

Weston Under Penyard Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2017

at 7.30pm at Weston Village Hall

Present. Linda Dunn (Chair), Rod Barker (Vice-Chair) Liam Kearns, Bryan Davies, Chris Morris, Martin Firman & Deirdre Byrne

In attendance; Kath Greenow Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public, Ward Cllr Bramer & Richard Gabb Herefordshire Council Assistant Director Homes and Community Services

1.To receive apologies for absence.

Greg Weston & Paul Marshall

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.

None

The Chairman moved agenda item 3 Co- option to the end of the meeting

4. Open Forum. To receive the views of residents on parish matters

A member of the public raised this matter of 106, which had been raised at the last meeting Discussion took place over the 106 issues, and Richard Gabb agreed to take the concerns raised by the parishioner and the Parish Council back to Herefordshire Council 106 officer Yvonne Coleman and would contact the clerk in due course on the matter raised

5. To agree and sign the minutes of Thursday 2nd November 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of Thursday 2nd November 2017

6. Reports

6.1 Ward Cllrs report

The Ward Cllr reported on the issues facing the local authority over the next financial year. Most Grant funding that Herefordshire Council receive from Government will disappear. He spoke about the Model Farm development and the proposed revenue project.

6.2 Clerks report back on action items from last meeting

- Website

The website is being developed at present, and will go live in January, subject to the final layout being approved by The Parish Council.

- Transparency grant

Approval of grant funding has been given and a grant payment is due shortly

- Parish Council computer & printer

A Parish Council laptop and printer has been purchased by the Clerk as per instructions at the last meeting. The Clerk was asked to purchase an external hard drive for the laptop.

- External Audit

The Clerk is attending to the points raised in the internal audit.

7. Highways

7.2 To consider Highways issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The pavements on the A40 need attending to as there are a considerable number of weeds growing between the pavement and the highway

[Clerk to Action](#)

8. Lengths man

8.1 To consider work to be undertaken by the lengthsman

The lengthsman has carried out work as identified in the previous meeting along with footpaths work required

It was **RESOLVED**: that the lengthsman attend to strimming/ clearing of vegetation in the parish on c & u roads where work is required.

9. Footpaths

9.1 To receive a report from the footpaths officer and consider work required as appropriate.

No report from Footpaths officer

10. Trees

10.1 To receive a report from the tree warden and consider any action required.

No report

11. Parish Projects reports

11.1 To receive verbal reports on the following parish projects and consider any action -
None

11.2 Road safety – Signage request from Parishioner.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the request for signage from a parishioner at Dancing Green regarding vehicles getting stuck could not be met by the Parish Council.

S.I.D survey. Cllr Barker has spoken to Balfour Beatty concerning the location for the speed survey to be carried out as the one the PC put forward is not suitable, and another suitable site needs to be considered. [Clerk to Action](#)

11.3 Community right to bid – nothing

11.4 Service & Facilities

Discussion took place regarding a possible Tennis, fitness and luncheon clubs.

It was **RESOLVED**: to establish what interest there would be for the proposed clubs in the first instance need to be established. Information relating to this would go into the next edition of the Weston news

11.5 Sustaining Rural Environment-

Nothing to report

12. Parish Council Booklet

12.1 To receive an update on proposals for a Parish Council booklet

Martin Firman reported that information is being collected to go in the parish Council booklet

13. Finance

13.1 To note finance report as per banks statement 13/11/2017 £26,192.07 main a/c
Money Manager a/c £3518.75

13.2 To consider invoices for payment:

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay:

Grant Thornton external audit £225.00 +vat £45.00

A4 office products- folders £5.90 +vat

Clerk reimbursement for mileage £72.00

Clerk reimbursement for Purchase of Laptop & Printer £390.82 + vat £78.12

14. Planning

14.1 To consider commenting on planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council

14.1a Application 174227 1 Sunnyside Pontshill Ross - on - Wye

Retrospective application for external and internal alternations to include re-roofing replacement windows, change pattern of dormers to traditional pitch and gabled and over batten existing and render front elevation

It was **RESOLVED**: No Objection to the application as the application complies with WUPPC NDP

14.1b. Application 173029 Land at Foxhall farm Weston under Penyard

Proposed conversion of existing agricultural barn to residential use C3

It was **RESOLVED**: to Object to the application as the proposed application does not comply with any of the cases within this policy and the area of development is not acceptable within this policy. The existing building would appear to have no architectural and/or historic merit. Also, the building may not be structurally sound making it incapable of conversion without substantial rebuilding.

The Design and Access Plan (section 9 of the application form) is not available and therefore there is no justification for the conversion other than the description – conversion of existing agricultural barn to residential use C3. Policies D1 and D2 are not met.

The application does not comply with the WUPPCNDP and fails to comply with the basic policies

14.2. To receive the planning group monthly report

Month planning report was noted

14.3 To note planning application refused or granted by Herefordshire Council since last meeting

Permission granted by Herefordshire Council:

Application P172924/F - Land adjacent to Ivylea (Linton Parish).

Variation of condition 2 reference 162456 To allow design changes to plots 1 (type A) and 2 (type B).

STATUS – Approved with conditions

P173655 Improvements to boundary access wall (retrospective)

Ashcroft, Pontshill, Weston-under-Penyard

Status - approved

P173739 Proposed conversion of store area over garage into ancillary annex accommodation. Woodcote, Hoovers Lane, Weston-under-Penyard

Status – refused

P173749 Kingstone House, Weston under Penyard, HR9 7PQ

Proposed conversion of loft and installation of 3 new dormers

Status – approved with conditions

15. Correspondence

15.1 To note correspondence received

None

3. To Co- option of member to fill current Parish Council vacancy

It was **RESOLVED**: to co-opt Mrs Linda St Hill as a Parish Councillor

The acceptance of office form and declaration of interest form was completed by Cllr St Hill

16. Items raised for next agenda (no discussion)

Website

17. To note date of next Meeting as Thursday 4th January 2018 at 7.30pm