

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of scheduled meeting Monday 20 March 2023, 7:30pm at the Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs Andrew Beavan (Chairman), Darren Knipe, John Lane, Roy Lloyd.

In attendance: Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk

1. **Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed councillors to the meeting and announced that Cllr Zoe Croose had regrettably resigned from the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllr Croose be thanked for her valuable contributions to the Council and to the Parish.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Mark Hughes.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations.** None received.
4. **Applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor.** No applications had been received. It was agreed to renew advertisement on the website having removed the deadline for applications.
5. **Open Discussion**
 - 5.1. Views of the public parish matters. No members of public were present.
 - 5.2. Report from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin. A report had not been received.
6. **Minutes.** Minutes of the scheduled Parish Council Meeting held on 16 January 2023 and Extraordinary Meeting held on 8 February 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
7. **Matters arising from the previous meeting.** No matters were raised.
8. **Reports from Councillors.** See item 13.
9. **Finance.**
 - 9.1. Noted: Barclays Bank Account balance on 15 March 2023 £2,934.41
 - 9.2. **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made between meetings: £10 to The Pavilion for Hall Hire in January.
 - 9.3. **RESOLVED** to make payments to
 - The Clerk Payroll Months 11 & 12 £352.90
 - HMRC PAYE Months 11 & 12 £88.40
 - Clerk's Expenses. 123 Reg £14.39 (renewal of domain name for website)
 - The Community Pavilion Inv. SI66 Hall Hire 20 March 2023 £10.00
 - Shropshire Association of Local Councils Code of Conduct Training 19/1/23 £20.00
 - Craven Design & Print Llanfair Times March 2023 edition ££271.50. Total payments £757.19
 - 9.4. Agreed - member to authorise payments until the May meeting Cllr Andrew Beavan.
10. **Newcastle Primary School.** Consultation from the Governing Body of Blue Hills Federation.

Noted: since the publication of the Agenda, the governing body of The Blue Hills Federation had agreed to halt the consultation regarding the transfer of education provision from Newcastle CE Primary School to one of the other two sites in their Federation of schools, namely Clunbury CE Primary School and St Mary's CE Primary School in Bucknell.

It was agreed to write to the Governing Body of Blue Hills Federation confirming the Parish Council's support of Newcastle Primary School; its hope that numbers increase to enable the school to thrive; highlighting its benefit to children of Llanfair Waterdine Parish; and requesting that, if the situation changes, Clun be included in discussions for Llanfair children it being less distant than Clunbury or Bucknell. The Parish Council will ask to be kept updated.

11. **Local Policing Community Charter 2022.** Agreed that Policing priorities are farm related crime and theft. Updates to be requested by email, and officers to attend meetings by invitation.
12. **Climate and Ecology Bill (May 2022).** Following the Parish Council's declaration of Climate Emergency in May 2019 it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the template motion received from Zero Hour Shropshire in support of the Bill, and to write to Philip Dunne MP and Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill, confirming the Parish Council's support. See Appendix 1 attached to these Minutes.
13. **Joint Celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May 2023.** Cllr Lloyd had attended a joint meeting of groups in the Parish, when arrangements were agreed for celebrations at the Church, Everest Hall and The Pavilion.
- Saturday 6 May.** Residents can watch The Coronation which will be live streamed at The Pavilion, followed later in the day by a BBQ and paella. The bar will be open.
- Sunday 7 May.** Community proceedings will start with a Church Service at 10.30 am. The Everest Hall will stage the venue for the Coronation "Big Lunch". Later in the day there will be the planting of a commemorative oak tree at the Community Field, with live streaming of entertainment at Windsor Castle. Everyone is welcome to join in with boules and field games.
- Monday 8 May Bank Holiday.** There are no organised parish events but The Big Help Out will be held on the Monday and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. In tribute to His Majesty the King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.
- The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to purchase commemorative mugs to present to each child in the Parish.
14. **Llanfair Times.** A grant of £200 had been received from Llanfair Community Trust to fund provision of the Times to residents at Lloyney in 2022. The Clerk was asked to thank Trustees, and to make a similar application for 2023.
15. **Policies for adoption in May were considered.**
- a) Local Government Association Code of Conduct. Clerk to ascertain whether any changes were made to the LGA code prior to adoption by Shropshire Council and supply summary of The Code.
 - b) Asset Register 2023. Agreed.
 - c) Risk Management Policy. Agreed.
 - d) Standing Orders. Agreed.
 - e) Financial Regulations. Agreed.
 - f) Banking policy. Agreed.
 - g) Planning Applications received between Parish Council meetings. Agreed.
 - h) News and Events items. Agreed – as amended.
16. **Llanfair Community Trust.** Ways to find suitable applicants to fulfil the role of Trustee were discussed. Agreed it is useful for Trustees to have knowledge of the area.
17. **Annual Parish Meeting.** Agreed: to hold the meeting at 7pm on Monday 15 May, before the Annual and Scheduled meetings of the Parish Council. A speaker will be invited from South Shropshire Climate

