

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Wellington Heath Parish Council was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in The Peter Garnett Room, The Memorial Hall, Wellington Heath commencing at 7.30pm.

Present – Cllrs R. Hurley (RH) P. Adams (PA) M. Low (ML) W. Hill (WH) V. Leeds (VL) and J. Jones (JJ).

In attendance – Cllr. P. Bettington (PB).

Apology – An apology from the Clerk for inability to attend the meeting had been received and was approved due to a holiday arrangement.

Election of Chairman – RH was proposed and elected as Chairman for 2013/14 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office and took the chair.

Election of Vice Chairman – VL was proposed and elected as Vice Chairman for the year.

Appointment of Internal Auditor – Jonathan Andrew was re appointed as Internal Auditor.

Planning Committee – ML was proposed and elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee. RH, CL and JJ were elected to serve on the Committee.

Finance Committee – PA was proposed and elected as Chairman of the Finance Committee. RH, WH & JJ were elected to serve on the Committee.

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

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Financial Matters – the following accounts had been received for payment –

- Ledbury Fencing, grass cut £50.00.
- Inland Revenue, PAYE £56.60.
- Insurance £344.03.
- Phil Martin, pub lane sign £27.29.

On a proposal by RH seconded by JJ and carried, the above accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

Cluster Group – The AGM for the Group is to be held at Wellington Heath Memorial Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.45pm with all Councillors invited to attend. PB and PA discussed the footpaths adjoining WH parish and Ledbury rural with a view to co-operation between adjoining Councils on the maintenance of these. Other matters discussed for co-operation were the problem regarding adequate maintenance on the pavement from the bottom of Ledbury Road and the train station which is often overgrown and restrictive, litter bins near the station to endeavour to alleviate the litter problem along that route and speeding restrictions being extended down the Bromyard Road to help safeguard walkers and cyclists.

Parish Meeting – The turnout of only six members of the public was very disappointing and it was felt that next year’s annual parish meeting should start being planned earlier, perhaps in January to be able to obtain and advertise a speaker who might create interest to improve the attendance.

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Memorial Hall Report – JJ reported that the garden club had weeded and replanted the front garden and bark chippings had been spread. The spring clean had been completed and the overgrown trees around the front fire door and windows had been taken down., The refurnishing and correction of errors on the War Memorial Board is still ongoing. The pop up pub will be on two nights a month but one of the nights will start earlier at 7pm. The need to appoint a steward for any event in the hall and a correct record had been discussed. The date for the AGM is 1/07/13.

Progress Reports –

- 1) Pool Piece – two grants had been offered verbally, one from the Lottery fund of £10K and the other from Biffa for £28K. Written confirmation awaited regarding both offers before a decision could be made as to which offer to accept.
- 2) Farmers Arms – There is a new possible private individual interested but the sub-committee is still continuing to look into the feasibility of acquiring the pub as a community asset. The District Valuer is in the process of doing a draft valuation and various co-operative options are being investigated with advice from Community First. The need for a structural survey and business plan are still on-going.
- 3) Parish Plan – the replies are in the process of being collected and the meeting of the steering group on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 will decide on a deadline for replies. The information gathered will then be collated and a meeting arranged to finalise the plan and inform parishioners of the outcome.

Correspondence – letter received regarding proposed speeding restriction through Staplow.

Any Other Business –

WH announced that the Jubilee Fund had made the following donations –

- Toddler Group for the purchase of a toy kitchen.
- Christ Church towards the cost of a plaque in the Church for war heroes.
- Archive Group for display boards.
- Pool Piece for play equipment.

Film Club – WH stated that the film club will probably fold due to lack of interest/attendance.

Next meeting to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 with items for discussion to include Pool Piece, The Farmers Arms, Parish Plan and the Cluster Group AGM.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

R. Hurley

25<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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

Chairman.