

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Monday 27 March 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Sue Crichton Chair Bill Foster Vice Chairman Andrew Barnard Stephen Howells Julie Pinches
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	In Attendance Unitary Councillor Parishioners	None in Attendance Ken and Lee Partridge Lucy Howells Isabel Barnard

1 **Apologies**

Neither Unitary Councillor could attend. In purdah prior to elections on 4 May 2017

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**

Andrew Barnard reported the problems with the camber on the road by his property towards Steve Howells Farm. It has been reported to Phil James of Highways. There are also highway problems on the Aston Botterell Road which has also been reported.

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 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. It was reported the new section of the Touring Caravan Park is due to open soon.

6 **Local News**

There were no local news issues to discuss this month.

7 **Report by Unitary Councillor**

No Unitary Councillors attended this month due to election purdah rules.

8 **Elections 4 May 2017-Review Nomination Papers**

The Clerk reminded the Meeting of the deadline dates relevant to the forthcoming elections and particularly the deadline for personally submitting candidates' nomination papers.

9 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

There was a discussion on the 40 mph advisory speed limit signs (with a hedgehog logo on the reverse side). We are still awaiting definitive costings from Glynn Shaw-expected to be in the region of £200.

There has been no response to continuing the Speeding Campaign group.

10 **The Battles Over - WW1 end November 2018**

There was a discussion on having a bonfire or a Beacon Torch but there were no conclusive proposals.

11 **Parish Council Web site**

This is now operational and available for viewing by the general public.

It was agreed the Agenda would be posted to the site prior to Meetings. The Minutes would be published when approved in General Meeting.

12 **Update on Transparency Code Grant Application.**

A grant in the sum of £1834 has been received. Computer hardware and software has been purchased at a cost of £521 .65 although the scanner has yet to be bought (though the funds have been provided to the Clerk).

13 **Lengthsman Scheme – Application for grant 2017/18**

Our application has been submitted. We now await the decision of the Adjudication Panel.

14 **Correspondence**

Election Roll updates.

15 **Planning**

Erection of triple bay part open fronted detached garage Lower Gore Wheathill 17/00893/FUL

The above application was debated and the Councillors present had no objection to this Application

The meeting was informed the grace period for responding to Planning Applications had been extended from 21 days to 31 Days.

16 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- a) The Bank Balance as at 20 March 2017 £8,748.12
- b) The Internal Audit letter was acknowledged and the terms contained therein agreed. There was no amendment to the Risk Assessment from the previous (which was submitted to the Meeting).
- c) Provisional Year End Accounts (to 31 March 2017) were submitted to and discussed by the Meeting.
- d) Clerks Salary/Disbursements on the Council behalf were agreed in the sum of £172.10 (less Income Tax) and a cheque drawn.
- e) Payment of Income Tax due to HMRC in the sum of £84.80 was sanctioned
- f) Computer Hardware/Software financial settlement was agreed.
- g) Payment to Farlow Parish Council for our share of broadband/stationary costs was agreed in the sum of £25.99 plus mileage costs relating to computer purchase.

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

Because of the likely changes to the make-up of the Council following the Elections no items were recommended for inclusion on the Next Agenda.

22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 8 May 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall.

The Meeting closed c7.55 pm.