

Minutes of a meeting of
Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council
on Thursday 15th September 2016

Present

Cllr Barry Swancott (Chair)

Cllr Richard Lewis

Cllr Andrew Beavan

Cllr Jane Watts

Cllr Janet Lewis

Cllr Roger Thomas (acting as clerk to the council for this meeting)

+ 3 members of the public

1. Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m. with the Chair extending a welcome to the public and to Cllr Jane Watts returning to active service after a leave of absence.
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mark Hughes.
3. Cllrs Barry Swancott, Andrew Beavan and Roger Thomas, as Trustees of the Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust, declared their interest with regard to item 13.
4. The draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th July 2016 were, after a minor correction to agenda item 10, agreed and will be signed as a true record.
5. No members of the public had asked to speak.
6. (a) 2 applications from Llantroft (16/02766/FUL) and one from The Waterdine (16/01621/FUL) are all still pending.
(b) No new applications have been submitted since the last meeting.
(c) A full discussion of the section of the Community Led Plan concerning Housing led to a resolution to contact Matthew Mead of Shropshire Council, with a view to exploring ways of permitting and encouraging the development of affordable homes to meet local needs and to attract young families and new small-scale employment opportunities to the Parish.
7. (a) It was noted that the significant re-surfacing work in the village had been completed on schedule and to a high standard - the new raised drain culverts and two additional tarmac'd passing places were welcomed; the contractors' sensitivity in suspending work for a whole day to allow mourners free access to attend a local funeral was much appreciated.
(b) i) A grant of £1m from central government has been made available to carry out extra 'pothole' work in Shropshire. To that end and without delay parishioners should report any significant potholes to any councillor so that proper notification can be made to the Highways department.
ii) The Chair reported many approving comments from parishioners about the successful resurfacing - but also a number of concerns about vehicles speeding on the inviting new stretch of black-top. After full discussion all agreed to request that the Highways department paint "SLOW" signs on the road surface beside the Community Field gate at one end of the village and by the church turn at the other.

(c) It was agreed the Council would invite parishioners to take part in a survey and online report of wildflower-rich verges, as part of the Plantlife scheme run by Shropshire Council. It was noted that any particular verge-cutting regimes that might in due course be recommended should be subordinated to the demands of road safety. Cllr Janet Lewis to write an explanatory article for the Llanfair Times.

8. (a) The Finance report showed a current balance of £6138.43, with payments made since the last report being: Llanfair Times - £203

SpARc s137 - £50

SALC subscription - £135.91

(b) It was agreed to delay discussion of the EHMC s.137 application to Item 12; also that the LJC request be considered at a later meeting once their position over transfer of functions and services had been further clarified.

9. Councillor Nigel Hartin was not present, due to the Bishop's Castle by-election.

10. A number of break-ins and one other incident had been reported to Council. After a full discussion it was agreed to invite a C.P.O. from the West Mercia Constabulary to address a Council Meeting - ideally in January.

11. There had been no LJC meeting since the last report.

12. a) Cllr Richard Lewis' report attached - ANNEXE A.

b) Issue 2 of the Llanfair Times was printed and ready to distribute. A very large number of enthusiastic responses to the first issue had been received - and a growing number of willing contributors had come forward. Cllr Beavan offered a vote of thanks to Cllrs Richard Lewis and the Chairman for the great effort they had put into this very valuable and successful community service.

c) The Chair reported that he had received neither response nor even acknowledgement of his recent invitation to the EHMC to take part in a Liaison Meeting to address recent difficulties and find a constructive and collaborative way forward. After a very fulsome discussion it was agreed by all councillors that the current EHMC s137 application be declined, but that a reiteration of the proposal to hold a Liaison Meeting be sent to the EHMC instead.

13. There had been no meeting of the LWCT since the last report.

14. It was resolved that the Council should designate itself a Dementia Friendly Council and adopt the relevant protocols into its Standing Orders and/or Working Practices; it was further resolved to join the Knighton Initiative for Dementia Action (KINDA).

15. The speakers (Chris Taylor, Nigel Hartin, Patrick Cosgrove & Chris New) for the public Broadband Meeting on 6th October have been agreed and an advertising poster produced. Councillors are all urged to spread the word by all and every means to ensure a large audience on the night.

- 16.** Councillors agreed unanimously to adopt the draft Council Policies as listed in ANNEXE B
- 17.** Cllr Richard Lewis asked whether responses to the Parish Directory questionnaire that came from outside the Parish should be included: all agreed that they should and that the directory should in due course be retitled “The Llanfair Waterdine Community Directory”.
- 18.** None
- 19.** Next meetings (all at 7.30) : 17th November 2016
12th January 2017
16th March 2016.
- 20.** Meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

Signed Barry Swancott Date 17th November 2016