

## WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 7:00pm.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council – Romily Giddens and 3 members of the public.

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to re-elect Lorraine Anderson as Chairman. Councillor Anderson signed their declaration of acceptance of office and the clerk signed as witness to their signature.

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to re-elect John Simons as Vice Chairman. Councillor Simons signed their declaration of acceptance of office and the clerk signed as witness to their signature.

#### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

#### 4. CO-OPTION

Council **NOTED** that there were now 2 vacancies on the Council due to Mike Ware's resignation. No applications had been received to fill these vacancies. Council **RESOLVED** to advertise the vacancies on the Parish Council and Community Website.

It was also **RESOLVED** to write to Mike Ware to thank him for his service.

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

There were none received.

#### 6. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

#### 7. OPEN SESSION

**7.1 Police Report** - The Police were not present, but the following report was provided:

- West Mercia Police are entering a new era, and are now formalising engagement with each and every parish council within each local policing area. This forms part of the new local policing community charter.
- Across the north section this is already achieved in the vast majority of cases, but having an agreed level of contact should provide a better level of service to each individual parish. The two key elements in this are; a contact agreement, and a policing priority. The contract will guide how the Police engage with the Parish Council and how often. The priorities will push local concerns to the top of the Police's to do list.
- Contact contract – For Weobley, the Police suggested a minimum of an email update every month? with an aim to attend every other Parish council meeting?
- Policing priorities – In terms of concerns raised, what do the Council feel the top three issues for Weobley are?

Council **NOTED** the report and **RESOLVED** to feedback ideas at the next Parish Council meeting.

**7.2 Ward Councillor Report** – Ward Cllr Jones was not present, but the following report was provided:

- Maylord Orchard was purchased by the council in the middle of last year for £4.5 million pounds. This was an unpopular decision given the same amount of money was borrowed by the Council to repair the flood damaged road at Fownhope. The Council are relocating the museum into Maylord's which will give it much more capacity to display historic artefacts which it does not currently have at the library site. The toilets in Maylord's have also been reopened having been shut for over five years.
- Active Travel measures were introduced into the city in July 2020. Pop up cycle lanes and pedestrian walk ways were created with white lines and functional plant pots with money from central government. These proved unpopular and were not very practical. The cycle lane in commercial road was very dangerous and soon reversed. Other measures such as closing off one lane of New Market Street were soon abandoned before getting off the ground.
- In April Hereford Council has been heavily criticised by a high court judge for its serious long standing failures in children's services. This goes back eight years when four children were placed with foster carers. The judge has questioned whether the council's children's services are fit for purpose after failures spanning more than eight years. Hereford Council held an Extraordinary meeting on the 27th April in relation to this damning judgement and an Improvement Board has been set up which includes the new chief executive Paul Walker, Cath Knowles head children's services reporting to Government minister every month over the next year through the direction of a Government adviser Mrs Gladys White.

Council **NOTED** the report and thanked Ward Cllr Jones for his assistance in arranging the re-surfacing of Gadbridge Road.

**7.3 Local residents** – The following issues were raised:

- The difficulty of moving to the village during the pandemic in relation to meeting members of the community. The Parish Council and Community websites were suggested as helpful resources to find information.

**8. FINANCE**

**8.1 Payment schedule** –

Council **NOTED** the receipt of a donation for the purchase of a bench for the Play Area.

Council **RATIFIED** the following payments relating to May 2021 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
Herefordshire Fire Protection Services Ltd	Library Fire Extinguishers	Cheque 1666	£208.80
Melba Products Ltd	Skatepark Bins Oil Drum Convertors x 4	Cheque 1670	£419.04
HMRC	February – April 2021 PAYE/NI	DD	£297.99
			<b>£925.83</b>

Council **APPROVED** the payment of accounts relating to May 2021 as outlined below:

PAYEE	SERVICE	CHEQUE	TOTAL
West Mercia Energy	Back Lane Toilets and Library Electricity	DD	£110.48
Romily Giddens	Clerk's Expenses*	Cheque 1671	£20.99
Royston Davies	Museum/ Library Repairs to date	Cheque 1672	£2,148.00
Goodman's Restoration	Oak Beam for Weather Shelter	Cheque 1673	£76.00
Ian Wilkinson	Bus Shelter Painting	Cheque 1674	£49.25
Ian Wilkinson	Sign Repairs	Cheque 1674	£56.25
C Breen (Tudors)	Softwood for Weather Shelter	Cheque 1675	£32.82
C Breen (JMart)	Black Sack Holders x 3	Cheque 1675	£35.97

