

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN on Tuesday 22nd March 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 four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Lloyd and Ward Cllr M Jones.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations of interest or written requests for dispensation were received.

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 February 2022 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. OPEN SESSION

5.1 Police Report - The Police were not present and no report had been received in advance. Council **RESOLVED** to request feedback on the 'surgery' which was held earlier this year.

5.2 Ward Councillor Report – Ward Cllr Jones was not present and a report had not been received in advance. Council **RESOLVED** to thank him for all for his help contacting Ruth Jackson and Yvonne Coleman regarding the S106 funding.

5.3 Local residents – The following issues were raised:

- Council **NOTED** that a second request for work to the large Aspen tree outside No.9 Bearcroft since one of the tree's limbs was overhanging the property's roof. Council **RESOLVED** that they would support any maintenance of the tree but would not be contributing financially. Recommendations were made that the residents speak directly with Herefordshire Council.
- Council **NOTED** that two residents had come forward to volunteer to host a Ukrainian refugee family but were unsure of if other residents would be also willing to participate. Council **RESOLVED** to pay for the hire of the Village Hall, so that the residents could organise a meeting with other residents to discuss ideas.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Payment schedule –

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

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
Weobley Village Hall	Hall Hire Cost	Cheque 1735	£142.50
Katrina Hughes	Christmas Lights Electricity Reimbursement (Replacement Cheque)	Cheque 1736	£20.00
CANCELLED	CANCELLED	Cheque 1729	£0.00
			£162.50

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

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
Romily Giddens	Clerk Salary March 2022	Cheque 1737	£392.60
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Expenses March 2022	Cheque 1737	£9.99
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Allowance 6-Months	Cheque 1737	£50.00
Westhere Ltd	CCTV Installation Portland Garage & Castle Gate	Cheque 1738	£1,437.60
C Breen (Amazon)	Strimmer/Bush Cutter	Cheque 1739	£250.78
C Breen (Amazon)	Spring Clips for Bin Liners	Cheque 1739	£9.99
J & J Synnock and Sons	Bypass path to Skatepark	Cheque 1740	£2,100.00
			£4,250.96

6.2 S106 Funding – The Council **NOTED** that the S106 Open Spaces projects had been approved and permission to proceed was pending agreement of proposed expenditure with supporting quotations. The Council were still also awaiting confirmation over how funding is accessed as there had been issues contacting Yvonne Coleman and Ruth Jackson at Herefordshire Council.

6.3 Review of 2021-22 Pay Scales – The Council **NOTED** that the suggested pay scales for 2021-22 had been received. Council **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk's pay rise and back date pay to 1st April 2021.

7. PLANNING

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

APPLICATION: P220278 – Listed Building Consent

SITE: The Throne Hereford Road Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SW

DESCRIPTION: Alterations to part of the interior and replacement of modern panel infilling with panels that have improved insulation and less harmful impact on the timber framing.

COMMENT: The end elevation is due to be returned to the original frontage. Historic England is not in favour of the proposed internal work. The Council were in support of Historic England's views and had no concerns over the change in appearance.

APPLICATION: P220713 – Full Householder

SITE: Meadow Barn Cottage Meadow Street Weobley Hereford Herefordshire HR4 8SF

DESCRIPTION: Proposed single storey rear extension including alterations to existing building.

COMMENT: The change is in keeping with the rest of the property. There were no objections to this application.

APPLICATION: P220779 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

SITE: The Sallies High Street Weobley Herefordshire HR4 8SN

DESCRIPTION: T1 - T3 - crown reduction of 3 x Conifer trees for safety reasons after recent storms. Proximity to neighbouring property and bridle path.

COMMENT: No objections.

APPLICATION: P220641 – Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

SITE: Land next to 91 Bearcroft Weobley Herefordshire HR4 8TD

DESCRIPTION: Tree located next to 91 Bearcroft. Cut back the branches which overhang Oakland Holt development.

COMMENT: After consultation with the tree warden, Council agreed any works should be absolutely minimal with the tree warden present.

8. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

The Council **NOTED** the meeting must be held between the 1st March and 1st June. The Council **RESOLVED** to hold the meeting during May but a date was yet to be set but would be confirmed at the next parish council meeting.

9. PARISH MAINTENANCE

9.1 Lengthsman

- Council **NOTED** no requests but **NOTED** that Welsh Water had been contacted in relation to the Town Ditch. Council **RESOLVED** to submit an application to the Drainage Grant Scheme, for funds which would be used to carry out work to the Town Ditch.

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9.2 Highways

- Council **NOTED** a sweeper had been on Hereford Road.
- Council **NOTED** a number of potholes had been filled around the village.
- Council **RESOLVED** to contact the locality steward regarding the condition of Back Lane (B4320) and request a time frame for works.

10. HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2021-2041

The Council **NOTED** that the stage 1 consultation timeframe had been extended and that Option 4 – ‘no development in conservation areas’ was the most preferable for the parish. Stage 2 was due to begin shortly.

11. VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE

The Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lloyd had put herself forward to act as the Parish Council’s representative for the 2022-23.

12. ALLOTMENTS

The Council were still awaiting further correspondence from the solicitor’s handling the lease. Council **RESOLVED** that supplies would not be purchased until the lease has been finalised.

13. NEWSLETTER

The Council **NOTED** that the last newsletter was in Autumn last year. Council **RESOLVED** to postpone the next edition until after the Jubilee, as to include images of this and the allotments.

14. ROSE GARDEN

Council **NOTED** a final public survey had taken place after a request from Herefordshire Council. This had now been submitted. The Council also thanked Ward Cllr Jones for his help with getting a response from Ruth Jackson and Yvonne Coleman.

15. PLAY AREA

Council **NOTED** that the Bypass had been laid and that the woodchip delivery was due to arrive on the 2nd April. The next P.A.T is due to take place on the 23rd March 2022.

16. INFORMATION SHEET

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

- Herefordshire Locality Steward update – March 2022
- Talk Community updates – March 2022
- 2021-22 Pay Scales – March 2022
- Planned Road Closures – March 2022

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: