

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 held in Cleobury North Village Hall commencing at 7pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Joe Watton Stephen Howells Lucy Howells Jayne O'Grady Hayley Roberts	Chair.
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley	
	Unitary Councillor	Gwilym Butler	
	Parishioners	No Parishioners attended	

1 **Apologies Received**

Lucy had telephoned the Clerk to say she maybe late attending.

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**

No parishioners attended the Meeting

4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting 17 May 2021 were approved and sanctioned to post to our web site.

5 **Defibrillators- discussion on Future Policy**

The discussion was whether we support The Three Horseshoes defibrillator and continue to use it. The consensus of the Meeting was we buy our own defibrillator for the present location subject to the permission of Ken and Lee Partridge. There was also a discussion of identifying other properties to locate further defibrillators. Once we have the decision and definite locations, for additional defibrillators we can approach The National Lottery for the funding to purchase.

6 **Local News**

It was with sadness we noted the death of James O'Grady.

7 **Future Social Events**

Nothing to report.

8 **Unitary Councillors**

Gwilym Butler reported as follows;

- His report has been posted to our web site.
- The Local Plan is out with The Inspector. Expect challenges over Bridgnorth.
- A further £8m is being allocated this year for Highways with more money for Highways next year.
- A Boundary review is proposed to update the working of Parish Councils with proposed mergers to lessen the overall number. Nothing much will happen before 2025 for the whole process will have to go out to consultation. With regard the Wheathill they can only merge with a Parish Council within the Cleobury ward. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next Meeting.

Gwilym retired from the Meeting

9 **Lengthsman Scheme**

The Silvington notice board is still waiting to be repaired. We need to chase Anthony Harman.

The Lengthsman Grant was substantially underspent last year. The Meeting sanctioned a Grant application of £1,000 for 2021/22 but the monies received will be less due to the Claw back for 2020/21.

10 **Correspondence**

An application for a Grant for Hope House was presented to the Meeting but declined.

11 **Planning**

The storm lagoon at Coveridge Field was discussed. The purpose is to take water off the Highway

A number of applications were expected. Starvecrow expected to be resubmitted as the original was withdrawn. Bryn Lee Cottage-anticipated application for a house.

12 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following.

- 1) Bank Statement (balance £15,699.67) was submitted to the meeting.
- 2) Clerks' salary/disbursements for 4 months to 31 July 2021 in the sum of £292.15 net of income tax was approved for payment
- 3) Payment to Farlow PC for shared costs in the sum of £47.02 was approved for payment
- 4) Invoice in the sum of £22 for the Hall hire was approved for payment
- 5) SALC subscription 2021/22 £130.34 was approved for payment
- 6) We need another signatory for the Bank account.

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

- Defibrillator
- Boundary Changes
- New Cheque signatory.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be 27 September 2021 Cleobury North Village Hall (subject to availability)
The Meeting closed at 20.00