

MINUTES of a meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in the Peter Garnett Room at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – P. Adams (PA – in the Chair), R. Hurley (RH), H. Ransome Williams (HRW), W. Hill (WH) , J.Jones (JJ), J. Harrisson (JH), Alan Wood and Mel Preedy from HALC.

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

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

GUEST SPEAKER – Attending the Meeting was Mel Preedy from HALC who offered to assist the Parish Council in obtaining a Safe Walking Route into Ledbury which had formed part of the Parish Plan. The Chairman explained the current position, what the Parish Council hoped to achieve and advised that part of the land was in fact out of the Parish so would involve working with Ledbury Town Council. Mel Preedy put forward various proposals for consideration and advised that she would take up the matter on behalf of the Parish Council and report back in due course.

***The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation***

Attending the meeting was Alan Wood who reported on various incidents which had occurred due to lack of signage at the Oak tree junction and also at the junction with Raycombe Lane. The matter was fully discussed and it was agreed to put this matter on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting in January 2011.

***The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council meeting***

PROGRESS REPORTS –

**Lengthsman** – RH reported that he and Alan Wood had met with Jeremy Moore who had indicated there was a misunderstanding about working after September 2010, and it was agreed, that in future, all business with the Lengthsman should be put in writing.

RESOLVED – RH proposed that the Council pay half of the Lengthsman's Account for October amounting to £50. This was seconded by HRW and carried. The Clerk was requested to write to the Lengthsman advising that the Parish Council were prepared to pay the £50. in the interest of goodwill, and request that he continue working for the Council for the months of December 2010, January & February 2011 for four hours a month at a total of £50. a month on drain and ditch clearance within the Parish. Further resolved that when the Lengthsman's contract came up for renewal in April 2011, a further meeting would be held with him following which the terms of his employment would be put in writing.

**Transition Villages** – WH advised nothing further to Report.

**SIDS** – JH advised that he was awaiting further data following his request for an additional survey to be carried out nearer Twinkelow Cottage, as the data received following the previous survey advised that the Council did not qualify for a SID. It was confirmed that we still awaited the work promised by Ray Wallace from Herefordshire Council around the Ledbury Road/Horse Road junction.

**Dog Fouling** – JH reported that he had advised the dog warden of some hot spots around the Village and the times when the problems seemed to occur and awaited a report back from him in due course.

**Bus Service** – WH advised nothing further to report and that the service appeared to be well used.

**Community Involvement at the Farmers Arms** – RH reported he had met with the Shorricks family regarding "good neighbourly relations" in the Village in the event of bad weather and how the Parish Council could ensure vulnerable people were looked after. This topic had also been discussed at events in the village such as the LETS meeting. It was generally felt a less informal approach was preferred, and notices had been placed on the various boards around the Parish requesting people to consider the more vulnerable in times of need.

The meeting had also considered how the Farmers Arms could be encouraged to be more community orientated and realised that this presented more of a problem. It was proposed to hold a meeting in the future but in the meantime, W. Hill as a resident in the Parish (not as a Parish Councillor) had written to the Head Office of the Enterprise Inns but to date no reply had been received.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –

**Bonfires** – The Chairman had written a report in the last edition of the Newsletter and it was agreed to monitor the situation and, if necessary, report in the next edition that the Parish Council might need to contact the Environmental Health if the problem persisted.

**Welcome Party** – Catering arrangements were finalised for the event to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in the Memorial Hall at 11am.

**P3 Scheme** – RH reported a list of outstanding issues had been received from Herefordshire Council which will be passed to R. Wilcox so that he can respond. Very little of the allowance spent to date, but two Quotations had been received for a hand rail in Oakeys Lane and it had been agreed to accept the Quotation from Ledbury Fencing for £385. This expenditure, along with a repair to a strimmer would virtually absorb use most of the budget but in the event of any funding remaining available, it was reported that the painting to the edge of the steps at The Steep was also required.

**Pool Piece** – Following the Parish Walk when it was reported the culvert under the road was blocked, to enable work to be carried out an increase in the size of the access into Pool Piece was required. A Quotation from Ledbury Fencing had been obtained for £95. to provide a 4'6" gap and RH advised he awaited confirmation from Amey that this was sufficient width to enable a mini digger to enter the site.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by JJ, seconded by HRW and carried, authority was given to RH to proceed with the work during the winter break from Parish Council meetings, with an increased budget of up to £200.

FINANCIAL MATTERS –

**Budget for 2011/12** – Councillors had been circulated with proposals following a meeting of the Finance Committee and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Budget as drawn.

**Precept for 2011/12** – Councillors had also been circulated with proposals following a meeting of the Finance Committee and it was unanimously agreed that there should be no increase in the Precept which should remain at £7,300.

**Accounts for Payment** – the following items had been received for payment –

- |   |         |
|---|---------|
| 1) Ledbury Fencing, final cut of the year at Pool Piece | £25.00. |
| 2) Memorial Hall, hire fees for meetings                | £45.00. |
| 3) Lengthsman, as previously agreed                     | £50.00. |

These items were recommended for payment, cheques signed and original Invoices initialled.

REPORTS received –

**Memorial Hall** – JJ advised new committee members were still required, worktop had still not been fitted, work to play area cannot yet take place, fire checks have been done and new carpet fitted. The David Fletcher talk had made about £75; meeting in October had made a profit of £380; the Xmas Fayre had cleared £730. and the Pantomime gross figure was about £2,000. The Arts & Craft weekend next March would continue with a summer fete in June 2011.

**Planning** – One planning application received for a “Sunsoka wood cabin” to contain a timber frame in-ground pool at Rhossili, Floyds Lane to which no objections had been raised. **(JH declared a prejudicial interest),**

**Newsletter** – Two new Advertisement requests had been received. Next issue due January/February 2011 with a deadline for items by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from W. Hill regarding the bench at the top of the Common and “Any other business” items at Parish Council meetings, letter from Herefordshire Council regarding outstanding footpath issues and a letter from Herefordshire Council regarding a temporary closure order at Floyds Lane to enable a new private sewer connection to be carried out for property known as Roseleigh.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Signs at Oak tree and Raycombe Lane, Lengthsman, safe walking footway, SIDS, Pool piece, report from Tree Warden regarding The Pleck and update on all outstanding issues.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 with the next meeting due to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

SIGNED.....P. Adams - Chairman.

Dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.