

MINUTES of a meeting of Wellington Heath Parish Council,
held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs. M. Low (in the Chair – ML) J. Jones (JJ) D. Williams (DW) W. Hill (WH) and F. Rozelaar (FR)

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from County Councillor Carl Attwood and the Clerk passed on his sincere wishes to all Councillors for the future.

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2015 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – none declared/received.

Progress Reports –

- (a) Parish Plan update – the Chairman circulated a report which indicated that the majority of the issues raised in the latest Parish Plan had been dealt with, and it was agreed that this would be finalised at the forthcoming Parish meeting on April 28th, but the Clerk was to enquire if data was available from the last SID.
- (b) Lengthsman – FR reported on attendance at meetings on the Lengthsman scheme but was awaiting final instructions and confirmation from Balfour Beatty representative, James Powell, before the scheme could be up and running.
- (c) P3 Scheme – the Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return for last year had been submitted, and it was confirmed that this scheme would now run alongside the Lengthsman scheme.
- (d) NDP – FR had distributed “Terms of Reference” for the NDP working Group which included two members from the Parish Council with Peter Constantine appointed as Chairman of the Group. It was proposed to apply for funding (no match funding) and FR advised that Carly Tinkler has been suggested to carry out the Parish Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (LSCA). **On a proposal** by WH seconded by JJ and carried, the working group were given approval to commission experts to carry out surveys, receive petty cash in the sum of £250. for incidental expenditure, book the Memorial Hall for any necessary meetings (minutes to be kept of each meeting) and write letters on official Parish Council letterhead paper (with copies supplied to the Clerk for reference). The Clerk advised that as the NDP was a Parish Plan project, it was most important that the Parish Council was kept fully updated of progress at future meetings and permission sought for anything not covered in the above. Clerk to purchase petty cash book to comply with Financial Regulations. No separate arrangement was made regarding cheque payments.
- (e) Parish meeting – to be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 28th April commencing at 7.30pm. Chairman to display notices/Agenda which will include his Report and draft Accounts to the year end.

Items for consideration –

- 1) BT Broadband – It was reported that Colin Davis had enquired whether W/Heath was to benefit from the Fastshire scheme to help bring in super fast broadband. The reply from BT was that this Fastshire scheme was not intended, as it is only proposed for far more remote areas – much further away from an exchange. Instead W/Heath comes under the Openreach scheme as it is a cluster that is managed from the Ledbury exchange. The advice given was that the village should either express interest in faster

broadband by going through BT Openreach following website at <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx>, or by sufficient people in the village contacting another supplier and seeing if they will offer a faster service by forcing BT to upgrade our cabling. It was agreed that the former was probably the best option and that there should be an article in the newsletter and on the website explaining to people how to go about doing this on an individual basis.

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- 2) Play area inspections – The Clerk reported on prices quoted from both Herefordshire Council and Wicksteed for the annual inspection of the play equipment at Pool Piece. Following discussion, it was agreed to authorise Wicksteed to carry out an unaccompanied inspection but it was suggested that perhaps a Parish Councillor could attend if the proposed date for inspection could be advised.
- 3) Core Strategy – Following notification of a proposed change of access for the proposed development North of the viaduct in Ledbury which it was suggested should now be off the Bromyard Road rather than under the Viaduct, concern was expressed at the increased traffic from approximately 600 houses exiting the B4214 at Ledbury Station junction, and that traffic would increase up through Wellington Heath for traffic wishing to travel to Colwall and Malvern thus avoiding Ledbury town. It was resolved that the Parish Council would write objecting to this proposed change, approach other local Parish Councils and Ledbury Town Council to write objecting, and distribute Notices to all households in Wellington Heath encouraging them to write to the Programme Officer, Rosalind Fallon at Herefordshire Council raising their concerns at the proposal.

Financial – The Clerk advised the following Accounts had been received and were due for payment –

(1) Inland Revenue, PAYE	£174.00.
(2) Truprint Media, printing Newsletter	£250.00.
(3) Ledbury Fencing, P3 expenditure	£170.00.
(4) Ledbury Fencing, lengthsman duties	£60.00.
(5) Kevin Reid, grass cutting @ Pool Piece	£150.00.
(6) M.Low, gate latch (p3 expense)	£6.99.
(7) Clerk, balance salary, allowances & expenses	£381.60.

On a proposal by WH seconded by ML and carried, the above Accounts were approved for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

Paid during the previous month, as had been agreed for payment were the following Accounts.

➤ Ledbury Fencing at Oakeys Lane	£395.00.
➤ Ledbury Fencing at Oakeys Lane	£125.00.

➤ Lengthsman duties

£65.00.

The Clerk confirmed that although the work on Oakeys Lane was a P3 expense, approval had been obtained from Herefordshire Council for these to be paid out of the Lengthsman Scheme monies, and in view of the amount involved, it was considered prudent to pay the Lengthsman once the work had been satisfactorily completed and signed off by the Administrator.

Reports –

Memorial Hall – JJ advised previously reported subsidence had not be found to be as significant as previously thought and had been repaired. Recent film club had been a success and it was hoped to hold a quiz later in the year.

Pool Piece –JJ advised nothing to report.

Cluster Group – FR had circulated Minutes of previous meeting to all members, which had again been poorly attended and had primarily dealt with the revised Lengthsman scheme.

Planning – No. 143758 – Priors Court, Staplow – change of use of pool barn/games room to Residential dwelling internal alterations – no objections raised.

The Chairman advised that no decision appeared to have been reached regarding the Relocation of static caravans at Uplands Farm.

Correspondence – Letter received from Bill Wiggin copied to all Councillors for their information

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Literature – Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, and booklet on adoption of a BT phone box with recommended suggestions for use. It was agreed that the phone box at Wellington Heath should undergo some cleaning and following the attendance at the last meeting of the Council at which a talk had been given on the suggested provision of a defibrillation unit in the box, it was agreed that an article should appear in the next edition of the Newsletter advising on the cost of a unit, the expense of which the Parish Council could not meet, and suggestions that if required, a fund raising scheme could be introduced to meet the cost. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Councillor Reports –

Councillors discussed items for the Parish Meeting on 28th April 2015.

The next full Council meeting will take place after the Election in May, and two existing members of the Parish Council advised that they did not propose to stand for re-election in May.

Jennifer Jones

19th May 2015.

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

Chairman.