

# WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors L Anderson (Chair), J Simons (Vice Chair), A Apps, C Breen, S Coleman, P Lloyd, C Mills, C Saunders and H Quinlan (1 Vacancy).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council – Romily Giddens and two members of the public.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Police.

### 2. CO-OPTION

Council **NOTED** that there are 2 vacancies on the Council. One application had been circulated prior to the meeting of the Council to fill the one Casual vacancy within Weobley Parish Council and was **NOTED** and **RECEIVED** by the Council. The candidate, Steve Coleman, was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr P Lloyd declared an interest in work to trees (item 12).

### 4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 5. OPEN SESSION

**5.1 Police Report** - The Police were not present. The Council **NOTED** the following comment had been received:

- "I have searched our systems for offences to report on for the month just passed, there is nothing relevant to update on. We have had no reports of youth related ASB, wildlife crime that I am aware of."

The Council **RESOLVED** to enquire about the date of the next surgery after the previous success of the last one.

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

- The following National Demographic statistics have just been released for Herefordshire: Currently there are 187,100 residents which is 3,600 more than in 2011. 82,800 households up by 4,500 since 2011 and we are getting an older county with aged over 65 increased by 24.1% in last 10 years. More statistical information is available on the Hereford Council website.
- The General Lengthsman Grant scheme will soon be available to receive applications for grants from parish councils. £250,000 will be available each year for the next Five years. So, work on Parks and playing fields along with other works which Balfour Beatty are unable to carry out can be completed by the valuable Lengthsman.
- Hereford Council have submitted bids to central government for over £50 million pounds, £8.5 Million is for the Library relocating to Maylord Orchard and also work on the upgrade and development of the Museum into a state of the art visitor centre. £44 Million pounds is targeted for the market towns of Ross on Wye, Ledbury, and Leominster.
- 86 children from Ukraine have now been placed in schools around the county, 51 in primary schools and 35 in secondary. This is since the beginning of March. To date there have been 350 Ukraine people and 118 Afghan refugees moved into Herefordshire.

- There will be free school meals over the summer for families on low incomes and also there is free summer activities of sport, dance, drama, pottery and cooking available to children.
- The spatial planning consultation for Herefordshire going forward to 2041 is still open for resident comments up until the 29th July. On line zoom meetings as well as meetings in village halls and around the market towns have been taking place. The latest figures for Hereford housing land supply are now at 6.19 years which has dropped from 6.9 years. This is still above the 5 year target and means the planning department will place a lot of weight on Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- Details of the new rubbish and recycling of material for disposal have been made available. There will be 5 bins for households, 3 x 240 litre wheelie bins, 1 x 180 litre wheelie bin and 1 x 23 litre bin for food waste which will be collected weekly. The other bins will be collected on a one every week basis on a three week cycle. This incentive comes from central government and could save the council up to £2 million pounds each year with more efficient recycling and less to pay for rubbish disposal.
- Hereford Council staff will be returning to work from Plough Lane in August. There still will be a mixture with some people working from home on a couple of days a week. Hopefully this will make getting hold of staff easier which has been complained about by some residents.

### 5.3 Local residents – The following issues were raised:

- Council **NOTED** that there had a been a report of drains becoming blocked on Gadbridge Road due to leaves washing down.
- Council **NOTED** a request for funding of a community gazebo. The resident will apply to the Parish Council directly for funding.
- Council **NOTED** a resident's concern regarding activity in the Village Hall car park after dark, including potential recreational drug use. Council **RESOLVED** to report this activity to the Police via 101.
- Council **NOTED** a resident's concern over speeding near the entrances to the play area. Council **RESOLVED** to make enquiries regarding the movement of the 30 mph signage to further outside out of the village.

## 6. FINANCE

### 6.1 Payment schedule –

Council **RATIFIED** the following payments (including VAT) relating July 2022 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
West Mercia Energy	Back Lane Toilets Electricity	DD	£19.17
West Mercia Energy	Rose Garden & Library Electricity	DD	£94.58
			<b>£113.75</b>

Council **APPROVED** the payment of accounts (including VAT) relating to July 2022 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
Romily Giddens	Clerk Salary July 2022	Cheque 1761	£338.68
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Expenses July 2022	Cheque 1761	£24.24
Richard Baugh	Repairs to Library Roof and Gutters	Cheque 1762	£168.00
Mary Kenny (Aldi)	Toilet Rolls for Back Lane Toilets	Cheque 1763	£11.94
Weobley Village Hall	Hall Hire June	Cheque 1764	£18.75
Autela Payroll Services	April – June Payroll Services + EOY	FPO	£65.57
Three Counties Toilet Hire	May Portaloo Hire + Delivery	Cheque 1765	£122.40
Three Counties Toilet Hire	June Portaloo Hire	Cheque 1765	£110.40
Herefordshire Tree Warden Network	Annual Subscription for Tree Warden	Cheque 1766	£30.00
Skateboard Academy UK	Skateboarding Workshops 1 Hour x 20	FPO	£1,920.00
Skateboard Academy UK	Fuel Cost for Sessions x 5	FPO	£120.00
C Breen (Wickes)	Woodchip Replacement Enclosure (PA)	Cheque 1767	£194.50
C Breen (KBS)	2 x Bulk Storage Bags (PA)	Cheque 1767	£8.99
C Breen (Amazon)	Weed Killer (PA)	Cheque 1767	£10.35
C Breen (Amazon)	Fuel Container (PA)	Cheque 1767	£39.99
C Breen (Amazon)	Signs for Toilet (PA)	Cheque 1767	£20.85
C Breen (Applegreens Leominster)	Fuel for Mower (PA)	Cheque 1767	£34.63

