

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Monday 8 May 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Isabel Barnard Chair Kerry Godfrey Vice Chairman Lucy Howells Stephen Howells Joe Watton
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	In Attendance Unitary Councillor Parishioners	None in Attendance Ken and Lee Partridge Bill Foster Andrew Barnard

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from 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 **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of Parish Council**

Isabel Barnard was nominated by the meeting to be Chair of Wheathill Parish Council for the Ensuing year

Kerry Godfrey was nominated by the meeting to be Vice Chair of Wheathill Parish Council for the Ensuing year

4 **Vote for Chair and Vice Chair of Parish Council**

Isabel Barnard accepted the nomination and was unanimously voted as Chair of Wheathill Parish Council for ensuing year.

Kerry Godfrey accepted the nomination and was unanimously voted as Chair of Wheathill Parish Council for ensuing year.

5 **Good Councillors Courses available**

Emails had been sent to the new Councillors

6 **Public Open Session**

No-one spoke at the Public Open Session

7 **Declaration of Acceptance Forms**

All Councillors completed and signed the Acceptance of Office Forms and signatures were witnessed by the Clerk

8 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March were approved.

9 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

There was a discussion on the Millennium Fund and its funding of future social events.

10 **Local News**

There is a new birth in the Parish. A card and small gift would be sent

11 **Report by Unitary Councillor**

No Unitary Councillors attended this month.

12 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

We believe the signs have been ordered- cost expected to be in the region of £200. It was suggested local businesses should be approached to sponsor gates approaching the village on the B4364

13 **Transparency Code Disclosure Requirements**

The Clerk outlined the rules of Disclosure under the Transparency Code.

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

We need to define the area of responsibility for highlighting jobs needing attention from Lengthsman.

We await the final decision our Grant Application.

There was a general discussion on Highways problems.

15 **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Mr Styles regarding a property, Doctors Cottage, his mother-in-law used to stay during WWII. The property in question was owned by Stephen Howells and the Clerk was asked to pass on his contact details to Mr Styles.

16 **Planning**

There were no Planning Applications to consider this month.

17 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The Bank Balance as at 28 April 2017 £10,570.99
- 2) Year-end Annual Report/Accounts 2017 were approved and adopted
- 3) Annual Governance Statement 2017 was approved and adopted

17 **Finance (continued)**

- 4) The Risk assessment 2017 was studied and approved
- 5) The Chair Isabel Barnard, Stephen Howells and Joe Watton were nominated as cheque signatories.
- 6) Insurance renewal with Zurich 2017/18 was agreed and a cheque for £206.08 was drawn. SALC subscription 2017/18 £125.03 was agreed and a cheque drawn. The Village Hire fee £66 was agreed and a cheque drawn.
- 7) After discussion the Clerks Annual salary was revised to £1,050.
- 8) The additional Transparency Code grant application in the sum of £660 was approved and submission authorised.

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

- Parish Social Events

19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 29 July 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall.

The Meeting closed c8.24 pm.