

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2023  
AT MANSEL LACY COMMUNITY HALL

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present: C.Edwards (Chairman), A.Davies, S.Hallett, D.Gwynne, A.Apps

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

Apologies: M.Mangan, A.Powell

In reference to agenda item 6d (Coronation), S.Hallett declared an interest as Chairman of Mansel Lacy Community Association

- 1) Draft Minutes of the General Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 were accepted and signed by C.Edwards as a true record.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) The situation regarding the anonymous donor was clarified. A donation of £500 was received in 2017 for the maintenance of the telephone box. To date, £76.80 of this has been used. The donor would be happy for the balance to be used on a worthy community cause, as agreed by the parish council. It was agreed that since the defibrillator batteries and pads needed replacement, that this donation would cover the cost. R.Hallett to organise their supply and to feed back to the donor.
- 3) Finance
  - a) The regular report was presented (see Agenda). Cash flow has been better than expected with the payment of the drainage grant, much more promptly than last time.
- 4) Highways
  - a) The first phase of drainage grant work covering ditch clearance, gripper reinstatement and clearance of an obstruction in Yazor Brook under the A480. The blocked drain at the bottom of the Parks has also been jetted and pumped out.
  - b) Approval was given to appoint R.Mills as Lengthsman for 2023/24. Scope would remain the same albeit with an overall cost increase of 8.3%.
  - c) C.Edwards spoke to the owner of Coach House Interiors who said that he had the necessary permission for the sign at the Brinsop/A480m junction. It was agreed that R.Hallett would confirm this through Balfour Beatty. *(post meeting note: BB visited the owner to confirm that he did not have permission and the sign needed to come down. The owner, however, said that he had been visited by a member of the parish council who informed him that the sign was ok to stay where it was. Balfour Beatty are now handling this directly with the owner).*
- 5) Planning
  - a) A.Apps and S.Hallett updated the meeting that during the consultation on the Rural Spatial Strategy they had emphasised the importance of having affordable housing as part of any scheme and that infrastructure needed to be in place before associated development was started. These views were common to all the other contributors
- 6) Any Other Business
  - a) M.Jones presented his report (see Appendix 1).
  - b) No policing priorities were set at this time, pending feedback from West Mercia on the purpose and effect of such prioritisation.
  - c) Local elections will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. For the first time, voters will need an acceptable form of Photo ID. This message should be passed on by all possible means e.g. Foxley News, Foxley Flyer, website. M.Jones was asked to clarify the procedure for voters who did not have a form of photo ID.

