

MINUTES of a meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th October 2010 in The Peter Garnett Room at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – P. Adams (PA – in the Chair), R. Hurley (RH), J.Jones (JJ), H.Ransome-Williams (HRW), W. Hill (WH) and District Councillor Tony Johnson (TJ).

AN APOLOGY for inability to attend the Meeting was received and approved from J. Harrison due to a business commitment.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2010 had been taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

PROGRESS REPORTS –

Transition Villages – WH advised very little to report as she had not received a reply from Robin Coates. The Chairman advised Ian Mackie had agreed to hold a meeting regarding alternative heating in the Village Hall.

Safe Walking Footway – The Clerk advised she had requested Mel Preedy to attend the meeting in November following her offer to assist in progressing this item forward to completion, although it was fully understood that funding of this project would be a problem.

SIDS – The result of a survey had been notified showing very little evidence of speeding on the Ledbury Road, but J. Harrison had requested an additional survey be carried out in the area of Twinkelow Cottage, and we will be advised of the new data in due course.

Amey Parish Walk – RH advised three Councillors had met for the Parish Walk with Fiona Miles, Brian Butler and Andrew Sinclair and reported as follows –

- **Pool Piece** – Amey will clear culvert once better access to Pool Piece can be obtained.
- **Ochre Hill** – Plan for a handrail next year.
- **Salt sprayer** – Advice received that this was not very helpful and that a “buggy” type vehicle would be better for spraying in areas where difficult access was the problem.
- **Oakeys Lane** – Handrail will be fixed once Quote obtained and a decision reached regarding which side of lane to fix the handrail.

- **Horse Road** – Mirrors totally impracticable which could only be fixed at junction on a “B” road. Other markings considered, but again impracticable. Fiona Miles agreed to speak with Ray Wallace regarding promised signage on Ledbury Road. Road surface looked at in Horse Road with water seeping through the tarmac. Welsh Water have inspected and advise this is not their problem. Next stage will be to consult with Severn Trent to see if it is foul water. ***HRW (who declared a personal interest) advised he had experienced problems with his septic tank which might have aggravated this problem, but that steps were in hand to solve the problem he was experiencing.***
- **Ledbury Road** – SIDS survey discussed.
- **Oak Tree** – Two “Give Way” signs required as one direction is unsighted. Parish Council to ask Alan Wood to attend next meeting to talk about his experiences at this junction. The surface of the lay-by by the Notice Board and Post box was discussed and Amey Representatives agreed to let us know whether this forms part of the highway.
- **Raycombe Lane** – One “Give Way” sign would suffice at this junction, and Parish Council to decide whether they want a sign erected.
- **Beggars Ash** – Safe Walking Footway – funding problem, so alternative funding to be looked into.

It was generally felt that the Amey Parish Walk was a very useful experience giving the Parish Council the opportunity to discuss various items direct with representatives from Herefordshire Council.

Bus Service – WH advised no problem – Tony Johnson agreed to let the Clerk know if this service is likely to be cut once he had been advised of what services were likely to be affected following Herefordshire Council budget cuts.

Peter Garnett book – RH advised nothing further to report and that the issue will be raised at the next meeting of the Archive Group.

Community Involvement at Farmers Arms – RH advised he had spoken with Andy Simms who is not aware of the full name of the Leaseholder. As a means of progressing this forward, it was decided the best course of action would be to have meeting to discuss what would be required in obtaining this service via the

Pub. RH and WH agreed to arrange a meeting with various interested parties and report progress back at the next meeting.

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Lengthsman – An Invoice had been received for work done on 20th October, despite the fact that Alan Wood had advised him not to do any work in October as the funding from Herefordshire Council had been expended. It was unanimously agreed not to pay the Account until RH had spoken with Alan Wood to ascertain whether the Lengthsman had been advised in writing not to carry out any further work in the Parish until a revised work Schedule could be put into place for the remaining months until the end of the financial year.

Hedge near Pool Piece – It was reported this work had been carried out.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –

Mobile Phone Reception – The Chairman advised on difficulty obtaining reception on his mobile phone and that he had seen a “Vodafone Package” whereby you could put users onto a mobile service/router and queried whether the Parish Council could consider buying one of these but had since ascertained that a particular type of phone was required. It was suggested that some means of enhancing mobile phone reception could also be considered under the Community Involvement at the Farmers Arms discussion.

Dog Fouling – WH advised a Dog Control Order had come into effect and the Clerk agreed to laminate notices and affix to the various boards around the Parish. The services of a dog warden was also available whereby he would attend with his equipment to various “hot spots” and issue a fixed penalty fine of £80. reduced to £50. if paid immediately to any person seen allowing a dog to foul in the area. WH was to advise JH of the new Orders and provide him with full details.

Public Footpaths – Another meeting of the P3 Scheme members was to take place. Still bulk of funds available for the current year and a proposal had been included in the Newsletter encouraging people to adopt a section of footpath next year to assist in keeping the footpaths in the Parish in a good clear condition for use by local residents and visitors to the area.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – The following accounts had been received for payment

1] Ledbury Fencing at Pool Piece	£50.00.
2] Ledbury Fencing, ROSPA work	£80.00.
3] Aspect Design, printing newsletter	£120.00.
4] R. Hurley, P3 expense reimbursement	£5.96.

On a proposal by PA seconded by JJ and carried, the Accounts were approved for payment, cheques were signed and Invoices initialled. The date of the Finance meeting to discuss the Precept/ Budget for 2011/12 was changed to 22nd November 2010 at 8pm at The Copse, Ledbury Road.

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REPORTS –

Memorial Hall – Two new members had joined the Committee, summer fete will be held again next year and the Arts & Crafts hobbies weekend will go ahead in March 2011. The Wellies event had proved very successful raising £250, the newcomers party will take place on 11th December and the annual Pantomime will take place on 12th & 13th December offering three performances. A new carpet had been selected at a cost of £1120., the Committee had agreed to put up the framed document implementing the formation of the Parish Council and problems had arisen during a recent power cut which had thrown the alarm out of time.

Planning – The only application received had been for ***Squatters Cottage*** for an extension to the rear of the cottage to provide for a bathroom and kitchen to which **no objections** had been raised. The application for the wet land at the Cottage had been approved.

Newsletter – The latest edition had been printed and was handed out for delivery.

CORRESPONDENCE – Two e-mails received regarding SIDS and the safe walking footway.

LITERATURE – File handed out – system discussed and it was agreed to endeavour to circulate this a little faster between Councillors in the hope of avoiding items being out of date.

HEDGES – JJ advised she had ascertained that it was the Tenant's responsibility to get the hedge cut and it had been agreed to ask George Leeds to get the work done ASAP.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING on 30th November 2010 – Bonfires, P3 scheme, Lengthsman, welcome party, pub communications, agree precept/budget for 2011/12 and the usual updates regarding ongoing problems.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed P. Adams

Dated 30th November 2010

Chairman.