

MINUTES of a meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th October 2012 in the Peter Garnett Room, the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – R. Hurley (RH – in the Chair) P. Adams (PA) J. Jones (JJ) W. Hill (WH) and V. Leeds (VL). Also in attendance were County Councillors C. Attwood (CA) and T. Johnson (TJ).

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2012 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No personal or prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda were declared.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

- TJ advised a meeting had been agreed for the Cluster Group about traffic management for speeding traffic on rural roads and urged Councillors to pass on anything to Anthony Bush so that this could be included on the Agenda. This was to take place on 20th November 2012 at Brockington commencing at 1.30pm.
- TJ also advised that a meeting of the Cabinet members was to take place on 31st October 2012 regarding the redevelopment of the cattle site in Hereford a decision upon which should then be finally completed within days of the meeting. It was also reported that T. Johnson had been appointed onto the Cabinet at Herefordshire Council looking at finances, audit, performance monitoring etc. and Councillors congratulated him on his appointment.
- CA advised that Amey had expressed their wish to tender for renewal of their contract at the end of the present contract in 2013 and reported that two further companies were also interested in tendering for the Contract.
- Questions raised to the County Councillors included position regarding pot-holes, broadband and the footpath on the main road into Ledbury.

PROGRESS REPORTS –

Telephone Kiosk – The Chairman reported that this had been cleaned it was hoped a group of residents would be formed to maintain the kiosk in the future. BT advised there had only been one "Freephone" call from the box in the past twelve months and it was agreed to reconsider taking over the phone box for alternative use but not until an improvement in Broadband is available in this part of the Village.

Farmers Arms – Nothing further to report. Nothing further had been heard about the couple interested in taking over the tenancy. Enterprise have been notified by Herefordshire Council of the Parish Council wish to register the property as a Community Asset, and it appeared a security Company were looking after the property until such time as a new Tenant had been appointed.

Local Transport Plan – The Chairman advised that a letter had been sent to Mr. Watts, Senior Transportation Planning Officer setting out the Parish Council priorities for the

future including the bus service, road maintenance, highway infrastructure, 20mph zones and co-ordination of public transport facilities.

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Pool Piece – Hedges have been cutback and the willow tree was due to be pollarded on or about 29th November 2012. The Chairman reported the lottery fund application had been rejected but would be re-submitted. The Biffa application had also not met with their requirements but that this would also be resubmitted.

Vacancy on Council – The vacancy was discussed and some members agreed to speak with certain Parishioners in an attempt to encourage them to join the Parish Council.

Adoption of Code of Conduct – All Councillors had been provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct which Herefordshire Council had recently adopted and the Clerk advised that HALC now recommended that this Code should also be adopted by Parish Councils.

RESOLVED - On a proposal by WH seconded by PA and carried, Wellington Heath also adopted the Herefordshire Code of Conduct.

Budget/Precept for 2013/14 – All Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the proposed Budget/Precept for 2013/14 which had recently been drawn up by the Finance Committee. This provided that there would be no increase in the Precept for the coming year, and in accordance with recommendations concerning participatory budgeting, it was unanimously agreed that this should now be displayed on various notice boards around the Village and the website before it was formally adopted at the meeting on 27th November 2012.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – The Clerk advised that the following Accounts were due for payment –

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| • Inland Revenue, PAYE | £48.20. |
| • Ledbury Fencing, Lengthsman services | £27.00. |
| • Herefordshire Council, ROSPA inspection | £54.60. |
| • Printing of Newsletter | £190.00. |
| • Marc Low, deposit paid on printing of newsletter | £20.00. |

RESOLVED – On a proposal by WH seconded by RH and carried these accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed. The Clerk advised that the new banking mandate had now been set up at Lloyds TSB. The Clerk also encouraged members to consider items for services under the Lengthsman Contract before the end of the financial year.

REPORTS –

Memorial Hall – JJ advised on talk about repairs which included facility of ramp access, query raised about premises Licence, the forthcoming pantomime, and reported that the

art class group had finished. Clerk to chase up provision of grit-bin which had been requested for outside the Village Hall.

Planning - No applications had been received for consideration.

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CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter - Herefordshire Council regarding Right to bid for a Community Asset.
- Letter – “You Go” regarding Bromyard locality need for flexible minibus service followed by letter advising that due to an executive decision, this project was terminated.
- Letter – Herefordshire Council advising that precept date to be extended until 31/01/13 and that, in future, the Precept might be capped dependent upon Government policies.
- Letter – Herefordshire Council regarding need for sandbags (JJ to contact the Fisheries to enquire if they had a need for provision of sandbags) and advise the Clerk accordingly.
- E-mail regarding numerous notices of election on 15th November 2012 which the Clerk was required to display on the Notice Board at the Memorial Hall which would have a significant impact on Parish Council resources for mileage expenses.

LITERATURE - file handed to Chairman.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS – Date agreed for Welcome Party on 8th December 2012 and discussed clearance of out of date publications on notice boards.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA to include usual updates plus Cluster Group (PA) Footpaths (PA) Budget/Precept, road safety and vacancy on council.

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

Next Meeting to take place on Tuesday 27th November 2012.

R. Hurley

27th November 2012

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

Chairman.