build another new school to support the increase in demand.

- At the Bromyard West Ward Council election on the 10th March. The True Independent Clare Davies won the seat with a 160 vote majority. The current coalition no longer has a majority with only twenty-six seats and opposition have 27 seats.
- Clare Ward, the head solicitor of the Council has left employment after 6 years' service. She was very well respected and will be missed by all who sort her advice and direction right through all levels of the council legal services.
- The spatial consultation on the direction of planning going forward to 2042 is still receiving feedback. The Policy Option consultation runs from the 4th April through to the 16th May, Option 5 seems to be getting the most support. This is looking at bigger developments such as ones put forward for Ross-on-Wye where blocks of 1500 houses are built and so protecting villages with small developments.
- The Children's directorate of the council have put forward a proposal to increase the number of children social workers with up to five new teams to address a big increase in demand. The cabinet met at the end of March and voted to allocate £6 million out of the council's reserve which is on top of the £5 million that was already agreed in the budget. This is a big increase in resources which will need to be managed and monitored to make sure this is money well spent for the council children's service.

5.3 Local residents – The following issues were raised:

- Council **NOTED** that a request had been received from a resident about replacing a broken sign in the Churchyard.
- Council **NOTED** that a resident had complained about the Ukrainian flag being flown in the centre of the Village.
- Council **NOTED** a resident's report (via Cllr J Simons) of issues with parking over H-bar crossing points on Gadbridge Road. Council **RESOLVED** to seek advice of SNT and also write to Surgeries to encourage their patients to use the car park at the Village Hall.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Payment schedule –

Council **RATIFIED** the following payments relating April 2022 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
A Apps (create.net)	Weobley.org Website Subscription	FPO	£101.88
Autela Payroll Services	Jan – Mar 22 Payroll Services	FPO	£50.40
West Mercia Energy	Library Electricity	DD	£192.29
West Mercia Energy	Back Lane Toilets Electricity	DD	£14.91
West Mercia Energy	Rose Garden Electricity	DD	£13.03
			£372.51

Council **APPROVED** the payment of accounts relating to April 2022 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
CANCELLED	CANCELLED	Cheque 1741	N/A
Romily Giddens	Clerk Salary April 2022	Cheque 1749	£332.80
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Expenses April 2022	Cheque 1749	£21.39
Chalford Timber Ltd	Woodchip for Play Area	Cheque 1742	£453.60
Weobley Village Hall	Hall Hire	Cheque 1743	£41.25
Herefordshire Fire Protection Services Ltd	Inspection of Library Fire Extinguishers	Cheque 1744	£54.00
M Kenny (Aldi)	Toilet Rolls for Back Lane	Cheque 1745	£11.34
C Breen (Amazon)	2 x Quick Links (PA)	Cheque 1746	£9.99

C Breen (Amazon)	4 x Quick Links (PA)	Cheque 1746	£7.69
C Breen (Amazon)	2 x Quick Links for Safety Chain (PA)	Cheque 1746	£14.69
M Williams (Just the Job Supplies)	Wood Marking Out Stakes for Allotments	Cheque 1747	£50.20
A Apps (Stickers International)	PAT Stickers	FPO	£23.94
I C Dyer	Rotorvating, Ploughing & Powerharrowing of Allotment Field	Cheque 1748	£360.00
			£1,380.89

6.2 S106 Funding – Council **NOTED** that further required paperwork had been submitted for the S106 Open Spaces projects and that there had been ongoing communication issues with Herefordshire Council.

6.3 End-of-year Accounts Balance 2021-22 – The Council **NOTED** that the reconciled current account balance for 2021-22 was £17,762.38.

6.4 Internal Auditor – Council **NOTED** the quotes and **RESOLVED** to proceed with appointing HALC as the Council's internal auditor for the financial year 2021-22 at the cost of £220 + VAT.

