

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present	Parish Councillors	Isabel Barnard Chair Kerry Godfrey Joe Watton Stephen Howells Lucy Howells
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor	Madge Shineton
	Parishioners	Mr & Mrs Ken Partridge

1 **Apologies**

No apologies were received..

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**

Bill foster raised the matter of recycling spent printing ink cartridges. He was informed he could use Cleobury library for that purpose.

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 July 2017 were approved.

5 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

6 **Local News**

It was reported Roy Neller had died and his funeral was well attended.
There will be a Christmas Party in aid of the Church on 22 December 2017.

7 **Future Social Events**

We will consider future social events in the Spring of 2018

8 **Report by Unitary Councillor(s)**

Madge Shingleton reported as follows;

- i) Shropshire entered for an Annual award and won
- ii) There had been Council Meeting this afternoon
- iii) Both she and Gwilym had fought against stopping the Lengthsman Scheme. Full details of what the Lengthsmens Scheme covers is on Counties Web Site
- iv) Future for LJC is under discussion. It was noted Kerry Godfrey was appointed to be our representative.
- v) County is looking at next year's budgets. Need clarification from Central Government.
- vi) There is a role for neighbourhood forums
- vii) Consultations for Health and A&E future. Adult social care is very important for health and well-being.
- viii) Bill Foster raised the point of which hospital we should go to. He had been referred to Worcester. Ludlow hospital is a listed building but the cost to maintain is leaking funds. Solution is to rebuild another or relocating (there is a prime candidate)

9 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

Isabel Barnard had been in touch with Glyn Shaw regarding speeding signs. Alice Dilley is the principle engineer to contact. The next meeting of the LJC is addressing road safety concerns and we should send a representative. We are considering 'gated entrances' to village. These have been effective elsewhere at relatively low cost. Isabel Barnard will make enquiries.

We must report any traffic incident to the police to highlight problems which will be logged as evidence for lobbying for speeding restrictions.

10 **Lengthsman Scheme**

The Lengthsman had presented an invoice for £532.50 but not much work had been done subsequently. The gully in Silvington needs clearing. We will ask the Lengthsman to attend the next meeting.

11 **Map of Councillors responsibilities.**

Isabel Barnard retained the map for the areas of responsibility to be allocated to each Councillor.

12 **Place Plans Review**

This was discussed at length but the meeting saw no need to amend our existing proposals.

13 **Pension Regulator**

This issue has been resolved and The Regulator is content we have fulfilled our registering obligations.

14 **Correspondence**

Citizens Advice Bureau invited us to send a representative to their AGM. We Declined.

15 **Planning**

There were no Planning Applications to consider this month.

16 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The Bank Balance as at 18 October 2017 £12 408.86
- 2) The Accounts year to date were considered.
- 3) Precept considered. Nothing to be included for future election costs. We will consider Precepting a sum for the Lengthsman scheme given the uncertainty of future County grants.
- 4) All changes of signatories are in order but there is a slight delay in Stephen Howells mandate being accepted by the bank.
- 5) Payment for the Village Hall hire invoice in the sum of £66 was sanctioned
- 6) The cost of the Election 2017 was noted. Not to be paid until Spring 2018.
- 7) Payment to HMRC for income tax due £104.80 was sanctioned.
- 8) SALC Course fee £25 was sanctioned.

17 **Community Computer**

This was discussed but thought impractical

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

- Speeding through Village
- Litter Pick
- Social Events

19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 29 January 2018 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall.

The Meeting closed c8.25 pm.