

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
14th JANUARY, 2013 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.**

- 1/13/01 Members Present:**
Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chairman), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Mrs. J. Davidson, Mr. S. Holding and Mr. A. Lees.
Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk to Little Wenlock Parish Council.
- Members of the Public:**
5 members of the public were present.
- 1/13/02 Apologies:**
Apologies were received from T&W Councillors Jacqui Seymour and Terry Kiernan.
- 1/13/03 Declarations of Interest:**
No declarations were made.
- 1/13/04 Members of the public address the Parish Council:**
Brain Hale, from New Works, stated that the new village entry signs were very attractive but that he did not like the wording "Heritage Mining Settlement" as it might put off people considering purchasing a property in the village.
Cllr. A. Lees outlined the consultation process which the Parish Council had gone through before the signs were ordered including a presentation at the Parish Open Meeting in 2011, circulation of the design and a working party which included a representative from New Works. He pointed out that the wording had been suggested by a resident of New Works.
When the grant application was made at the UK Coal Community Fund Committee there were 3 members from New Works who voted for the signs.
It was suggested by a New Works resident that the wording be covered up.
- 1/13/05 Minutes:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2012 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.
- 1/13/06 Update on highway issues:**
- a. Parking restrictions at the Forest Glen. The Parish Council was awaiting the results of the survey and the action to be taken.
 - b. Rumble Strips: Cllr. Lees reported that all the residents within 200 m of the proposed site for the rumble strips had been consulted about their installation and no one had objected. The Clerk was instructed to send the results of the survey to Lee Barnard at T&W Council.
 - c. Dangerous willow tree: the Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. T. Beanland but had received no reply.
 - d. Speed limit restrictions: No report had been received from T&W.
 - e. Buildwas Lane: T&W had been informed of the Parish Council's decision on the matter of blocking off the bottom of the lane. The Clerk had been informed by T&W that Shropshire County Council would consult with the Parish Council on the matter.
- 1/13/07 Lighting:**
- a. It was **resolved** to send a flyer to the residents of New Works stating the results of the survey and suggesting how they could proceed with an application for a grant, if they so wished.
 - b. Faulty lights: All lights that had failed had been repaired because it was only the bulb that needed replacing in each case.
- 1/13/08 Entry signs at New Works:**

Cllr. J. Davidson thought that the signs gave a historic value to the properties. Cllr. S. Holding suggested another survey but could not see what it would achieve.

It was pointed out that only 30 members of the community out of 85 had objected to the wording on the signs and were thus very much in the minority.

It was **resolved** to look at the options available and discuss the matter at the February meeting.

1/13/09

Footpaths:

- a. Swan Farm pool boardwalk: Andrew Careless (T&W Rights of way Officer) had confirmed that they would like to repair the boardwalk and that he would talk to his contractors as to when they can fit it in. He stated that he was grateful for the contribution of £1000 towards the cost of the repairs from the Parish Council.
- b. Contracts for footpath upgrade: Cllr. Lees reported that he had requested quotations from 3 contractors but so far had received only 1.

1/13/10

New Works Bus Shelter:

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Adrian Foster at Veolia regarding his questions about the lease.

1/13/11

Information Sheet:

It was resolved to have it printed at Madeley Print Shop on thin card.

1/13/12

Superfast Broadband:

a. Cabinet location:

- i. The Clerk reported that BT Openreach would not place the new cabinet in the cattle pound as originally suggested because BT Openreach could not ascertain who owned it and would not place a way-leave on land where there was no known owner ship.
- ii. The alternative site was on the Village Hall car park. The Village Hall Committee had given permission for the cabinet to be installed on the car park so long as it did not restrict a parking area.
- iii. It was finally decided to place the cabinet against the wall running along The Alley as the electricity supply would come off the adjacent pole.
- iv. The delay in finding an alternative site may put the project back some months.

b. Cattle Pound:

- i. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Land Registry Office regarding the ownership of the cattle pound and had sent them copies of large scale maps identifying the site. However the LRO says that LWPC does not possess the necessary evidence of title.
- ii. An application for adverse possession would need to be made.
- iii. It was **resolved** that the Clerk obtain form ADV1 from the LRO.

1/13/13

T&W free Wi-Fi:

The Village Hall would be willing to have T&W install free Wi-Fi so long as they incurred no costs now or in the future. It was pointed out that there were suitable connections already in the village hall which had been installed by the BBC following Any Questions.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk meet with T&W Cllr. Shaun Davies to discuss the matter further.

1/13/14

Clerk's Report:

- a. It was **resolved** that the Clerk could attend the Clerk's Training day on 15th February.
- b. The Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council the latest developments relating to local and nation decisions regarding the PC's budget and Precept.

1/13/15

Planning:

Planning application TWC/2012/0018.

Minor extension and internal alterations at St. Lawrence Church, Little Wenlock.

It was resolved that the Parish Council fully supports the application as it is very necessary for the future of the church and provides essential services which will mean that it can be used for a wider range of functions.

1/13/16

Borough Liaison;

In the absence of T&WB Cllr. Jacqui Seymour there were no matters to discuss or report on.

1/13/17

Information and updates from Parish Councillors:

Parish Councillors J. Davidson, A. Lees and S. Holding had attended the T&W Council "Report on Shaping Places" meeting and their report is appended to these minutes.

1/13/18

2013/14 Budget:

It was resolved that the final budget figures be as follows:

Clerk's salary & PAYE	£4100
Clerk's expenses and admin costs	£1000
Insurance, Audit & banking	£1000
Subscriptions, hiring fees, donations & miscellaneous	£800
Training and publications	£100
Lighting: Energy Consumption	£800
Lighting: Maintenance & new lights	£3000
Newsletter, printing & web site	£400
Highways & Rights of Way	£1000
Projects	nil
Open spaces, ground maintenance	£2100
TOTAL	£14,300

Using the VAT refund (estimated at £1650) towards next year's budget it was **resolved** that the budget for 2013/14 be set at £12,650.

1/13/19

Precept for 2013/14:

It was **resolved** to set the Precept at £12,650.

1/13/20

Finance:**a. Bank balances:**

The balance in the Community Account is £1,116.01.

The balance in the Base Rate Account is £30,199.77

From the Base Rate Account the following money is "ring fenced" for paying for projects:

Bus Shelter: £12,996.00

Balance on Superfast Broadband: £12,334.00

Swan Farm pool board walk: £1,000.00

Total £26,330.00

True working balance £3869.77

Total working capital £4985.78

There is still 3 months expenditure to come out of the total working balance.

b. Accounts pay:

E.On	Light repair, post 33	£34.52
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John F. Marcham	Salary	£242.33
HMRC	PAYE	£60.58
Village hall	2013 Hiring fee	£132.00
Npower	Energy Consumption	£80.40
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SLCC	Training Day	£15.00

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Date of the next meeting:

Monday 11th February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.