

Minutes of Weston Rhyn Parish Council Meeting - 05/09/22

Date and time: 05/09/22 7:00 PM to: 05/09/22 9:25 PM

Present: Helen Belton, Polly Smith, Phil Barnett, Alwyn Hughes, Maggie Rowlands, Alison Layland, James Bavin, James Wallace, Pam Manley, Sue Barnett, Paul Herbert, Sheila Haskell, John Mattocks, Weston Rhyn Parish Clerk, Mark Jones, Rob Macey

Location: Chirk Bank Methodist Church

Topics

1. Public Participation

Note Sian Tasker was present to speak to the council regarding the Save our Ambulance Station Campaign. This is a campaign group in Shropshire which wants a long-term solution and also a revised social health care system. Sian was visiting many other councils in the area.

Task ☐ WR Clerk would agenda Ambulance Campaign for next agenda

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2. Apologies

Note Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Bavin (holiday), Cllr J Mattocks (holiday) and Cllr P Manley (medical).

3. Declarations of Interest

Note There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Minutes of Meetings

4-1. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11th July 2022

Decision The minutes of the meeting of the 11th July 2022 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P Smith, seconded by Cllr P Herbert. Resolved.

5. Reports

5-1. Police

Note Present: Dave Hughes, PCSO.
Katie LeClaire, Police Officer.

Regarding reporting of statistics; the reporting systems had been experiencing technical faults but PCSOs would send August and September's reports as soon as possible.

Cllr P Barnett read out comments, which Cllr P Manley had passed on, from a resident, about traffic at the mini roundabout in the village, not abiding by the Highway Code.

The Community Speedwatch Group had had some success, at last, with police vetting and the group would soon be ready to start.

5-2. Shropshire Councillors

Note Cllr Mark Jones would send some information about a Healthy Weight campaign for information.

STAR Housing was looking for a new Chief Executive.

Planning Enforcement had a new officer in place.

Cllr Rob Macey had seen the details of works on Station Road and what was going to be happening there. Rob would ask Highways which roads were on their list to work on. It was noted that work from the school to Chirk Bank was very poor.

Covid jabs were rolling out in the same way as before.

Regarding Energy bills, Marches Energy and other groups were doing home MOTs to check your home and offer solutions. There was some 'Cost of Living help' on Shropshire Council's website.

Regarding remote working, there would be hubs where people can go to work.

Community Tree scheme was open again, with 21,000 trees this year. There was a native hedgerow mix available which was new this year. These had to be in view of a public right of way or road.

There was a £15,000 fund for community groups from Veolia for community projects.

Purple bins had started in Gobowen and Oswestry. Rob had tried to check for delivery schedules.

Deliveries were going well but some were going missing, as some neighbours were not signing up and then taking one for themselves.

5-3. Chairman

Note The Chairman gave a report on the HR Meeting that had taken place in August.

Note The Clerk was leaving her job as Clerk to Ruabon Community Council and starting work soon as Clerk to Mold Town Council. This would be monitored over the coming months by both councils, as both councils were aware of the situation. No problems were anticipated at this time.

There is a problem with software issues on the defib at the Institute. This is being collected on the 13th of September and would be away for 2 days. Cllr Hughes would put a note into the cabinet to direct the public to others.

Cllr P Barnett mentioned that there was a defib at the Quinta. Cllr Hughes would check whether this one is publicly available 24/7.

Social Media. There was a reminder to Councillors to re-read the Parish Council's Social Media Policy. Councillors should refrain from using the title of councillor on social media posts, unless this had been previously agreed by the council.

Task ☐ WR Cllr Hughes would check whether Quinta Defib is publicly available 24/7.

