

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting (AGM) held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Tuesday 29 May 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Isabel Barnard Chair Joe Watton Stephen Howells Lucy Howells
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor	Madge Shineton
	Parishioners	Ken and Lee Partridge Bill Foster Julia Howells Sue Crichton plus 2 others (names not recorded)

Joe Watton Chaired the Meeting until Item 3 concluded.

1 **Apologies**

Kerry Godfrey tendered her apologies (holiday) as did Gwilym Butler-will speak at Annual Parish Meeting following on from this Meeting.

2 **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for ensuing year**

Isabel Barnard was nominated for Chair by Joe Watton seconded by Lucy Howells
Kerry Godfrey was nominated for Vice Chair by Joe Watton seconded by Isabel Barnard. Both had indicated their willingness to serve.

3 **Votes for Chair and Vice chair for ensuing year.**

On a show of hands Isabel Barnard was elected Chair and Kerry Godfrey Vice Chair for the ensuing year. Both votes were unanimous.

4 **Pecuniary Interests**

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

5 **Public Open Session**

The public open session for Planning Application 18/02109/FUL was deferred until Item 17 on the Agenda
There were complaints about visiting walkers to the area leaving gates open and not always keeping their dogs under proper control.

6 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 2018 were approved.

7 **Local News**

There was nothing of significance to report.

8 **Future Social Events**

There was a proposal to form a subcommittee to plan and organise future social events. Need to advertise on web site. Really looking towards the autumn. One notable event will be the commemoration of end of WW! In November.

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

Gwilym Butler will give his report at Annual Parish Meeting following this Meeting. Madge Shingleton reported as follows;

- i) LJC meets on 26 June 2018 at Kinlet Village Hall
- ii) Changes in Planning Code to give Local Councils more say in their area.
- iii) The Lengthsman scheme will have to be match funded in future.

10 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

This will be discussed at length at the Annual Parish Meeting which follows

11 **Lengthsman Scheme**

The Lengthsman invoices (M&R Groundcare) totalling £915 were passed for payment and a cheque drawn for that sum. The meeting agreed there would only be payment on invoices produced. No ad hoc on account payments to be made. There have been good reports on the quality of his work.

12 **Parish Clerk-update of his Health**

He is still awaiting results of medical investigations.

13 **Code of Conduct Parish Council Clerk**

This will be debated at a future meeting. The matter is not urgent.

14 **Data Protection-New EU Legislation**

This matter was deferred to a future meeting. The Act will have little impact on a small Parish Council like us.

15 **Maps of Councillors areas of responsibilities**

Maps of respective areas of responsibility to be circulated.

16 **Correspondence**

No correspondence this month,

17 **Planning****Change of use to store additional Touring Caravans Three Horseshoes
18/02109/FUL**

The meeting was suspended to allow applicant and objectors to put their case. Once the Meeting resumed the Councillors debated the application. Concerns were raised about the incremental nature of the applications on this site, the unsuitability of the proposed storage site and the inadequacy of the tree planting proposals. It was also commented that the business plan is not viable and does not support the project-the income generated is insufficient to warrant the purported expenditure unless there are plans for further development. There are other fairly nearby locations more suitable for storing of caravans-outside the AONB. This is an AONB and that should be taken into account. Furthermore it is not in the spirit of the Applicants previous undertakings to Wheathill Parish Council meeting in public session that there would be no more developments following the previous successful application. On a show of hands 4 Councillors voted to **oppose** the application on the aforementioned grounds with one vote supporting.

18 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The Bank Balance as at 27 April 2018 £13,281.93
- 2) The Accounts year to date were considered.
- 3) Income tax payments to HMRC-none due
- 4) Update on Bank Mandate-Problems seems to be sorted- Thinking of going on-line banking.
- 5) Payment to Cleobury North VH for room hire £66 approved.
- 6) Payment to Shropshire Council for Return of underspent Grant monies.£116.40

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

- Speeding through Village
- Social Events
- Lengthsman

20 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 30 July 2018 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall

The Meeting closed c8.05 pm.