C Breen (B&Q)	Wooden Post Skatepark Sign x 2	Cheque 1675	£26.20
C Breen (Amazon)	Key Hooks for Play Area Container	Cheque 1675	£5.51
C Breen (Timpson)	3 x Keys for Container	Cheque 1675	£14.00
C Breen (Amazon)	Green Paint for Oil Drums	Cheque 1675	£22.00
Romily Giddens	Salary April 2021	Cheque 1676	£332.80
HMRC	PAYE Deductions	DD	£83.20
L Anderson (Amazon)	Dehumidifier Library	Cheque 1677	£214.95
L Anderson (Hoople)	DBS Registration	Cheque 1677	£15.86
L Anderson (Nisbets)	Hand Sanitiser & Soap Dispensers	Cheque 1677	£170.28
L Anderson (Savers)	Hand Soap for Library	Cheque 1677	£4.00
L Anderson (Amazon)	Notices	Cheque 1677	£8.94
L Anderson	Christmas Tree Donation	Cheque 1677	£25.00
			<b>£3,452.50</b>

**8.2 Annual Insurance Provision**– Council **NOTED** that the Zurich Municipal Insurance had increased by £181.44 to include the Skate Park. It was **RESOLVED** to attempt to review the Council’s insurance provision with an insurance broker. Council **NOTED** that due to the renewal date commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 that this may not be possible due to the timeframe.

## 9. WORKING GROUPS

**9.1 Finance Working Group** – It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Anderson, Apps and Simons would form the Finance Working Group.

**9.2 Play Area Working Group** – It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Apps, Breen, Mills and Quinlan would form the Play Area Working Group in addition to members of the public.

## 10. HIGHWAYS

It was **NOTED** that the resurfacing of Gadbridge Road would commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> July and last for 5 days. The resurfacing would also include the introduction of traffic calming road markings.

Council also **NOTED** the current parking issues on Gadbridge Road and **RESOLVED** to write to the Surgery and Dentists to remind staff members about parking of vehicles.

## 11. PLANNING

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

### 6.1.1

**APPLICATION:** P210237 – Re-consultation

**SITE:** Beam Ends, 2 High Street, Weobley, Hereford, Herefordshire HR4 8SL

**DESCRIPTION:** Variation of a condition 2 following grant of planning permission. 174623/FH (Proposed demolition & replacement of existing single storey rear extension. New window to first floor. New roof light to existing roof.) - to include more rooflights in the attic conversion than originally proposed.

**COMMENT:** It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the final comment to the Clerk, following her liaison with the Planning Working Group.

### 6.1.2

**APPLICATION:** P211477

**SITE:** Tibhall Farm, Broxwood, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9JR

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed new agricultural building at Tibball Farm.

**COMMENT:** No objections.

### 6.1.3

**APPLICATION:** P211494

**SITE:** Land at Fields End Farm, Weobley, Herefordshire, HR4 8QP

**DESCRIPTION:** Retrospective planning application for the retention of two biomass boilers, log drying kiln and associated infrastructure.

**COMMENT:** No objections.

#### 6.1.4

**APPLICATION:** P211795

**SITE:** Tithe Barn, Meadow Street, Weobley, Hereford, Herefordshire HR4 8SF

**DESCRIPTION:** We would like to remove a branch from a mature ash tree. The tree is on the boundary between our property and the neighbouring property, High House. The branch overhangs our property and a greenhouse. We have discussed the proposal with our neighbours who have no objections. The tree is 1 of 2 mature ash trees.

**COMMENT:** Council had no objections but would forward to the Tree Warden for the final comment.

#### 6.1.5

**APPLICATION:** P211889

**SITE:** 1 Red Leaves, 78 Bearcroft, Weobley, Hereford, Herefordshire HR4 8TD

**DESCRIPTION:** Sycamore (T1) - fell tree, smaller species will be replanted

**COMMENT:** Council had no objections but would forward to the Tree Warden for the final comment.

#### 6.1.6

**APPLICATION:** P211890

**SITE:** 79 Bearcroft, Weobley, Hereford, Herefordshire HR4 8TD

**DESCRIPTION:** Conifer (T1) - fell as outgrown position

**COMMENT:** Council had no objections but would forward to the Tree Warden for the final comment.

## 12. LIBRARY/MUSEUM

Council **NOTED** that contractors, Royston Davies, were still working on the Library/Museum building. The old plaster had been removed, and walls were still being left to dry. Temporary screens may be installed to allow the library/museum to reopen. Council **NOTED** that fire safety tests had taken place.

## 13. INFORMATION SHEET

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

- Affordable Housing – April 2021
- High Court Virtual Meetings Case Dismissal – May 2021
- Herefordshire Locality Steward update – May 2021
- Council Covid-19 updates – May 2021
- Police and Crime Commissioner – May 2021
- Hereford to Kington Bus Service – May 2021
- Knife Angel Visit – May 2021
- HC Housing Strategy Consultation – May 2021

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**14.1** Council **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021** at 7.00pm in Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley, HR4 8SN.

**14.2** Council **NOTED** the following remaining meeting dates for 2021/22:

- 29th June 2021
- 27th July 2021
- 28th September 2021
- 26th October 2021
- 23rd November 2021
- 25th January 2022
- 22nd February 2022
- 22nd March 2022

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**