

MINUTES of a meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council held on Tuesday 31st January 2012 in The Peter Garnett Room at the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – P. Adams (in the chair – PA) R. Hurley (RH) V. Leeds (VL) W. Hill (WH) J. Jones (JJ) and J.Harrison (JH). Also in attendance were District Councillors C. Attwood and T. Johnson.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2011 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS – TJ confirmed that all was in order regarding Broadband proposals. Regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, two pilot areas ie Leominster and Golden Valley had advised that they could not see any advantage regarding the Plan for Councils which had already submitted a robust Parish Plan, particularly in view of the fact that it may cost about £15K. to present a Neighbourhood Plan which appears to be primarily on planning issues. It was suggested that Wellington Heath monitor what happens within the proposed cluster group. TJ also advised that more proposals were being investigated about waste contracts and it was suggested that Parish Councils could come up with some local alternatives to encourage recycling resulting in a cut on waste to landfill.

CA advised that in view of the forthcoming boundary changes, Hope End Ward might not exist in the future

PROGRESS REPORTS –

Safe Walking footway – The Chairman advised nothing further to report.

Notice Boards – Quote obtained for easier access to the board on junction of Ledbury Road and Horse Road amounting to £80. It was however generally agreed that some ground cover and support to the bank might be required and JH agreed to report back at the next meeting after speaking with Darren from Ledbury Fencing. An additional Quotation had been obtained for two notice boards. JH was to obtain an additional quotation from Ledbury Fencing for a board similar to the new one erected at The Stables and the Clerk was to pursue any funding which might be available for a board which could be erected in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee.

SIDS – Latest report confirmed that only 10% were speeding down hill, whereas uphill it was 19%. It was agreed JH book speed indicators during 2012 in April and July, if possible, again taking speeds once in each direction.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – WH produced sample of mug with a cost of £234.84 including postage and packing for the supply of 36 mugs for distribution to children under the age of 16. JJ was to ask whether the Memorial Hall Committee would contribute towards the cost of the mugs if extras were purchased for sale to local residents. Ideas for celebrations had been sought in the Newsletter with very little response, other than a proposed party in the Farmers Arms. It was agreed WH & VL arrange a meeting on behalf of the PC with members from the Memorial Hall and the PCC to see whether a combined decision could be agreed on a suitable celebrations.

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RESOLVED – On a proposal by PA seconded by RH and carried it was agreed the PC would support any motion by the Group. WH & VL agreed to report back at the next meeting.

Play Area – PA advised he had left a message with Roger Allsopp but he had nothing further to report. JJ had spoken with Fred Cobb who advised he was not interested in having a play area on land owned by him, but would again ask Mr. Cobb to meet with the Chairman. It was confirmed use of the land at the Memorial Hall had been left in abeyance.

Grant – Mike Bain had had cards printed advertising the new Village Web site at a cost of £40.16. The Parish Council had previously agreed to contribute the sum of £30. towards printing the cards.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by RH seconded by PA and carried, it was agreed the Parish Council would meet the total cost involved for printing the cards, and a cheque was signed in favour of Mike Bain £40.16 in repayment.

Dog Fouling – No improvement in problem - it was generally felt that until such time as photographic evidence was produced of a dog owner walking away without picking up their dog faeces to enable a prosecution to take place, the problem would continue.

Best Kept Village – RH had spoken to the Evans family who commented they would not want to see the sign taken down following the article in the Newsletter and they had agreed they would help RH refurbish the sign during better weather in the Spring.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION – New Project Grant for Memorial Hall and Planning Sub-Committee – Mike Bain had applied for a Grant for a projector and screen to be shared with the Parish Council which could be used for electronically produced planning applications.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by PA seconded by RH and carried, it was agreed the Parish Council would sanction the application for the Grant.

Community Reparation – Following receipt of a proposal by Amey that they had been approached to facilitate some community litter picking in conjunction with the youth offending service – it was unanimously agreed that the Parish do not have anywhere that needs this attention other than the Bromyard Road from the railway bridge junction.

Neighbourhood Planning – PA and RH had attended the meeting at Bosbury about the cluster group around the Ledbury locality in connection with Neighbourhood Planning which had included representatives from Tarrington and Yarkhill Parish Councils.

The idea behind the proposal was to enable the Group to speak as one body but possibly to include Ledbury as a communicating body. The Chairman enquired whether (1) the Parish Council wished to be part of the group (2) who should be the representative from the Parish Council and (3) what issues the Parish Council might wish to raise.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by PA seconded by RH and carried, it was agreed the Parish Council join the proposed Cluster Group, with PA as the Council's representative and that issues raised might include housing, transport and the safe walking footway.

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Councillor's advice to residents – Concerns had been voiced regarding advice to residents, particularly over the recent Planning application by Sainsburys for a new supermarket in Ledbury. The Chairman stressed that Councillors must check the information that they give to residents is accurate and correct.

RH reported on e-mail received regarding the Sainsbury's planning application meeting in the Memorial Hall and the response which had been sent to Herefordshire Council. PA confirmed he had replied to the e-mail advising that the comments reflected what people had told them, and stressed that the meeting had been well advertised locally to encourage local attendance.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – The following Accounts had been received for payment –

- Inland Revenue, PAYE £48.20.
- Ledbury Fencing, Lengthsman Dec 2011 £62.50.
- Ledbury Fencing, Lengthsman Jan 2012 £37.50.
- Ledbury Fencing at Pool Piece £25.00.
- Ben Andrews, work on Oak Tree £380.00.
- Mike Bain, repayment of charge for cards £40.16.
- Aspect, printing of Newsletter £120.00.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by WH seconded by VL and carried the above Accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

REPORTS – Memorial Hall – Discussions about Welcome party, projector in Committee Room, Village event on 25th February with cold buffet, talk by David Fletcher in October and maintenance including safety reviews.

Planning – Application by Sainsbury to which objections had been raised, extension at Pippins (since refused) and extension at Maribor to which no objections had been raised. The Chairman also advised on previous applications which had either been granted, refused or withdrawn.

P3 Scheme - Clerk to chase up Report and application for Grant during 2012/13.

HALC – WH advised nothing further to report.

Bus Service – WH advised there were no problems to report.

Newsletter – Latest edition had been circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter to confirm dates for payment of Precept for 2012/13.

Items for next Agenda – Parish meeting, cluster group/neighbourhood plan, jubilee celebrations, notice boards, dates for SIDS and updates on outstanding matters.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45.

Signed.....R. Hurley..... Chairman.

Dated...28.02.12

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