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6. Planning

6-1. Update on CIL funding

Note Cllr P Barnett informed the council that he had done some research, as a result of a course he attended in March. From 2012-2021, the Parish Council had received £62,000 from CIL funding. The Parish Council Accounts state that the 'Neighbourhood Fund' contains £20,000. This is another name for CIL. However, the rules as to how this money can be spent, seem vague, or seem to change. Four years ago, the Parish Council had been told that the money could not be used to fund LED streetlight replacements, but 2 other councils were allowed to do this. As a result of this, this council put the precept up that year. It rose by £6,000 to pay for the LED conversion and this has stayed at this level.

It was suggested to speak to SALC for the latest rules and to visit the Government website.

Cllr Mark Jones left the meeting at 7.56pm.

Task ☐ WR Clerk would speak to SALC about the latest rules regarding CIL money/check Government website.

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6-2. No 6 Aqueduct Cottages

Note The council and the public now needed to wait 4 months to see the outcome of the Enforcement Notice.

6-3. Planning Application - Reference: 22/02738/FUL (validated: 28/07/2022)

Note Address: 2 Garden Croft, Station Road, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7SG
Proposal: Erection of a side extension and front porch with ramped access from the pavement into the house.

There was no comment from the Council.

6-4. Planning Application - Ref. No: 22/03640/FUL, Validated: Tue 09 Aug 2022

Note Conversion of 2 barns to 2 dwellings
Preesgweene Farm Preesgweene Weston Rhyn Oswestry Shropshire SY10 7SU.
There was no comment from the Council.

6-5. Planning Application - Reference: 22/03244/FUL (validated: 27/07/2022)

Note Address: 1 West Lea, Rhoswiel, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7TF
Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear elevations.
There was no comment from the Council.

6-6. Planning Application - Reference: 22/03924/FUL, The Sawmills, Rhoswiel

Note A new application had been received that day. As there was ongoing concerns with this site, it was agreed to hold a planning meeting for Monday 26th September.

7. Community

7-1. Bus Service and Bus Shelters

Note Cllrs P and S Barnett were members of Bus Users Shropshire. The Clerk would send a copy of the letter to Arriva Buses to them.

Cllr R Macey would forward contact details of James Willcox to the clerk.

Task ☐ WR Cllr R Macey would send contact details of James Willcox to the clerk

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7-2. Place Plans

Note It was reported that Shropshire Council were taking overall control which would begin in the autumn. This seemed to be a 'top down' procedure.

Council was advised to make sure that the plan it wrote was exactly what the village wanted and fit for purpose.

7-3. Greenshoots

Note A report had been received.

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7-4. Weston Rhyn Trust

Note There was no report.

7-5. Village Institute Management Committee

Note There was no report.

7-6. Refuse bin at the top of Trap Bank

Note The bin at the top of Trap Bank was not meant for boater's rubbish, it was meant to be a general or a dog waste bin. However, boaters were often leaving their rubbish at the side of the bin, which was basically fly tipping.

Canal and River Trust as well as Shropshire Council needed to work together on this.

This activity could be reported through Fix My Street.

Cllr R Macey would watch for results on Fix My Street. As this is the busiest part of this canal, C&RT needed to do something about this and provide waste areas.

The Clerk was asked to write to both Shropshire Council and C&RT to find a solution for this.

Cllr R Macey would try to hold a meeting in the meantime.

Task ☐ WR Cllr Macey would try to hold a meeting regarding the bin at the top of Trap Bank. He would try to watch for results on Fix My Street.

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Task ☐ WR Clerk would write to Shropshire C and C&RT about the bin at the top of Trap Bank.

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7-7. Climate Change Champion

Decision The Council considered having a 'Climate Change Champion' as suggested by SALC.

Proposed that Cllr Alison Layland become the Climate Change Champion for the Council, proposed by Cllr P Barnett, seconded by Cllr A Hughes. Resolved.

Task ☐ WR Clerk would book Cllr Layland onto the November climate change course.

