

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall on Tuesday 5 August 2019 commencing at 7.00pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Kerry Godfrey Isabel Barnard Stephen Howells Joe Watton Lucy Howells
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley
	Unitary Councillor	Gwilym Butler
	Parishioners	Bill Foster Richard and Sue Ditchworth Ken and Lee Partridge

Kerry Godfrey Chaired the Meeting until the outcome of the vote in Minute 3

1 **Apologies**

There were no apologies

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**

- Joe Watton commented on the traffic issues regarding the proposed chicken sheds. Permission granted but overruled by High Court. Traffic issues are a real concern.
- Richard Ditchworth spoke about the Glamping enforcement Notice served on him see Planning Minute 14. Will submit application but maybe next year. Too late for this.

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meetings 28 May and 26 June 2019 were approved and sanctioned to post to our web site.

5 **Local News**

Nothing of substance to report this month.

6 **Future Social Events**

There is to be a Church BBQ on 18 August 2019

7 **Merging of Parish Councils**

There was a discussion with merging with Farlow Parish Council. Farlow had debated this issue at their last Meeting but had ruled out any merger for the foreseeable future.

Gwilym Butler outlined the law relating to such matters. It is not solely an issue which can be ruled out by any Parish Council. Amongst other considerations a plebiscite of not less than 37.5 of a Parish Electorate can by majority vote request a boundary review by County. Perhaps this could not be realised until 2025 Election at the earliest.

The Parish Council said they would draft a letter to Farlow Parish Council in order to have a meeting to discuss the matter.

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

Gwilym Butler reported as follows:

- The Counties future budget depends on a Fairer Funding policy for Rural Counties. Due to the current issues with Central Government the review maybe deferred-not good news for Shropshire.
- The Highways department is being reviewed and more work will be brought in-house.
- Place Plans being finalised.
- The future for Local Government needs plans for the medium to long term not always concentrating on the short term.

9 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

There is no further news to report. We need to 'push this' or it will 'die the death'.

10 **Place Plans**

Place Plans are our infrastructure requirements financed by CIL monies. A wish list of what we need not what we want.

These are now finalised. We need to indicate our Speeding concerns in the plans.

11 **Lengthsman Scheme**

Our application for the Grant 2019/20 in the sum of £1,000 has been received.

The Lengthsman did not attend and no invoice was submitted for payment. We may need to appoint another Lengthsman.

12 **Correspondence**

Letter from Connexus-Supporting Local Communities

13 **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Dates have been booked but these have already been revised.

14 **Planning**

19/06693/ENF Glamping

This was debated during the Public Open Session Minute 3

14 **Planning (continued)****Wheathill Touring Park Variations of Conditions 15/04281/FUL**

The variation extends the opening times to be consistent so the whole site can now be open for 12 months. The applicants have signed a Statuary Declaration there will be no further applications for additional pitches. By a majority verdict the Councillors supported this application.

Green Farm Wheathill 19/02290/OUT

This outline application for one dwelling had already been permitted

Malthouse Farm 19/02293/OUT

This outline application for one dwelling with detached garage had already been permitted

15 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The latest Bank Statement shows a balance of £14,658.30
- 2) Clerks Salary and disbursements in the net sum of £281.87 was sanctioned for payment.
- 3) The Internal Audit fee 2018/19 £50 was sanctioned for payment
- 4) Contribution to Farlow Parish Council for computer programme changes £32.14 was sanctioned

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

- Highways/Speeding
- Speeding to include in Place Plans

18 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 30 September 2019 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall
The Meeting closed c9.45pm