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**LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2012 AT 7.45 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.**

**1/12/01 Members present:**

Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chairman), Mr. S. Holding, Mr E. Roberts (Vice Chairman) and Mr. A. Lees.  
Mr. J.F. Marcham – Parish Clerk.

**In attendance:**

T&W Cllr. Jacqui Seymour.

**Members of the public:**

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**1/12/02 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Juliet Esp, who was in hospital, which were accepted, and T&W Borough Councillor T. Kiernan.

**1/12/03 Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**1/12/04 Members of the Public to address the Parish Council:**

No presentations made.

**1/12/05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

**1/12/06 Affordable Housing:**

There had been a 36% return on the survey but no analysis had yet been done.

**1/12/07 Highways:**

- a. The Clerk reported that there had been no response from his letter to Stuart Freeman and other officers of T&W Council.
- b. No meeting to discuss highway issues had been called by T&W.
- c. Cllr. Lees had responded to the consultation relating to highways capital funding projects and had highlighted the long standing problems in the area related to traffic management.
- d. The Clerk reported that he had informed T&W about the need to clear drains/gulleys.

**1/12/08 "Your Money, Your Project":**

The quotation for the three legged finger post at Arleston Hill was £977 plus £80 for installation. It was **resolved** to order and install the post

once the money had been received from T&W. The Clerk reported that he had completed and returned the grant forms to T&W before Christmas.

### **1/12/09 HLSCCLC:**

- a. Entry signs: Cllr. Lees displayed the proposed art work for the signage and display boards. It was **resolved** that on the panoramic view of the Shropshire Hills the hills should be identified by "tails".  
It was **resolved** that Cllr. Lees contacts Sue Manley and approves the art work. It was resolved that the order would be placed for the signage once the money had been paid into the bank account.  
It was **resolved** that the basic design of the Wrekin with walkers should be adopted as the future parish logo.
- b. It was reported that the plan to construct a footpath from the Wellington Road (B5223), along Coalmoor Road to Coalmoor Lane had been rejected by HLSC Community Fund on grounds of cost and too few people who would benefit from it.
- c. The Clerk reported that the planning department at T&W had stated that there was nothing in the planning policy which states that a bus shelter must be located on a bus route. T&W had offered to look at the proposed locations and offer advice and it was **resolved** to accept this offer.

### **1/12/10 Bench at New Works:**

The Clerk reported that Harworth estates had submitted a plan with a new location for the proposed bench. The owner of Highmead had no personal objections to the siting of the bench but suggested that the owners of Bel Vista be consulted. It was further suggested that the bench be placed at an angle. The Chairman and the Clerk would visit the site and discuss the matter further with Harworth estates if felt appropriate.

Once the bench was installed the grass around it would be strimmed as part of the current maintenance programme.

### **1/12/11 Renovation of Swan farm Footpath:**

It was pointed out that a further 20 tons of plainings would be required to finish the work and Cllr. Holding agreed to do this when the weather was drier. It was further suggested that the area around the stiles would benefit from half a ton spread in their vicinity.

### **1/12/12 Shadowing Award.**

Cllr. Lees reported that Laura Pennells had completed 10 hours working with the PC and that a review meeting had been held the previous week. It was **resolved** to present her with a certificate at the Parish Open Meeting to recognise her involvement with the PC.

**1/12/13 Community Newsletter:**

The Clerk reported that he had received no items to go in the February edition and it was therefore **resolved** to delay publication.

**1/12/14 Information Sheet 2012:**

The Clerk reported that he had already started work on this year's edition and that there were only a few loose ends left which needed finishing off. A draft copy was given to each councillor for comment.

**1/12/15 Jubilee Celebrations:**

- a. The Clerk reported that he had only received 7 names for mugs. It was **resolved** that councillors who knew families with children ask them to contact the Clerk. A further brochure of Jubilee memorabilia was included in the circulation pack.
- b. The Clerk reported that he had found volunteers to organise and train dancers for the maypole and a Morris team. It was **resolved** that the sum of £80 be set aside for the use of the village hall for practices.
- c. It was **resolved** that the following councillors serve on the community Jubilee Committee: Cllrs. Holding and Roberts.
- d. It was **resolved** that the PC would set aside £300 to underwrite the celebrations (the PC having already purchased the maypole and bunting for the event and would be buying the mugs).

**1/12/16 Annual Parish Meeting:**

- a. It was **resolved** that the APM would be informal with no main event nor side stalls.
- b. It was **resolved** to invite WPC Judith MacPherson, our local beat officer; Pete Lambert from WFP, Peter Whittle as Chair of the HLSMCLC. It was **resolved** that the issues with the highways should be clearly stated at the meeting.
- c. The Clerk would assist with the Chairman's Report.
- d. It was **resolved** that the Clerk obtain refreshments including wine from Tanners.

**1/12/17 Planning:**

- a. The Clerk brought to the attention of the PC that T&W had placed a tree preservation order on a tree at the Old Hall.
- b. A Street Trading Consent request had been submitted by T&W regarding a Jiffy Van selling food within the borough. The PC had no objections so long as it was not located at the foot of the Wrekin.

**1/12/18 Clerk's Report:**

- a. The Clerk reported that he had brought to T&W attention the lack of white lines at the junction of Ercall Lane and the road from Cluddley. A technician had visited the site and had agreed that new white lines and a SLOW sign needed to be renewed.
- b. Matthew Seabrook had been contacted for an update regarding the state of some of the trees on Wellington Road, especially the large willow, but he had nothing further to report.
- c. Ian Binks, the Regional Partnership Director for BT had contacted the Clerk about the upgrade of the Dawley exchange and what would be the effect on broadband in Little Wenlock & New Works. The box will not be updated and Little Wenlock/New Works will not benefit from the ADSL2 upgrade as it is not commercially viable for BT to upgrade us. However BT will upgrade if it can be paid for (including any necessary work at New Works). The matter had already been raised at the HLSMCLC and it was felt that it would be appropriate use of the community fund as the whole community would benefit. A small sub committee had been established under the HLSMCLC which included Cllr. S. Hutchison and the Clerk (other members were T&W Cllr. J. Seymour and the Chairman of the HLSMCLC Peter Whittle). The PC **resolved** to give the project its support.

#### **1/12/19 Borough Liaison:**

T&W Borough Councillor J. Seymour outlined the various budget options open to the borough council.

#### **1/12/20 Parish Councillor's updates:**

Cllr. Lees requested that the Clerk forward the December and January minutes to the web master when they had been approved and signed.

#### **1/12/21 Finance:**

- a. The balance in the Community account is £4662.74 with all cheques cleared and in the savings account £5,787.64 giving a total working balance of £10450.38.
- b. The following accounts were **approved** for payment:
 

J.F. Marcham	Salary	£238.58
HMRC	PAYE	£59.58
T&W Council	Election fee**	£1727.09
Cllr. A Lees	photo paper & ink	£10.00

\*\*The Clerk had requested a break down of the costs of the election and it was noted that postage totalled £695.44. It was **resolved** to ask T&W as to how this figure had been arrived at as there were only 480 electors within the parish.

- c. The Clerk had written to Barclays bank expressing concern over the poor rate of interest on the deposit account which was 0.05%. In

response Barclays had offered a new deposit account called “Base Rate Reward” whose interest rate was 10 times that currently being paid. It was **resolved** to accept this offer and the application was signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

- d. It was **resolved** to hold over any requests for donations to charities until the AGM in May.
- e. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Holding would do the third quarterly audit of accounts.

**1/12/22 Date of the next meeting.**

It was **resolved** that the date of the next meeting would be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.