6.5 2022 Fireworks/Bonfire Event – Council **NOTED** that the proposal of the Primary School holding the event had been put forward and that they were awaiting confirmation. A provisional date for the 4th November has been agreed with Jubilee Fireworks.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Resignation of Tree Warden – Council **NOTED** that Weobley's Tree Warden had resigned but had put forward Emma Jordan as his replacement. After hearing from Emma about her background and expertise, Council **RESOLVED** to appoint her as the next Parish Tree Warden.

7.2 Planning applications - It was **RESOLVED** to make the following comments on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council:

APPLICATION: P221127/221129 – Full Householder and Listed Building Consent
SITE: 1 Mill Bank Cottages Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SH
DESCRIPTION: Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property to create a dining/sun room.
COMMENT: Council **RESOLVED** to review the application in further details and report back at the next meeting with a comment.

APPLICATION: P221123 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area
SITE: 1 Homleigh Broad Street Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SA
DESCRIPTION: T1: Elderberry/Thorn - located within the back garden, fell all trees to leave at ground level, cut all brambles back and crown raise the boundary's fence line. T2: Golden Cypress - fell to ground level.
COMMENT: Council **RESOLVED** to forward the application onto the tree warden and report back at the next meeting with a comment.

8. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

The Council **RESOLVED** to hold the meeting on Thursday 26th May @ 7pm. The Clerk will contact potential Guest Speakers for the meeting and notices would be put up to encourage residents to attend.

9. PARISH MAINTENANCE

9.1 Lengthsman

- Council **RESOLVED** to request Gareth Higgs to provide a quote for the village spraying.
- Council **NOTED** that Weobley's Drainage Grant application had been rejected. Council **RESOLVED** to speak with relevant parties and resubmit the application with alterations.
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9.2 Highways

- Council **RESOLVED** to contact the locality steward and Welsh Water about the traffic lights on Kington Road and request a time frame for works.

9.3 Tree Warden Resignation – Duplicated item which was addressed during item 7.1.

10. ALLOTMENTS

The Council were still awaiting further correspondence from the solicitor's handling the lease. Council **RESOLVED** to send a formal letter to the solicitors stating the urgency.

11. ROSE GARDEN

Council **NOTED** a final public survey had taken place after a request from Herefordshire Council. This had now been submitted and acknowledged by Ruth Jackson. Council **RESOLVED** that any works and planting would be delayed until the Autumn to avoid disruption to the Village during the tourist season.

12. PLAY AREA

Council **NOTED** P.A.T meeting minutes from 23rd March 2022 which included:

- Mower had received a puncture and would be collected next week for repair.
- Skate training would take place between May – August.
- Portaloo to be situation on the 2nd week of May next to Gadbridge Road/Art Store.
- Hedge laying had been completed by Stephen Ware.

13. LIBRARY/MUSUEM

Council **NOTED** that work was now complete and that the Council was awaiting the invoice. A quote for CCTV had been received for £799 + VAT. Cllr L Anderson would request a breakdown of this and would report back. Council **NOTED** that the history society wished to redecorate. Council **RESOLVED** that they were happy for them to proceed and would also speak with them about the need to run the dehumidifier in the warmer months which is costing substantial amounts to run each month.

14. LEADER INFORMATION BOARDS

Council **NOTED** that they were awaiting confirmation from Visual Works regarding final amendments. Richard Mills will install around the village and Richard Baugh would put up the Bus Shelter Board.

15. INFORMATION SHEET

15.1 Correspondence

Council **NOTED** that the following correspondence had been received:

- Herefordshire Locality Steward update – April 2022
- Talk Community updates – April 2022
- Planned Road Closures for April and May – April 2022
- Stage 2 of the Local Plan 2021-24 – April 2022
- Dementia Outreach Service – April 2022
- Garnstone Farms Tree Planting – April 2022
- Hereford & Worcester TV Report request – April 2022

15.2 Rev. Phillip Harvey

No expected correspondence from Rev. Phillip Harvey regarding funding of Churches had been received.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on **Tuesday 24th May 2022** at 7.00pm in Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: