

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN on Tuesday 25th January 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, PCSO Felix Rawlinson, PC Dean Wall, Mr M Ware (Footpath's Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr Pru Lloyd declared a personal interest in item 11.1 in relation to tree quotes.

3. CO-OPTION

Council **NOTED** that there are 2 vacancies on the Council.

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd November 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. OPEN SESSION

5.1 Police Report - The following verbal report was received from PC Dean Wall and **NOTED** by the Council:

- On Monday 17th January 2022 a report was received that a bird feeder had been stolen from a property in Burton Wood. No arrests have been made.
- On Tuesday 18th January 2022 a full petrol can was stolen from the driveway of a property on Kington Road. There are no leads at this time.
- The police specified that when reporting an offence, it is helpful if they are including the time, date and location if possible.
- A 'Police Surgery' is due to take place on the 3rd February 2022 @ 10am. This will be held in the Green Bean Café. Residents can use this to raise concerns with our local Police.
- Council reported a glass pane in the phone box containing the defibrillator near the entrance to Castle Green had been broken.

5.2 Ward Councillor Report – The following written report was received from Ward Cllr Jones:

- Hereford Council have appointed 4 new directors. Daryl Freeman is Director of Children's Services. Florence Churchill is Director of Economy and Regulatory Services. Ross Cook becomes Director of Economy and Environmental Services and Mathew Pearce Director of Public Health.
- The Council have identified 8 sites for reed bed attenuation ponds to address the phosphate issue affecting the river Lugg. The reed beds will have treated water discharged into them which will take out the phosphates before the water then runs into the river. This will provide for 4,800 new home credits. Currently there are 137 planning applications held up because of the Phosphates issue affecting the river Lugg which involves 1,538 new homes.
- Don't forget to claim your £15.00 shop local. Applications for this must be made by the end of January and must be spent in Herefordshire.
- Hereford Council cancelled all public meetings from the 9th December 2021 because of the Omicron virus and the planned return of council staff to Plough lane has been delayed from the beginning of 2022. Emergency powers have been given to the Chief Executive Paul Walker and 3 Directors of the Council.

- Councillor Alan Seldon has resigned as the County Councillor for Bromyard West after 14.5 years. There will now be an election on 24th February 2022 for this seat which could change the ruling make-up of the political council.
- Businesses affected by the new Omicron virus restrictions can now claim an Additional Restrictions Grant. This is up to the value of £6,000 and was made available before Christmas with Council staff on duty over the year end to allocate emergency funding.
- There will be a full Council meeting on the 28th January 2022 replacing the cancelled one from December.

5.3 Local residents – The following issues were raised:

- Two reports were made members of the public regarding footpaths. These were both passed onto the Weobley's Footpath Officer who was in attendance at the meeting.
- The issue of inconsiderate parking on Gadbridge Road was raised by a resident. The parking was affecting access to their property. The report was **NOTED** by the Council who would contact the Locality Steward for advice on handling the issue.
- The supply of dog poo bins was raised. Council **NOTED** the resident's suggestion and **RESOLVED** to instead ask for bins around the village to be emptied more regularly.
- Concerns were raised over the ivy laden tree next to Bell Square Car Park.
- Council **NOTED** that a petition had been set up by a resident regarding traffic control measures on Hereford Road which had received 72 signatures to date. Council **RESOLVED** to forward the request onto the locality steward.
- An anonymous donation for £100 had been received. This will use to purchase daffodil bulbs in Autumn 2022.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Payment schedule –

Council **RATIFIED** the following payments relating to December 2021 and January 2022 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
West Mercia Energy	Library Electricity	DD	£50.41
West Mercia Energy	Rose Garden Electricity	DD	£13.95
Ian Wilkinson	Painting of Back Lane Toilets	Cheque 1720	£77.49
Welsh Water	Back Lane Toilets Electricity	DD	£54.08
West Mercia Energy	Back Lane Toilets Electricity	DD	£16.46
West Mercia Energy	Library Electricity	DD	£73.26
West Mercia Energy	Rose Garden Electricity	DD	£14.43
West Mercia Energy	Library Electricity	DD	£131.46
West Mercia Energy	Back Lane Toilets Electricity	DD	£16.31
West Mercia Energy	Rose Garden Electricity	DD	£13.95
Autela Payroll Services	3 x Months Payroll for Oct – Dec 21	FPO	£50.40
Citron Hygiene Ltd	Back Lane Toilets	FPO	£30.00
TOTAL			£542.20

