

**MINUTES** of a Meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council held in The Peter Garnett Room, Memorial Hall, Wellington Heath on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** – P. Adams (in the Chair –PA) R. Hurley (RH) J.Jones (JJ) J.Harrison (JH) W. Hill (WH) H. Ransome-Williams (HRW) .

- **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – None received.

**MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **PROGRESS REPORT –**

**Transition Villages** – Cllr. T. Johnson not in attendance so no report available regarding Colwall car club. WH advised that Herefordshire Council are not doing anything at the moment about large scale composting, the problem being a suitable site and management. They are however offering compost bins at half price with free delivery to people in the Parish. It was suggested a meeting in the Hall in the autumn might take place to get people interested in composting in their gardens. WH agreed to look into the car club at Colwall for the meeting in September.

**Safe walking footway into Ledbury** – The Clerk reported she had contacted Chris Gooding who advised her that Malcolm Walker from HALC had now taken on liaison regarding outstanding issues on Parish Plans. At the present time the Clerk was waiting for Malcolm Walker to get back to her.

**SIDS** – The Clerk advised nothing further to report regarding this matter but would chase for information at the September meeting.

**Lengthman's Hours** – RH advised a meeting had taken place with the Chairman, himself and Alan Wood. It was confirmed Alan Wood was now receiving copies of the timesheets and will arrange a meeting with him after walking the Parish and taking some photographs. The working will be curtailed at the end of September and a plan will then be drawn up for some additional work during the winter months, which will have to come out of the Precept as by that date, the allowance from Herefordshire Council will have been spent. It was agreed that if the Scheme was to continue in future years, a tighter control over his work will need to be put in place.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –**

- **Oakeys Lane** – Problems regarding drainage and the footway were discussed resulting in some flooding collecting at the bottom of Oakeys Lane and it appeared the lower part of the ditch has been filled in. It was agreed that this could be raised at the “Amey Parish Walk” proposed in or about September.
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- **Seat the top of The Common** – The new seat had broken when used, and arrangements were in hand for this to be collected for repair, as the Suppliers had indicated this could not be done “in situ”! The Suppliers had been informed that collection, repair and reinstatement to its original condition would be entirely their responsibility.

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**Hedge on The Common** – The Clerk had circulated to all members a copy of a letter from Andrew Sumner regarding the possibility, in exchange for some land for the provision of a footpath and seating area on land owned by the Sumner family, whether the Parish Council would assist in looking into the possibility of the land being used for Affordable Housing. This was discussed at length and a reply to the letter drafted advising that when the Parish Council had looked into the question of affordable housing, both Keith Parry and the Planning Officer were adamant that this land was not suitable for that type of housing and that the Parish Council as an advisory body, does not have any powers of decision making regarding planning permission. We were also to advise that at this time there did not seem to be any need for the provision of a footpath and seating on the land.

**Re-print of Peter Garnett's Book** – RH advised that there are no copies left of this book and some new residents have enquired how they could obtain a copy. Aspect Design had quoted a price of approx. £3.75. per copy for a run off of about 200 books.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by HRW, seconded by WH and carried, it was agreed the Parish Council look into the possibility of obtaining more copies. JJ agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee and also to ask local book shops whether they would make a contribution towards this proposal. JJ to report back at the meeting in September.

**Community Involvement at The Farmers Arms** – Following some assistance offered to local residents during the heavy snow in the winter, WH suggested she would like to get more people involved at the Farmers Arms as a type of community involvement centre, which would also fit in with the Transition Village and Lets Scheme which were actively supported by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by WH seconded by PA and carried, it was agreed to arrange a meeting with RH, Andy Simms, the Leaseholder and various other people who have offered to put in some community involvement in the Pub to see whether this type of action would be acceptable to both the Lessee and the Manager of The Farmers Arms.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS –**

**The following Accounts had been received**, and were approved for payment following a proposal by PA, seconded by RH and carried. Cheques signed and original Invoices initialled.

- Lengthsman – £200.00.
- Ledbury Fencing at Pool Piece £50.00.
- Aspect Design, printing of Newsletter £216.00.

#### **REPORTS –**

**MEMORIAL HALL** – AGM had taken place with some resignations and that Debbie Harrisson had taken over from Anne Abbotts. The Storage container was now in situ, the ball area had been talked about and a meeting was taking place in August with regard to the

Village Archive. The garden bench had been repaired, thought given to purchase of some parasols for outside use and an Arts, Craft and Hobbies weekend was to take place.

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RH produced a copy document found in archive material regarding the formation of Wellington Heath Parish Council dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 1894 when the Parish had been separated from Ledbury Rural Council, and it was agreed this should be framed and hung in The Peter Garnett Room at the Memorial Hall.

- **PLANNING** – RH reported there had been no planning applications for consideration during the month but that Herefordshire Council advised the siting of a caravan at Squatters Cottage had been agreed for three years, extensions approved at The Brambles and various works at Pegs Farm had been approved.
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- **NEWSLETTER** – There was a unanimous vote of thanks to RH for the excellent quality of the Newsletter. Dog fouling continues to be a problem which had again been raised in the Newsletter and the possibility of looking into the cost of a Dog Warden was discussed. Deadline for next Edition was 11<sup>th</sup> October.
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- **CORRESPONDENCE** –
- **Letter** - Herefordshire Council (Amey) offering to attend Parish Walk. *It was unanimously agreed to take this offer up in the hope of resolving various issues in the Parish including the Safe Walking Route to Ledbury.*
- **Letter** – Herefordshire Council regarding targeted place shaping consultations.
- **Letter** – Herefordshire Council regarding Parish Council elections/casual vacancies.
- **Letter** – Andrew Sumner regarding hedge cutting and possibility of affordable housing on land in Wellington Heath.
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- **LITERATURE** – folder circulated. PA advised he had noticed several items in the previous file particularly regarding renewable energy solution proposal and asked for some help in future in drawing his attention to items which may be of some benefit to the Parish on the list and a series of meetings prior to Parish Council meetings was agreed.
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- **BUS** – WH reported on two items which she had dealt with as “bus liaison officer”, and it was agreed this item should appear regularly on the Parish Council Agenda.
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**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** and Councillor's Reports – bus report, pot holes, mirrors on Horse Road, Transition villages, Peter Garnett book, newsletter, Amey Parish Walk, Community Involvement at the Pub, Lengthsman and dog fouling in addition to the usual updates. Clerk to chase up question of ownership of land outside The Old School where both a public notice board and post box were situate and where land became a “bog” during winter months.

**Next Meeting** – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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