

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN on Tuesday 28th June 2022 commencing at 7:00pm.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ward Cllr Mike Jones.

2. CO-OPTION

Council **NOTED** that there are 2 vacancies on the Council. Two members of the public who attend the meeting expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. After hearing an introduction from both, Council **RESOLVED** for the clerk to forward more information on to interested parties.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr P Lloyd declared an interest in weed spraying (Item 8.1).

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held 24th May 2022 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. OPEN SESSION

5.1 Police Report - The Police were not present and no report was received in advance. The Council **NOTED** that the police had been contacted regarding a van which has been parked in Gadbridge Road for several weeks with moving. The Police would investigate ownership but did not consider it was causing visibility issues for vehicles exiting Bearcroft.

5.2 Ward Councillor Report – The was not present and no report had been received in advance. The Council **RESOLVED** to request a report to be distributed to Councillors via email.

5.3 Local residents – The following issues were raised:

- Council **NOTED** that the litter picking group had now received their litter picks which were purchased by the Parish Council.
- Council **NOTED** a request for a permanent board in the Rose Garden to promote village events.
- Council **NOTED** that a Ukrainian family had recently moved into the village centre and a Ukrainian lady had moved in with residents in Garnstone Drive. They reportedly seem to be settling in well.
- Council **NOTED** a resident's request for more information regarding the need for traffic lights on Kington Road which had been insisted upon by Herefordshire Council. The Council **RESOLVED** to pass on this feedback and enquire further if these were necessary.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Payment schedule –

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

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
Zurich Municipal	Weobley Parish Council Insurance	FPO	£1,481.13
			£1,481.13

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

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
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Romily Giddens	Clerk Salary June 2022	Cheque 1754	£423.28
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Expenses May 2022	Cheque 1754	£9.99
Romily Giddens (Hunt Office)	2 x 180cm Litter Picks	Cheque 1754	£209.75
L Anderson (Defib Warehouse)	Replacement Battery	Cheque 1755	£304.00
Leominster County Tourism Group	Heritage Trail Advertising	Cheque 1756	£25.00
Royston Davies	Work to Library/Museum	Cheque 1757	£2,694.00
C Breen (Wickes)	Straight and Corner Brackets (PA)	Cheque 1758	£60.00
Gareth Higgs	Village Weed Spraying	Cheque 1759	£330.00
Weobley Village Hall	Hall Hire	Cheque 1760	£41.00
Welsh Water	Library Water Dec - May	DD	£54.61
Kate Best	Jubilee Celebrations agreed expenditure	FPO	£218.51
			£4,370.14

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
			£18,219.50	£1,750	£0.16	£0.00	£0.00	£19,969.66

6.2 AGAR Form for 2021/22:

6.2.1 Internal Audit Report

Council **NOTED** the internal audit report and **RESOLVED** to implement all of HALC's recommendations over the coming year.

6.2.2 Annual Governance Statement

Following consideration, Council **RESOLVED** to formally adopt the Annual Governance Statement relating to the 2021/22 financial year.

6.2.3 Accounting Statement

Following consideration, Council **RESOLVED** to formally adopt the Accounting Statement relating to the 2021/22 financial year.

7. PLANNING

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

APPLICATION: P221499 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

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 to be 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 to be referred to Tree Warden for comment

The Council **NOTED** that the head of Herefordshire Council's planning department had been in touch regarding issues submitting comments.

8. PARISH MAINTENANCE

8.1 Lengthsman

- Council **NOTED** that village weed spraying has now been carried out.
- Stonewater Housing to be contacted re overgrown hedge in the Chicken Run

- Council noted that grass fly-tipping in Folly Lane had been reported to Enforcement Officer at Herefordshire Council.

8.2 Highways

- Council **NOTED** that a kerb stone outside Unicorn Court was out of place and was causing issues.
- Council **NOTED** that the road surface in Back Lane and the lower section of Broad Street remains in poor condition.
- The Council **RESOLVED** to report the above issues and ask the Locality Steward for comments.

9. ALLOTMENTS

Council **NOTED** that they were still awaiting further correspondence from the solicitor's handling the lease.

Council **NOTED** that Rabbit Proof fencing had been installed.

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. Cllr Apps would design a website logo for use in promoting the community website.

Council **NOTED** that the Summer/Autumn edition of the newsletter was in a draft state and was awaiting content from Councillors. Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with a September realise date.

11. ROSE GARDEN

Council **NOTED** that Cllr P Lloyd and C Breen had met with S106 Spend Manager Hugh Dannatt to discuss the Play Area, Rose Garden and Drainage in relation to S106 funding. Council **NOTED** that Herefordshire Council had requested further quotes for certain items.

Cllr Simons **NOTED** a request from the History Society for an archaeological dig in the Rose Garden to mark the Society's 50th anniversary. Council resolved to decline the request due to the already long delay in refurbishing the area but would be supportive of a similar project at another location.

12. PLAY AREA

Council **NOTED** P.A.T meeting minutes from 1st June 2022 which included:

- Awaiting further confirmation on S106 funding.
- Hugh Dannatt to investigate and advise regarding drainage.
- Quotes for S106 may need to be requoted due to the delay.
Cllr C Mills had researched alternatives for replacement of rotten sleepers and had presented to the group for review. As a result, Council **RESOLVED** to purchase 11 x Corner Brackets, 32 x Straight + Saw at a cost of £270.08 + VAT.
- Tree Warden interested in planting hardwood saplings near fence line between car park and play area.
- The three Dutch Elms may need removing. Cllr C Breen to liaise with Tree Surgeon.
- The Portaloo can no longer be moved due to company's crane not working.
- Next P.A.T meeting will be held on the 6th July 2022, venue TBC.

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. The Clerk and Cllr L Anderson met with her to discuss final outstanding issues.

14. INFORMATION SHEET

14.1 Correspondence

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

- Herefordshire Locality Steward update – June 2022
- Talk Community updates – June 2022
- Planned Road Closures for July – June 2022

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

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15.1 Council **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on **Tuesday 26th July 2022** at 7.00pm in Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: