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**MINUTES** of a Meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council held in The Peter Garnett Room, Memorial Hall, Wellington Heath on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** – P. Adams (in the Chair –PA) R. Hurley (RH) J Jones (JJ)H. Ransome-Williams (HRW) W. Hill (WH) and J. Harrison (JH) . Also attending were three members of the public.

- **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – JH declared a prejudicial interest in the land owned by Mr. Cobb and a personal interest in the Oakeys Lane drainage.

**MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**REPORT** by Tree Warden – Hamish Skinner kindly offered to trim back the branches of the tree near to the damaged seat free of charge. He had also compiled a work schedule for Lower Pleck to be carried out with minimal disturbance every couple of weeks for a few hours, to include removal of rubbish, pile up branches of fallen trees, promote clearing allowing light in for the trees using main circular path and improve the access albeit very slightly to include some clearing of the ditch. It was hoped to find a volunteer to monitor wild life once some clearance work had taken place.

Ongoing proposals for the future had been drawn up, and RH kindly offered to join the Volunteer Group as the member from the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by PA, seconded by HRW and carried, it was agreed the Tree Warden commence the scheduled work as itemised and RH offered to report back to the Parish Council at the meeting in November.

### **PROGRESS REPORT –**

**SIGNS/SIGNAGE** – Some signs have been erected. *Clerk pressing for work to be completed including road markings.*

**SAFE WALKING FOOTWAY INTO LEDBURY** – PA has spoken with the Leeds family about a meeting with the land owners and Herefordshire Council and they are happy to attend such meeting, which it was hoped could be arranged in the near future.

**SIGNS FOR HGVs at Floyds Lane** – The Clerk advised she had submitted the rough sketch regarding the positioning of a HGV sign at Floyds Lane and was pressing for a reply.

**P3 Scheme** – Some clearance of vegetation has been carried out to a number of stiles and footpaths. The Footpath Officer, Richard Wilcox, will keep us informed and advise of any problems. It was agreed a meeting should take place to decide whether to continue with this scheme during the next financial year.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –**

**Bus Shelter at top of The Common** – The Chairman advised the idea arose when new bus service was secured. Herefordshire Council would contribute approximately two-thirds of the cost of a shelter. Some residents against this proposal, and it was agreed, if necessary, that the Parish Council would hold a public meeting should there be sufficient interest in the provision of a bus shelter. The cost of a suitable hardwood bus shelter would cost about £6,000, leaving the Parish Council to pay approx. £2,000. It was agreed the damaged seat at the top of The Common would be repaired or replaced.

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**MEMORIAL HALL REPORT** – Letter from Herefordshire Council had been received advising that no Planning Permission was necessary for the storage container requested by the Memorial Hall Committee and it was agreed the Clerk write giving them permission to site the container in the position indicated by Herefordshire Council and drawing their attention to the various requests regarding size, colour etc. A lecture by Mr. Fletcher was planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> October entitled “North West Passage” ; there would be an Autumn 70s night, bookings for the hall are now on the web-site and the CAP Broadband ends at the end of October when funding runs out.

**CORRESPONDENCE -**

- Letter – Lord Chancellors Advisory Sub Committee looking to recruit Magistrates to the Bench.
- Letter – Green Solutions regarding Herefordshire Government 100% Grant Scheme for public buildings.
- Letter – BT enquiring if the Parish Council wished to adopt the telephone kiosk on The Common for £1.
- Letter – Ledbury & District Civic Society enquiring whether they could offer any assistance to the PC and expressing their offer to attend one of our meetings. *Clerk to accept.*
- Letter – Herefordshire Environment regarding changes to collection of household rubbish.
- Letter – Ledbury Area Older People’s forum offering to attend meeting to inform Councillors and members of the public about the work of the Forum. *Clerk to accept.*

**LITERATURE** – Folder handed to RH for circulation.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – See above.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –**

- Doctor’s appointments/bus service (PA).
- Report on LETS (WH);.
- Hedges on public Highways (HRW) and,
- Usual items for on-going Report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed - P. Adams

Dated – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Chairman.