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7-8. Usage of the Defib and Spare Pads

Note The defib at the Institute had been used and pads had been replaced with more pads being ordered. Signs were needed on the Tow Path near Trap Bank to direct people to the defib. Cllr P Barnett would contact C&RT.

Cllr A Hughes would add extra information to the Defib near the Institute.

Task ☐ WR Cllr A Hughes would add extra information to the Defib near the Institute

Owned by Alwyn Hughes due 30/09/22

8. Highways

8-1. Wern Turn

Note A letter had been sent to the residents at the junction. There had been no response.

8-2. Highway Maintenance Issues

Note No issues other than already mentioned.

8-3. Meeting with Highways

Note There had been no meeting arranged so far. Cllr A Hughes and Cllr P Barnett would try to hold the Highways meeting before the next Parish Council Meeting and would cover a number of issues on this agenda.

A white line was also needed through the village.

Task ☐ Cllr A Hughes and Cllr P Barnett would try to hold the Highways meeting prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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8-4. Water Leaks in the Parish

Note Cllr Manley brought this item to the agenda; leak on Quinta Road STWA job no. 13112198 as she had been watching this leak for a few years now. It was not coming from a domestic sewer but was, in fact, a spring. The involvement of Severn Trent was finished as this was a natural occurrence. However, this would be added to the list for Highways and could be reported to Environmental Health.

Task ☐ WR Clerk to report the leak/spring on Quinta Road to Environmental Health.

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8-5. Parking on Station Road

Note The issue was discussed regarding parking on Station Road. A resident had written to the Council suggesting putting double yellow lines at intervals along the road. (June 2021, 124/21). The Clerk would write to Shropshire Council.

Task ☐ WR Clerk would write to Shropshire Council regarding Parking on Station Road

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8-6. Complaint from residents in Brookfields regarding Quad Bikes

Note The incident had been reported, the police had arrived, had driven past and had waved to the youths before leaving. Some residents were feeling quite threatened.

Residents were to be encouraged to phone 101 and to insist on a reference number.

Cllr A Hughes would write to PO Kate LeClaire about this.

Task ☐ WR Cllr Hughes would write to Police Officer K LeClaire about quad bikes being driven around Brookfields.

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9. Street Lighting

9-1. General Issues

Note A lamp was out at Brookfields, lamp 83. The Clerk would check the inventory to clarify ownership.

Task ☐ WR Clerk to check inventory for lamp 83 on Brookfields and then report.

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9-2. LED Streetlight Upgrades

Note Some clarification was needed about whether or not the upgrades were complete. Cllr A Hughes agreed to drive around to carry out a survey in the darker nights.

Task ☐ WR Cllr Hughes to carry out a survey of the lighting to clarify if the upgrades were complete.

Owned by *Alwyn Hughes* due 30/09/22

10. Finance and Governance

10-1. Authorise payments

Note Payments were authorised as per the schedule of payments.

Due to the banking issues facing the council, it was resolved to give the clerk a cheque for £6,000 to cover 3 months' salary as well as bills that needed paying, which she would then pay through her personal account. The Clerk thanked the Council.

10-2. Councillor Email addresses

Note This would be deferred to the beginning of the October meeting.

10-3. Gov.uk website benefits

Note This was noted and deferred to the next meeting.

10-4. Complaints Committee

Note A meeting of the Complaints Committee was arranged for the same night as the Planning Meeting, September 26th.

11. Answer any questions

Note There were no questions to answer.

12. General Correspondence

Note A list had been provided in the Clerk's Report.

13. Receive items for next meeting

Note Save Our Ambulance Station.

14. Date and Time of next meeting

Note Planning Meeting, 26th September 2022, 7pm at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.
Parish Council Meeting, 10th October 2022, 7pm, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute

Note Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Next Meeting

Meeting title: Weston rhyn parish council meeting - 10th october 2022

Date and time: 10/10/22 07:00 pm to: 10/10/22 09:00 pm

Location: The Village Institute

Task Summary

New Tasks

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