

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Monday 30 January 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Bill Foster Vice Chairman Andrew Barnard Stephen Howells Julie Pinches
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	In Attendance Unitary Councillor Parishioners	Gwilym Butler Ken and Lee Partridge

1 **Apologies**

An apology was received Sue Crichton (health reasons).
The Meeting was chaired by Bill Foster

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
An email was received from Tina and Will Ranson saying the Footpath Group was willing and able to install kissing gates to make paths more accessible. The next working party is scheduled for 8 February 2017.

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 November 2016 were unanimously approved and signed by the Vice Chairman

5 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

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

6 **Local News**

There were no local news issues to discuss this month.

7 **Report by Unitary Councillor**

Gwilym Butler reported as follows

- i) The Central Governments Autumn Budget Statement did Shropshire few favours.
- ii) Leaders of Council had met with Jeremy Hunt regarding A&E proposals for Shropshire. Shrewsbury is the best choice for clinicians. But attracting specialised staff and consultants to rural Counties is a problem. There is to be a LJC meeting on 8 March 2017 to discuss the issues.
- iii) Kinlet and Hopton are Precepting for vehicle activated speed warning signs. Gwilym will tell us of the costs (pole and cost of running [solar]). Too late to Precept for 2017/18-County may be able to delay payment.
- iv) County are conducting a 'soft' review of their SAMDev to take us up to 2036. Also a proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan to allow more consultation on Planning. We have 106% of our 5 year land supply requirements.
- v) As the Elections are scheduled for 4 May 2017 the Unitary Councillors will be in a period of 'purdah' from 13 March 2017

8 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

Gwilym reported on the speed activated signs in his address (7.iii)

Andrew Barnard spoke of traffic calming initiatives in Herefordshire-Cleobury are adopting a similar scheme.

9 **Meeting Dates 2017 to January 2018**

The dates have been circulated by email.

They are as follows (2017) 27 March, 15 May (early due to elections), 31 July, 18 September, 27 November and 29 January 2018

10 **Bulk Fuel Buying**

This is being promoted by Countryside Commission-RCC. Discounts of 20% for bulk buying. We need to advertise on Notice Boards.

11 **The Battle is Over**

Commemorations to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 in November 2018. This will carried forward for discussion next Meeting.

12 **Broadband/Mobile Phone service**

Given our very rural location little else can be done at the moment other than a private line of sight microwave provider. With mobile phone service providers sharing masts this reduces the coverage. It is thought Central Government may address this problem.

13 **Precepting for Future Services**

The response to this initiative by County has been very poor. There are fundamental fault lines in implementing a sharing of services by Parish Councils. It is up to each Parish to implement. County are looking at the proposal of Surrey to hold a referendum to increase Council Tax by more than the prescribed norm.

14 **Traffic Mirror opposite War Memorial**

Julie Pinches has reported this twice without much joy to date

15 **Parish Council Web Site.**

The Paris web site is now 'live' and accessible to general public.

16 **Formalising Transparency Code Application.**

The Meeting voted unanimously to sanction the Grant application which had previously been authorised by an exchange of emails.

17 **Lengthsman's Scheme Update**

There has been no response to our advertisement. We shall contact SALC for details of other Lengthsmen working within the broad vicinity

18 **Correspondence**

Shrewsbury KSLI museum appeal

19 **Planning**

There were no applications to consider this month.

20 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- a) The Bank Balance as at 30 January 2017 £8,764.79
- b) The Meeting formally approved the precept 2017/18 in the sum of £2,300.
- c) The Clerks salary/disbursements in the sum of 171.93 net of income tax was approved
- d) Payment to Farlow Parish Council in the sum of £16.67 for our proportion of broadband/stationary was approved.

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

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

- The Battle is Over
- Speeding in Parish
- Lengthsman Scheme.

22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 27 March 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall.

The Meeting closed c8.21 pm.