

## WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022 held in Cleobury North Village Hall commencing at 7pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Joe Watton Stephen Howells Julie Bosworth Hayley Roberts	Chair.
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley	
	Unitary Councillor	Gwilym Butler	
	Parishioners	None Attended	

### 1 **Apologies Received**

Apology from Jayne O'Grady in hospital-we wish her well.

### 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

### 4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting 24 January 2022 were approved and sanctioned to post to our web site.

### 5 **Defibrillator**

We now have the machine ready to install at the Three Horseshoes. We need to ask if the supplier will fit on site. Siting of an additional defibrillator at Bromdon was discussed. Need to appoint Nominated Supervisor to monitor the machine for pads battery etcetera

### 6 **Local News**

Nothing to report this month except to say there has been yet another accident on the B4363

### 7 **Future Social Events**

Nothing to report.

## 9 Unitary Councillors

Gwilym Butler reported as follows;

- His Annual report will be ready by the end of the week.
- There was a discussion on Boundary Changes. The first to be addressed will be the Unitary Boundaries ideally each Councillor will have c 3,500 voters on 'his Patch'. Process starts in October 2022 with a 12 months review period. The whole process and new Boundaries in place for the election in May 2025. The review of Parish Boundaries will follow. Some Parishes will merge so we need to focus on our way forward. An open public will need to be called to obtain the views of the Electorate.
- The Ofsted review of Shropshire's performance of Children in Care was favourable. Some 85% of Budget is dedicated to Care in The Community.
- Gwilym is the Cabinet Officer responsible for Finance. Budget for year is £594m gross but only £40m available to spend on all services. Hope to have a balanced budget for the coming year. There is an anticipated deficit of £50m for 2024. We need fairer funding from Central Government. Rural population with large land mass low population are disadvantaged by the current rules.
- A perfect Storm is approaching with the cost-of-living crisis. A social group is being set up to advise people in need.

Gwilym retired from the Meeting

## 9 Green Lane Association

The correspondence received regarding off road activity was noted.

## 10 Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Events will be staged locally by larger authorities so there will be no direct participation from Wheathill Parish Council.

## 11 Lengthsman Scheme

An Invoice is due from AP Supplies for works carried out.

## 11a Police Priorities

This matter was debated. A need to translate into future action

## 12 Correspondence

No correspondence received.

## 13 Planning

Planning Enforcement Notice 22/008583/ENF was noted.

**Green Lane Detached Oak Framed Barn 22/00732/FUL** was opposed because it was considered too large.

**Grain Store Manor Farm 22/00945/FUL.** There were no objections to this application.

14 **Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following.

- 1) Bank Statement (balance £15,114.74) was submitted to the meeting.
- 2) The Clerk's salary/disbursements 4 months to 31 March 2022 in the sum of £288.80 (net of Income Tax) was sanctioned. It was also agreed the Clerks Salary will be reviewed. The last review was April 2017.
- 3) Payment to HMRC for Income Tax was also sanctioned.
- 4) Payment of an invoice from Farlow Parish Council in the sum of £27.97 for shared internet costs etcetera was sanctioned.
- 5) Changing Cheque signatories was deferred.

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

- Defibrillator
- Ideas for Boundary Changes.
- AP Supplies payment
- Clerk's Salary review.

16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 13 June 2022 starting at 7pm in Cleobury North Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting will follow commencing 8pm in Cleobury North Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 20.10