

WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 in Cleobury North Village Hall commencing 7pm

1. Present:

Parish Councillors: J O'Grady, S Crichton, S Sutcliffe, H Roberts

Locum Clerk: C E Williams:

Shropshire Councillor: G Butler

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from S Howells

3. New Councillor:

The meeting welcomed the S Crichton and S Sutcliffe to the meeting as the newly elected Parish Councils who both signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Election of Chair:

J O'Grady agreed to continue as Chair of the Parish Council.

5. Items from Members of the Public and Unitary Councillors:

Two members of the public were present who raised issues concerning planning and the defibrillators. There was also a discussion concerning the speeding of vehicles through Wheathill following a presentation by S Crichton following her meetings and discussions with the West Midlands Police Representative.

Shropshire Councillor G Butler presented his report which included information on the Childe Endowment Trust, Shropshire Councils Budget, and the Shropshire Council Boundary Review of Unitary Councillors.

6. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

7. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Annual Public Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2023 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

8. Position of Clerk to the Parish Council:

C E Williams confirmed that he would continue as Locum Clerk however the Council should seek the appointment of a permanent Clerk to the Council.

9. Highways Items:

Following the very informative presentation by S Crichton on her discussion with West Mercia Police Representative concerning the speeding of vehicles along the B4364 and the lack of response by Shropshire Council Highways to her correspondence the Clerk and Shropshire Councillor G Butler would actively take up the matter with Shropshire Council for the introduction of appropriate speed waring hazard signs and the implementation of a 40 MPH speed Limit through Wheathill.

As its is a Highway Project that would involve Capital Expenditure and bids against other Highway Schemes the Clerk would also update the Local Place Plan.

The Clerk will also enquire what grants are available from the Local Police Commissioner.

10. Amenity Items:

The Parish Council agreed that the existing spare defibrillator held by S Howells should be installed at Loughton. Arrangements need to put in place to ensure that the defibrillators within the Parish are regularly inspected.

11. Brown Clee Medical Practise:

The Parish Council had received a request for a small donation from the Brown Clee Medical Practice Group for a small donation towards the exploring the ways of developing the purchase of the buildings the practice currently runs from.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to a donation but are to ask a representative of the group to attend the next meeting of the Council to explain the groups proposals.

12. Planning Items:

Planning Application: 23/03180/Full – Coveridge Fields Farm Wheathill – Application for part conversion of redundant barn to form enclosed private garages – Since the Parish Council meeting this Planning Application has been refused by Shropshire Council.

13. Parish Council Website:

The Locum Clerk reported that he had updated the Parish Council website, following which there was a discussion on how the Parish Council could engage with the Local Community on Parish Matters.

14. Financial Items:

The Locum Clerk Reported that Parish Council had balances of £16,982.79 this including a Neighbourhood Fund Balance of £4,418.28 which can be used on Capital Infrastructure Schemes within the Parish over the next five years.

The Bank mandate to be amended for new signatories to the Bank Accounts to enable cheques to be signed which should be by a minimum of two members of the Council.

15. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm Cleobury North Village Hall

Chair