

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
AT MANSEL LACY COMMUNITY HALL

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present: C.Edwards (Chairman), A.Davies, S.Hallett, M.Mangan, A.Powell

In Attendance: R.Hallett (Clerk), M.Jones (Ward Councillor)

Apologies: D.J.C.Davenport, D.Gwynne

- 1) Draft Minutes of the General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were accepted and signed by C.Edwards as a true record.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) Following the reduction of subsidies for the purchase of defibrillators, it was agreed that the council would not proceed further. The cost of £1300 plus installation was not felt to be justified for a small number of residents.
- 3) Finance
  - a) The regular report was presented (see Agenda). The council is projected to finish the financial year with a balance in the region of £6.2k
- 4) Highways
  - a) Quotes for 2022/23 Lengthsman services were received from D.Campbell (£3201) and R.Mills (£1777). Based on these quotes, it was decided to move forward with R.Mills. DG, AD and RH to finalise the specific details of the contract to be signed.
  - b) Notification had been received from Herefordshire Council that funds will be available for additional drainage work in Autumn/Winter 2022. It was agreed that the council will submit a bid for such funds. DG and RH to discuss with R.Mills the potential scope and cost. Deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> April but the sooner a submission can be made, the better the chance of success.
- 5) Planning: No comments to make against the current application, P214412/F
- 6) Any Other Business
  - a) M.Jones presented his ward councillors report (Appendix 1) and took questions
  - b) It was agreed that no comment would be made at this stage of the Herefordshire Council Local Plan 2021-2041 Spatial Options consultation. The circumstances of land ownership across the parish group meant that development was very unlikely.
  - c) It was agreed that a grant of £1000 would be made available for a community event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event itself to be defined and managed outside the parish council

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

*Cae Edwards*

*Chairman*

*4 May 2022*

## Appendix 1

### Ward Councillor Report January 2022

Hereford Council have appointed 4 new directors. As expected 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 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.

At the full council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January Councillor Liz Harvey promised that the backlog in planning applications would be cleared by the end of this financial year. Some planning applications have not been allocated a planning officer after four months. Many complaints are coming into the council from these long delays.

There was over whelming support for two motions one to support a water protection zone around the River Wye System and also to back a call for lower noise fireworks at displays on Council owned parks around the county.

There is a full council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> February which will primarily discuss the budget and council tax increase for the next financial year.