C Breen (Wickes)	3 x Bags of Woodchip (PA)	Cheque 1767	£27.00
C Breen (Tudors)	15 x ½ Round Rails (PA)	Cheque 1767	£143.10
			<b>£3,409.39</b>

Council **NOTED** the current income balance for 2022-23 to date as outlined below:

Date	Name	Details	Precept	Play Area	Interest	Misc	VAT	Total
08/04/2022	Lottery Fund	Skate Park		£1,750				£1,750
19/04/2022	Herefordshire Council	Precept	£18,219.50					£18,219.50
To date	Lloyds Bank	Interest			£0.16			£0.16
			<b>£18,219.50</b>	<b>£1,750</b>	<b>£0.16</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£19,969.66</b>

Council **RESOLVED** to make enquires about the following expenditure:

- How well attended were the Skate Lessons funded through the Sports England Grant and can a breakdown be provided for the total invoice?
- Contact users of the Library/Museum building regarding the usage of the dehumidifier and the related costs.

## 6.2 Official dates for the Exercise of Public Rights:

Council **NOTED** that the official dates for the Exercise of Public Rights for Weobley Parish Council were the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (30 working days).

## 7. PLANNING

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

**APPLICATION: P221740 – Works to Trees covered by TPO**

**SITE:** 66 Bearcroft Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8TA

**DESCRIPTION:** 1 x Oak (T1) and 1 x Ash (T2) tree- crown reduction to be reduced by 50%. Trees covered by TPO. Reason for felling-trees are too big causing shading and concerns over safety of property if damaged in storms.

**COMMENT:** Application referred to Tree Warden for comment.

**APPLICATION: P221909 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area**

**SITE:** 2 Portland Close Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SQ

**DESCRIPTION:** T1 Conifer - fell to ground level. T2 Maple - crown reduction. T3 Conifer - fell to ground level. T4 Holly - height reduction.

**COMMENT:** Application referred to Tree Warden for comment

**APPLICATION: P222148 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area**

**SITE:** 9 Chapel Orchard Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SP

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed works to: G1 - Leylandii to be removed, T1 - Cedar to be reduced by 2m, T2 - Apple tree to be removed.

**COMMENT:** Application referred to Tree Warden for comment

The Council **RESOLVED** to discuss commenting procedure with the new Tree Warden to avoid delays.

## 8. PARISH MAINTENANCE

### 8.1 Lengthsman

- Council **NOTED** the potential new funding for the Lengthsman grant and **RESOLVED** to make enquiries regarding the funding and recruitment of a new Lengthsman..

### 8.2 Highways

- Council **NOTED** that a number of potholes had been filled.
- Council **NOTED** that reports had been made to Herefordshire Council regarding the displaced Kerbing at Unicorn Court and the condition of the road surface in Back Lane and lower Broad Street.

## 9. ALLOTMENTS

Council **NOTED** that the draft lease agreement had been received from Belmont Abbey's Solicitors and had been forwarded to HALC/NALC for advice before signing.

Council **NOTED** that Heather Morrison was liaising with Herefordshire Council to request an extension to the Green Spaces grant spending deadline.

## 10. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

Council **NOTED** that the Parish Council and Community websites were consistently receiving more traffic thanks to Cllr Apps continually updating them with local events, and societies who now reach out directly to the Parish Council.

Council **NOTED** that the Summer/Autumn edition of the newsletter was in a draft state and was awaiting content from Councillors which was sent over by the end of the month.

Council **NOTED** the need for new Heritage Trail leaflets and **RESOLVED** to investigate options and costs.

## 11. ROSE GARDEN

Council **NOTED** that additional quotes had been request by Hugh Dannatt to check availability and potential price increases.

Council **NOTED** that the donated trees were still being cared for by Cllr P Lloyd.

## 12. PLAY AREA

Council **NOTED** P.A.T meeting minutes from 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 which included:

- Chestnut tree awaits cutting down. A quote for £50 had been received from Gareth Higgs. Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with this quote.
- 4 x dead Elms in hedge await cutting down. A quote for £600 had been received from Gareth Higgs. Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with this quote.
- A request had been received for the bottom of play area field to be mowed. Council **NOTED** that a reply had been sent to the resident explaining why this has not happened.

## 13. LEADER INFORMATION BOARDS

Council **NOTED** that Katie Ainsworth from Herefordshire Council had been in touch to finalise the LEADER funding grant before the balance of the grant can be released. Council **NOTED** that the 3 x information boards had now been ordered from Visual Works.

## 14. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL CORRESPONDANCE

Council **NOTED** that a request had been received to reconsider the decision to no longer fund the maintenance of the churchyard or clock, as per the advice of HALC/NALC, due to the recent response to a parliamentary question clarifying the definition of burial grounds to include churchyards. Council **RESOLVED** to contact HALC for further advice due to the potential liability regarding the legislation and respond to the Parochial Church Council in due course.

## 15. INFORMATION SHEET

### 15.1 Correspondence

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

- Herefordshire Locality Steward update – July 2022
- Talk Community updates – July 2022
- Planned Road Closures for August – July 2022
- Local Plan Consultation – July 2022

Council **RESOLVED** to chase up further correspondence with Herefordshire Council regarding the 2021-2041 Plan.

## 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**16.1** Council **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022** at 7.00pm in Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**