Council **APPROVED** the payment of accounts relating to December 2021 and January 2022 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
Romily Giddens	Clerk Salary December 2021	Cheque 1721	£392.60
Romily Giddens	Clerk Salary January 2022	Cheque 1721	£392.60
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Expenses December 2021 + January 2022	Cheque 1721	£39.97
HALC	CiLCA Clerk Role & Law Training Courses	Cheque 1722	£480.00
Gareth Higgs	Coppice Hazel Tree Work	Cheque 1723	£190.00
Gareth Higgs	Clearance of Fallen Elm	Cheque 1723	£220.00
Ian Wilkinson	Repairs to Toilets & Daffodil Bulb Planting	Cheque 1724	£18.75
C Breen (Toolstation Ltd)	Coach Bolts for Fence Repair (PA)	Cheque 1725	£12.49
C Breen (Easy Lawn)	Turf for under Slide (PA)	Cheque 1725	£11.28
C Breen (Amazon)	Cable Ties for Xmas Lights	Cheque 1725	£9.99
C Breen (Frank P Matthews)	Replacement Tree (PA)	Cheque 1725	£80.00
C Breen (Amazon)	Skatepark Tools and Chain (SK8)	Cheque 1725	£16.97

C Breen (Screwfix)	Post-hole Digger (SK8)	Cheque 1725	£68.98
C Breen (Tudors)	Repair Spurs & Postcrete Bags	Cheque 1725	£87.48
Weobley Village Hall	Car Park Rental	Cheque 1726	£520.00
			£2,541.11

6.2 Budget 2022-23 – The Council **NOTED** the proposed budget and **RESOLVED** to adopt the budget for 2022-23. The budget can be viewed on Weobley Parish Council’s website.

6.3 Precept 2022-23– The Council **RESOLVED** to formally request a precept of £36,439.00 for the 2022-23 financial year from Herefordshire Council.

6.4 Christmas Lights Electricity Reimbursement - The Council **RESOLVED** the following residents and businesses for electricity costs incurred as a result of the village Christmas lights:

- Mr R Metcalfe - £50
- Mark Hurds Butchers - £55
- Katrina Hughes - £20
- Ms F Ambler - £20

7. PLANNING

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

APPLICATION: P214650 – Works to trees in a conservation area
SITE: Clee View Back Lane Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SG
DESCRIPTION: T1 - Yew tree - reshape to smaller to clear drive. T2 - Apple tree - prune away from buildings to pre-empt damage. T4 - Hazel coppice - recoppice and remove rogue incursions to pre-empt damage to buildings. H - 3 Off - leylandi hedging - remove. T8 - Apple tree - prune to renovate. T9 - Magnolia - remove due to proximity to house. T10 - Apple tree - remove due to poor condition. T21 - Juniper & Cherry inter grown - remove. Distributed Bramble, bamboo and scrub -remove
COMMENT: No objections.

The Council **NOTED** that both of the ‘Emily’s Meadow’ appeals had been unsuccessful.

8. QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Council **NOTED** that the upcoming Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. The Council **RESOLVED** that that they would be in support of any resident organised event and would consider the installation of a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

9. ALLOTMENTS

The Council **NOTED** that a request had been made by the Belmont Abbey and Weobley Allotment’s Society for the Parish Council to take on the lease for the Allotment land in Kington Road. After discussion regarding the implications of this, the Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with taking on the lease. Cllr Simons would be the Council representative on the Society. The estimated insurance cost was expected to be between £250 - £450.

10. WEOBLEY WILDLIFE MEADOWS

The Council **NOTED** that a draft copy of the Wildlife Trust’s proposed ‘Management Plan’ for the meadows had been received. The Council were impressed by the level of detail in the report and **RESOLVED** to submit only a concern where users would park.

11. PARISH MAINTENANCE

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- Council **NOTED** that two requested tree quotes had been received:
 - £750 to crown raise and thin the Hawthorn and Lime trees on the Bearcroft footpath.
 - £1400 to heavily pollard to 25ft the large Aspen on Gadbridge Road

Council **RESOLVED** to review the Bearcroft trees in the Autumn. The Aspen tree was rejected due to the significant cost.

11.1 Highways

- Council **RESOLVED** to request a sweeper on Hereford Road and also request a jetty to clear the gully/drain by Chapel Orchard.

12. PLAY AREA

The minutes from the Play Area Team's (PAT) meeting on Wednesday 12th January 2022 had been circulated. The following points were raised:

- The Mower had been collected to be serviced
- The replacement tree is due to arrive on the 1st March 2022. This will be planted by volunteers.

12.1 Porta-loo provision in the Village Hall Car Park

After discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with providing a porta-loo during May – August next year, for use by the Play Area visitors. The cost for the 16-week provision with a protective cage will be £600, plus £30 per week for maintenance.

13. INFORMATION SHEET

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

- Herefordshire Locality Steward update – December 2021 & January 2022
- Talk Community updates – December 2021 & January 2022
- Spatial Options Meeting – January 2022

Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Saunders and Cllr Anderson would attend the Spatial Options Meeting on the 3rd February 2022.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on **Tuesday 22nd February 2022** at 7.00pm in Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.58pm

CHAIR:

DATE: