

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Tuesday 28 January 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Isabel Barnard Chair Stephen Howells Joe Watton
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor	No one in attendance
	Parishioners	Jane O'Grady Bill Foster Sue Crichton Ken and Lee Partridge

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Kerry Godfrey, Lucy Howells, Madge Shineton 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 **Public Open Session**

Several Parishioners spoke on various topics summarised as follows;

- Sue Crichton complimented on the excellent highways work recently performed on the B4364. Extending painting of the white lines may defer speeding. She also highlighted a number of traffic incidents which should be reported to the police. Such a register of incidents may have an effect over time. Isabel Barnard will send a letter to the Shropshire Council asking them address speeding issues and will raise our concerns at the next LJC meeting.
- Bill Foster suggested more contact detail of Councillors should appear on the web site and perhaps an indication of timings for future Meetings. The clerk said this would be put in hand once a possible design fault in the programme has been addressed. A general note of meeting date policy will be placed on the web but notices and agendas should be consulted for definitive dates.
- Bill also complained about the pot-holes especially a serious one close to his property in Silvington which is potentially dangerous to unsuspecting road users. Isabel said she would write to County complaining about road surfaces ditches and gullies.
- Bill queried the Lengthsman's list of work he does. This is submitted to the Parish Council for scrutiny prior to payment.

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2018 were approved.

5 **Local News**

Nothing of substance to report this month.

6 **Future Social Events**

There is a proposed Church event in the summer in which we could share on a 50/50 basis. We need to speak to Jim Oakley regarding his attitude to using the Millennium Fund outside the parameters agreed when the fund was transferred to the Parish Council.

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

No Unitary Councillor attended.

8 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

This was spoken of extensively in the Public Open Session. The Village Gates (4 of them) is 'work-in-progress.

9 **Lengthsman Scheme**

The Clerk reported a grant of £900 had been awarded to the Parish Council. The Lengthsman did not attend and no invoice was submitted for payment. The pot-hole in Silvington raised by Bill Foster was discussed under Public Open Session. The Clerk outlined the Case Law regarding Shropshire Councils responsibilities regarding the legal duty to promptly address road surface/highways issues.

10 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

11 **Web Contact details for Parish Councillors**

This matter was discussed under Public Open Session and a procedure adopted.

12 **Planning**

**Conversion of traditional agricultural building to Residential Use
Malthouse Farm 18/05299/FUL
Change of use from former Youth Hostel to Residential Dwelling
Malthouse Farm 18/05296/FUL**

Councillors went on site and looked at both proposed applications. Both applications have now been approved

14 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The latest Bank Statement shows a balance of £11,345.96 No further statements have been received. It was proposed the Chair and the Clerk visit the Ludlow branch of Lloyds to resolve this matter.
- 2) After a lengthy discussion and based on the budget presented the Precept 2019/20 was agreed in the sum of £3,900.

14 **Finance (continued)**

- 3) Cleobury North VH invoice for village hall hire of £22 was authorised for payment
- 4) The Invoice from Farlow Parish Council for share of internet/stationary in the sum of £21.18 was sanctioned for payment.

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

- Lengthsman grant application 2019/20

16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 25 March 2019 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall
The Meeting closed c8.25pm