

## WESTON RHYN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Rhyn Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.

**PRESENT: Cllr A Hughes (Chairman)**

**Cllr P Barnett, Cllr S Barnett, Cllr J Bavin, Cllr S Haskell, Cllr P Herbert, Cllr A Layland, Cllr J Mattocks, Cllr P Manley, Cllr M Rowlands, Cllr P Smith, Cllr J Wallace (12)**

476/22      **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Members of the public were invited to question Councillors or raise any issues of concern for a period of 15 minutes.

477/22      **APOLOGIES**

None.

478/22      **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive declarations of disclosable interests on any item included in the agenda in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

None declared.

479/22      **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were confirmed and signed. **RESOLVED.**

480/22      **BENCHES IN THE PARISH**

Councillor Smith had prepared an update report regarding the purchase of the benches and picnic tables using the money received from 3PBL and this had been circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. The following was agreed by council.

- Council agreed to add to their order a bench from the 3PBL in memory of Angela Bright. It was further agreed that the bench would be placed at Weston Rhyn Recreation Ground. 3PBL had been advised of the cost and would be sending the extra money to cover this cost.  
It was felt that the responsibility for each bench/picnic table would be passed to the relevant site owner. Cllr Smith, when discussing the placement for each piece, would make this clear to the relevant person. However, an official letter would need to be sent to avoid any queries at a future date. **Action: the Clerk/Cllr Smith.**  
The wording for the plaque was to be finally confirmed with Tiz at 3PBL but as there was no provision for anything other than lettering, it was likely to be as stated in the report. Cllr Smith to follow up on that before order was made. **Action: Cllr Smith.**  
It was proposed and seconded and resolved that the clerk would order the items. **Action: the Clerk/Cllr Smith.**

Clerk would also notify officially Chris Jones of Jones Brothers Weston Rhyn that they were the preferred contractor and that the items would be delivered to their yard in Station Road, Weston Rhyn. **Action: the Clerk.**  
Cllr Smith would contact each site owner to establish the position for each piece of furniture. **Action: Cllr Smith.**

- Cllr Smith would contact Nick Williams from Shropshire Council to make appropriate arrangements re. installation point at Chirk Bank Playground. **Action: Cllr Smith.**

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### **FUTURE OF CHIRK BANK METHODIST CHURCH**

- The future of the Church was uncertain. Subsequently, the Church Committee had asked for a meeting with the community, to include representatives of the Parish Council.
- Electrical work needed major updating, causing the Chapel to close at Christmas for the near future.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the council agree to be represented at a meeting with the Committee. **Action: Cllr S Barnett.**

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### **SETTING OF BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2023-2024**

- A detailed analysis of receipts and payments for the current year and a projection for next year was displayed and discussed.
- **Streetlighting** – The Clerk would contact Elaine O’Rahilly at Shropshire Council, regarding street lighting energy. **Action: the Clerk.**
- **Streetlighting** – Chairman, Cllr Hughes, had assessed the upgrades and found that 3 SOX lanterns had not yet been upgraded. **Action: Cllr Hughes.**
- **CIL Funding** – The Clerk had asked Shropshire Council for copies of CIL forms sent in over the past few years. The Clerk would also search paperwork. **Action: the Clerk.**
- **Grasscutting Contract** – The Clerk would check the annual cost and annual cuts with the contractor. **Action: the Clerk.**
- **Speed Signs** – It was suggested that the Clerk contact Oswestry Town Council for prices and advice regarding their latest purchases of speed signs. **Action: the Clerk.**
- It was **RESOLVED** to freeze the precept at £34,000 for the year 2023-2024. **Action: the Clerk.**

### **FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

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### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED** to confirm payment of;

	<b>To authorise the payments</b> as per the schedule below				
16.10.22	Clerk/Curry’s	55.99	Chq	Printer cartridges	

12.12.22	Clerk	699.93	Chq	Clerk's Salary for December 2022
12.12.22	HMRC	337.86	Chq	Tax and Employer's NI Period 8
12.12.22	Clerk for EE DD	20.76	Chq	Clerk's phone for December
12.12.22	St John's Church	425.00	Chq	St John's Grant for Warm Hub
12.12.22	WR Institute	24.00	Chq	Room hire for December meeting
		<b>1563.54</b>		
	From	<b>6000.00</b>		
		<b>5990.93</b>		
	Balance	<b>9.07</b>		

It was **RESOLVED** to make the payments.

484/22 **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

On which at least 48 hours' notice has been given, no discussion to take place thereon.

None to answer.

485/22 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

The main items of correspondence had been shared with the council.

486/22 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

January agenda - co-option forms when applying to become a councillor.

487/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next meeting to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.

**MEETING CLOSED at 9.20pm**