

MINUTES of a meeting of Wellington Heath Parish council held in the Peter Garnett Room at The Memorial Hall on Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 7.30pm

PRESENT – P. Adams (in the Chair – PA) R. Hurley (RH) J. Harrisson (JH) J.Jones (JJ) and V. Leeds (VL). Also in attendance were County Councillors C. Attwood (CA) and T. Johnson (TJ), Hamish Skinner and A. Squires.

AN APOLOGY for inability to attend the meeting had been received and was approved from W. Hill due to a holiday arrangement.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held in February had been taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR reports – CA advised on meeting held looking into changing ward boundaries in May 2015 resulting in a reduction from 58 down to 54 being the number required to run the Council, and that although Ward End may be split no apparent changes were applicable to Wellington Heath. He advised he had also attended a meeting on Localities when it had been discussed why the proposed Cluster Group was so important and advised that Ledbury felt it important to be close to the review and to take part in what is going on.

TJ reported that the proposed development by Stanhope Developers at the old cattle market in Hereford was due to go before full Council on Friday 13th April 2012. He also reported on which Companies hoped to be part of the new Development, that a new ring road was part of the proposed deal and that it was hoped, in part, to be open for Christmas 2013.

PROGRESS REPORTS –

Play Area – RH advised that he had spoken with Mike Bain about the proposals for Pool Piece and it had been agreed that expert advice and planning permission would be required, particularly with regard to the pipe work on the culvert. Hamish Skinner reported that no consultation had taken place with the immediate neighbours/residents. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council still had proposals to talk with other local land owners in an attempt to find a suitable piece of land for a level play area to be provided. The Chairman felt that the group, including JJ as the Parish Council representative, should meet and come back to the Parish Council with full further details of their proposals for a Village Community Project to form a site in Pool Piece which should be suitable and open to all ages, in all weathers and to include a fenced level area for ball games and which would also incorporate the existing play equipment. It was important that neighbouring residents to Pool Piece should be consulted and support the proposal before incurring expenditure.

Safe Walking Footway – Nothing further to Report.

Notice Boards – No Quotation had been received from Ledbury Fencing for the new notice board on the Ledbury/Horse Road junction, but favourable comments had been received regarding the improved access to the boards at Horse Road and by the Church. RH and the Clerk reported that an application form, along with requested information, had been submitted for a Grant towards a Jubilee Notice Board at the top of The Common; Clerk to advise as soon as news regarding the Grant application had been received.

Jubilee Celebrations – VL reported flyers had been printed. Mugs had been received and sample shown to Councillors. Bulb planting was being dealt with by the Gardening Club. WH dealing with the buffet, and that she was responsible for teas for the children. Mike Bain responsible for the bar and it was agreed the Parish Council would provide a cash float up to £1,000. for the celebrations, suggesting the Group dealing with the Jubilee appoint a Treasurer to report back to the Parish Council on expenditure and income enabling a final decision to be made regarding any profits achieved from events during the celebrations. Any request for expenditure prior to the event should be directed to a Councillor who would arrange for a PC cheque to be drawn.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –

Parish Meeting agreed for 1st May 2012 in Memorial Hall at 7.30pm - the Parish Council providing light refreshments.

2012/13 Chairman – The Clerk advised that the Parish Council were obliged to appoint a Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council later in the year.

Cluster Group – PA reported he had confirmed that Wellington Heath wished to be part of the Cluster Group and that he had been appointed as the PC representative. Mary Porteous has been invited to look at the numerous empty shops which were appearing in Ledbury High Street. The need for a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, and although it was agreed that this might not be necessary for W/Heath, it was agreed to form a small group of local people to look into the possible need for a neighbourhood plan and/or alternatively the revision of the Parish Plan. The Chairman advised that two or three local people had contacted him following the distribution of the Newsletter and he agreed to make contact with them again, and others, to discuss the Parish Council's requirements and proposals.

Ledbury Station – The Chairman reported he had attended a meeting at Ledbury Station with MP Bill Wiggin, and urged all Councillors to complete the Dept. of Transport's "Opinion Document" in support of improved services for Ledbury to enable access to local surrounding towns and cities by rail.

Lengthsman – As previously discussed, Ledbury Fencing had improved the area in front of various notice boards in the Parish, and RH agreed to get amended Invoices for this work under the Lengthsman Scheme to enable to Clerk to report back to Herefordshire Council that the full allowance under the Scheme had now been expended and confirm our wish to be part of the Scheme during 2012/13.

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FINANCIAL matters – the following Accounts had been received and were approved for payment on a proposal by JJ seconded by VL and carried –

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| • Inland Revenue, PAYE to year end | £49.80 |
| • R. Hurley, refund of P3 expenses | £7.15. |
| • Aspect Design, printing Jubilee flyer | £35.00. |
| • Herefordshire Council, speed data | £120.00 |
| • Clerk, expenses & allowances to 31.3.12 | £105.95. |
| • Ledbury Fencing, Lengthsman and grass cut | £515.00. |

REPORTS from various sub-Committees –

Memorial Hall – spring clean had been completed, £330 profit at Games Spectacular, on-going discussion about Hall rental agreement, queries about maintenance, CAP might need to relocate to Hall plus Broadband facility, Booking Secretary had resigned, looking at expanding website; discussion on the Jubilee events, Greek evening to be held in April, Little Chill suggested for July, with another Village event in October and Panto in December.

P3 - Annual return had been completed and signed by Richard Wilcox who was resigning as footpaths officer due to house move, Marcus Lowe was taking over this role. £427 of the allowance had been spent, leaving approximately £77. in hand but concerns were raised about whether the Scheme would be run next year due to financial cutbacks at Herefordshire Council. Clerk to send in Annual return before closing date.

Planning – Application received for Galebreaker proposed move onto Bromyard Road trading Estate in which it was claimed that the proposal would only go ahead if Sainsbury's were successful in acquiring their current site (which had recently been turned down). The application for PV panels at Lantern Lodge had been returned with no objections and the conversion of outbuilding to residential use at Swallow Farm had been returned with no objections with suggested conditions regarding bat survey, Section 106 contribution and that the static caravan should be removed on completion of the work. It was reported that the application for White Cottage had been approved subject to many conditions including the proposed access.

Newsletter – closing date for articles in next edition was 15th April 2012.

SIDS – J. Harrisson reported that the latest information received indicated that many were still travelling in excess of the 30mph – return of speed indicator booked for September 2012.

Correspondence – E-mail regarding accompanied ROSPA inspection at Pool Piece and application for funding by CVA. Clerk to invite Representative to attend June meeting to discuss their current financial situation.

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Items for future Agenda – usual updates and The Farmers Arms. Councillors were reminded that Lynda Wilcox, Chief Executive from HALC would be attending April meeting to discuss Parish Councillor’s concerns over membership, localism etc. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.57pm.

R. Hurley

24th April 2012

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman

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