Action or Zero Carbon Shropshire or on the subject of the health of the river Teme.

18. Highways / Public Rights of Way

- 18.1. Issues relating to Highways. Poor surface condition between Monaughty Poeth and the Knucklas junction B4355 to be reported to Powys Council.
- 18.2. Works under the Environmental Maintenance Grant. Further work undertaken under the scheme to be billed and paid before the end of the financial year, 31 March 2023.
- 18.3. Issues to report to the Footpaths Warden. Damaged metal wicket on path near Cwm Colla. Path number 0538/51/1 to be confirmed.

19. **Airband Fibre to the Premises in the Parish.** No update had been received.

20. **Correspondence.** To discuss in detail items of correspondence (so requested by members before the meeting). See item 11 re The Coronation.

21. Date of next meetings. Monday 15 May 2023 at The Everest Hall. Annual Parish Meeting 7pm, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.45pm immediately followed by the scheduled May meeting.

22. The meeting closed at 20:53

Original signed and on file.

Signed
Cllr Andrew Beavan, Chairman

Dated 15 May 2023

Appendix 1

Received from Zero Hour Shropshire.

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. The global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels, and the natural world has reached crisis point, with [28% of plants and animals](#) threatened with extinction.

Climate change

Unless we drastically change course, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement’s 1.5°C limit. Pledges, such as the Paris Agreement and Glasgow Pact—and updated emissions targets—are not legally-binding. This gap between pledges and policy leaves the world on course for catastrophic warming of [near 3°C](#).

Following the “now or never” Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [report](#) in April 2022, the UN Secretary General António Guterres stated that “we are on a fast track to climate disaster. This is not fiction or exaggeration. It is what science tells us will result from our current energy policies”.

In addition, the UK Government’s [Net Zero Strategy](#) stated that “if we fail to limit global warming to 1.5°C, we risk reaching climatic tipping points, we could lose control of our climate for good”. The 1.5°C goal is ‘on life support’ and only ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities will help us realise it.

Biodiversity loss

The UK is [one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world](#). More than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline. We therefore welcome the [Leaders' Pledge for Nature](#), signed by the UK Government, which states that—if we fail to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030—we increase the risk of further pandemics, rising global temperatures and loss of species. In order to achieve this, the UK needs a legally-enforceable nature target so that, by 2030, nature is visibly and measurably on the path of recovery—in line with the [Global Goal for Nature](#).

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council notes that:

The [Climate and Ecology Bill](#)—which has been introduced in the UK Parliament on several occasions since 2020—would require the development of a strategy to ensure that the UK's environmental response is in line with the latest science. The strategy would ensure that:

- the ecological crisis is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis via a joined-up approach;
- the Paris Agreement aim is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its full and fair share to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C;
- we halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 to ensure that the UK's ecosystems are protected and restored;
- the UK takes responsibility for its greenhouse gas footprint, including international aviation and shipping—and by accounting for consumption emissions related to the goods and services that are imported and consumed in the UK;
- the UK takes responsibility for its ecological footprint in order to better protect the health and resilience of ecosystems—including along domestic and global supply chains; and
- an independent, temporary Climate and Nature Assembly is set-up—representative of the UK population—to engage with the UK Parliament and UK Government to help develop the strategy. This would be set up on broadly similar lines to the Climate Assembly 2020 which was very successful and very well received on all sides of the political divide.

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Write to Philip Dunne MP letting him know that the motion has been passed — urging him to sign up to support the Bill, or thanking him for already doing so; and
3. Write to [Zero Hour](#), the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@zerohour.uk).