

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Monday 28 November 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Sue Crichton Chair Bill Foster Vice Chairman Andrew Barnard Stephen Howells
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	In Attendance Parishioners	Ken and Lee Partridge Izzie Barnard.

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Julie Pinches, Madge Shingleton and Gwilym Butler

2 **Pecuniary Interests**

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare a pecuniary interest they may have with regard to **any** item on the Agenda

3 **Public Open Session**

No Parishioners addressed the meeting

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2016 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.

5 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those covered by the Agenda.

6 **Local News**

The local news can be summarised as follows

- i) A recent tractor fire in field
- ii) Two recent motor accidents on B4364-Jackknifed lorry and overturned car
- iii) Also car badly parked outside property almost opposite Three Horseshoes. Sue will ring Highways.

7 **Report by Unitary Councillor**

None attended but Madge had emailed her concerns.

- i) It was noted the LJC planning meeting is tomorrow for Meeting on 7 December 2016
- ii) Hopefully the public consultation on the Acute Hospital Future Fit is still on track to come out Mid December. The LJC are trying to organise an extra LJC meeting in January 2017 to enable the public to question Officers on the proposals. Only one A&E unit will be viable.
- iii) It is a struggle to get qualified medical staff to serve in rural areas.

8 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

In our Parish Plan the actions specified for speeding issues have not been resolved (all the other actions have been completed).

Safety on Roads is a community led action group.

Glyn Shaw suggested moving the unofficial Village speeding signs nearer to the houses and suggested signs similar to 'Think Bike'. But there is a cost to print and erect (c£200).

There have been complaints of too many signs. Nearby Parish have 18 we have 4!!

This road is an advisory 40 mph limit and should be advertised as such.

It was suggested using Millennium Fund Monies to fund road safety schemes but it was pointed out the Parish Council gave specific undertakings to the Trustees as to how this money could be used.

The meeting agreed to contribute £200 for 8 "Slow Through Village Please" signs

9 **Broadband/Mobile Phone service in area**

Be Walker (Shropshire Communications Officer) is to be asked to give a presentation similar to that given to Farlow Parish Council. There has been an indication of a private broad band provider offering a 'line of sight' service which would cover part of Wheathill.

10 **Survey for Precepting further services by Parish Council**

There has been a very poor response to the survey and any political decisions taken on the strength of that survey would be questionable. The next LJC Meeting will address this issue. Bill Foster is of the opinion it is unreasonable to expect all Parish Councils to contribute unless a proper proportion of contributions is formulated say by the LJC though he thinks in principal we ought to support.

11 **Elections 4 May 2017**

The meeting was advised on the forthcoming elections. The necessary paperwork will be circulated around March 2017. The Election costs are no longer subsidised though they will not be billed until post March 2018. We have a fund of some £375 and we Precept each year the sum of £125.

12 **Parish Council Web Site.**

The web site is currently being written by Chris Bargman. Once the costings are agreed a grant application will be made. The meeting gave approval for a Grant application to be submitted.

13 **Lengthsman's Scheme Update**

This was again discussed with the tax treatment of a Lengthsman still a contentious issue

14 **Shropshire Hills AONB-Independent Conservation Board**

The letter advising of the proposal to enlist Independent Board members was noted.

15 **Parish Social to organise.**

The Meeting decided to keep this matter in abeyance for future consideration.

16 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to consider at this Meeting

17 **Planning**

The following Application was considered

Uprate an existing 2 wire 11,000 volt circuit to 3 Wire Bold Farm Stoke St Milborough 16/05275/OHL

The meeting discussed and raised no objection

18 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- a) The Bank Balance as at 30 August 2016 £7,790.70
- b) The format for presenting financial information on the new Web Site was agreed to be on the present Mazars method.
- c) Following discussions and budget forecasts the Precept for 21017/18 was provisionally agreed in the sum of £2,300.
- d) Renewing the CPRE Subscription was again declined.
- e) CBS web site invoice in the sum of £182 was approved for payment
- f) Shropshire RCC subscription in the sum of £26 was approved for payment

19 **Items to be put on Agenda for next Meeting**

The following matters are to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting

- Broad Band
- Speeding in Parish
- Update on replacing mirror by War Memorial

20 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 30 January 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall.

The Meeting closed c8.15 pm.