

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022  
AT MANSEL LACY COMMUNITY HALL

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present: C.Edwards (Chairman), A.Davies, S.Hallett, M.Mangan, D.Gwynne, A.Powell,  
M.Jones (Ward Councillor)

In Attendance: R.Hallett (Clerk),

- 1) Draft Minutes of both the Annual and General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were accepted and signed by C.Edwards as a true record. The Council stood in silence, as requested by the Chairman, to honour the memory of Queen Elizabeth II
- 2) Matters Arising
  - a) The parish council expressed their great sadness at the death of Queen Elizabeth II
  - b) A letter had been received from the Mansel Lacy Community Association, thanking the parish council for their grant toward a celebration street party
- 3) Finance
  - a) The regular report was presented (see Agenda). Whilst the account has a healthy balance of £7,666.78 we are about to start the majority of the Lengthsman's work for this year.
  - b) The proposal for a process for awarding grants (copy attached) was approved. R.Hallett will now implement this.
  - c) Apparently there is an anonymous donor willing to fund the replacement pads and batteries for the defibrillator. C.Edwards to confirm this.
- 4) Highways
  - a) Drainage grant activities will start soon and be phased to ensure that the work can be done, and the Lengthsman paid promptly while we reclaim grant money from Herefordshire Council
  - b) M.Mangan raised the issue of our Lengthsman cutting verges, only a few days before Balfour Beatty's contractor does his scheduled cut. R.Hallett to ask the Lengthsman to co-ordinate directly with the contractor (Adrian Hill) to improve communication and co-ordination.
  - c) M.Mangan said he believed that, in some instances, culvert jetting was taking place in drains that are collapsed. R.Hallett to follow up with BB.
- 5) Planning
  - a) There has been a suggestion that the demolition and rebuilding of Former Dairy Buildings may involve some residential use. This to be monitored.
- 6) Any Other Business
  - a) Andrew Apps was proposed by S.Hallett, seconded by D.Gwynne to be co-opted as a member of the council. This was unanimously approved. R.Hallett to take care of the formalities to implement this.
  - b) The We Don't Buy Crime initiative was discussed. Under the scheme, homes in the area are provided with free SmartWater kits, subsidised by the parish council. It was agreed that details of the scheme would be posted on the website to check how much local interest there was (70% take up required to go ahead)
  - c) It was confirmed that insurance cover was maintained after expiry of the previous policy but there was an increase in the premium from £148 to £212 (+43%)
  - d) M.Jones presented his report (copy attached) plus a couple of significant additions
    - i) The recent Ofsted report on Herefordshire Children's Services concluded that service had worsened from Requires Improvement to Inadequate

