

WESTON RHYN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Rhyn Parish Council held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:00pm in The Village Institute, Weston Rhyn.

PRESENT: Cllr P Barnett (Chairman)

Cllr J Wallace, Cllr P Smith, Cllr P Manley, Cllr S Haskell, Cllr P Herbert, Cllr A Layland, Cllr S Barnett, Cllr M Rowlands, Cllr A Bright (10)

Shropshire Councillor M Jones.

And 2 members of the public.

215/21 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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

- Michael Keay asked about the Phase 4 LED streetlighting upgrade. The Clerk explained that correspondence with Highline had been received and that there was a delay in materials.

216/21 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr L Syrett (college), Cllr A Hughes (work), Cllr J Mattocks (personal). S.Cllr R. Macey

217/21 **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.

Cllr P Barnett – meals on wheels, volunteer driver with Dial a Ride.

Cllr P Smith reminded members about the Code of Conduct. Councillors should make themselves aware of disclosure advice.

218/21 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021 were confirmed and signed.

RESOLVED.

219/21 **REPORTS**

RESOLVED to note reports as presented.

Arising from the reports it was further **RESOLVED** the following;

POLICE

- PCSO Peter Roberts was not present at the meeting but had sent in a brief report.
- Shropshire Cllr M Jones had met with the PCSO and there had been no crime in the last month in Weston Rhyn. There is also a Twitter account to follow the local police and a Good Neighbourhood Website.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Mark Jones was present and gave his report.
- County was getting the budget ready, which was proving difficult.
- Canal footpath has been renovated between A5 and St Martins.
- The pothole debate was continuing and had been raised with the portfolio holder.

GREEN SHOOTS

- Cllr M Rowlands gave her report.
- Green Shoots deferred the climate action plan that was in draft.
- Now drafting applications to 3PBL.
- Star Housing was congratulated for their commitment to low carbon.
- Cllr Wallace gave an **update** to the council on an energy talk he had attended. The advice was to not panic about energy costs.

CHAIRMAN

- Cllr A Hughes was not at the meeting. He had asked for road repairs to be mentioned.
- A representative was required to present the wreath at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Manley volunteered.
- Cllr Wallace asked if we would consider poppies on lamp-posts as in other parishes.

VILLAGE INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Standing Orders were **suspended** to enable Carl Rowley to give his report.
- Bookings were good with the first wedding being prepared.
- Work had started on the chimney breast.
- Flag-pole was in place.
- The Covid cleaning would be scaled back.
- Sponsorship had been received for a website and domain.
- **Bowling Green**
- New pavilion was now open.
- Two sheds had been demolished and a new machinery shed added.
- Other maintenance was planned such as 2-Tiered seating, a memorial garden, benches and a competition.

STREET LIGHTING

- A resident had asked for streetlighting on Trap Bank. This was discussed.
- It was suggested that a wildlife survey might be needed.
- A light is approx. £2500.
- It was resolved not to pursue this.

QUINTA LIGHT

- To update the council regarding the light at the Quinta. The post was in place but there was no connection so far.
The Clerk would pay part of the Highline invoice, insisting Scottish Power pay for the light removed at the Quinta, as agreed by SP.

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GOVERNANCE

- CIL is Community Infrastructure Levy.
- Councillors wanted to better understand the difference between CIL, Neighbourhood Fund and Section 106 funds.

- In every new development with over 10 houses, Shropshire Council gets a certain percentage. Parish Council gets 25% of this if it has got a Neighbourhood Plan. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, council would get 15%.
- Parish Council can then spend the money but only on certain items.
- Section 106 is when it's Housing Association building.
- This item was deferred.
- Cllr Mark Jones would investigate on council's behalf.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **21/02243/REM, Sawmills application.** An update was provided. Planning Dept have not yet made a decision.
- **21/03218/VAR, Quinta Development, Quinta Road.**
To **receive any update** on the Quinta Development. None received.
- To receive an **update** on Aspen Grange Community Led Housing Scheme – Cllr P Smith. There had recently been a steering group meeting and they were waiting for a solicitor to deal with the 106 agreement. The group will have a say on who goes into the 16 houses.
- The 106 fund of £48,000 would be spent on addressing the demands placed on the parish.
- It is hoping to start in early 2022, so money will be received in 2 years time. They have included as much Green Tech as possible, which is good publicity for Star Housing.
- The Council was asked for a suggestion for a name for the community building. It was **resolved** to suggest "The Jubilee Rooms/Centre"
- **AGAINST:** Cllr J Wallace.
- Cllr P Smith would provide the grant application form for applying for the 106 money, as above.
- **PLANNING REFERENCE - 21/04216/FUL – Moreton Hall - GRANTED**
- **PLANNING REFERENCE - 21/04265/FUL – West Lea – REFUSED**
- **Planning Enforcement Cases for 02/11/2021 relating to parish of: Weston Rhyn**
Address: 1 Bramblewood Close, Chirk Bank, Wrexham, Shropshire, LL14 5LP
Standing Orders were suspended for a member of the public to speak and explain the detail behind this.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

222/21

WESTON RHYN INSTITUTE MAINTENANCE

- Cllr Bright declared an interest.
- **Standing Orders** were suspended to allow Carl Rowley to speak.
- The institute committee asked for the £3000 to be released from reserves for the maintenance on the chimney. A quote had been printed on the Clerk's Report.

- Minutes from December 2020 were read out; that £3000 wouldn't be given in one payment in advance but be paid out with evidence of work done. In this instance, the council was satisfied and the money would be passed to the institute. It was also suggested that the institute look for external funding.

RESOLVED

AGAINST; Cllr P Manley.

223/21 **OSWESTRY AREA COMMITTEE AND LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

- Councillors had asked for more clarification of the Oswestry Area Committee and the Local Joint Committee.
- The council has one rep for the OAC and that is Cllr Rowlands.
- LJC was a system set up by Shropshire Council, for the 3 parishes. There was a pot of funding which they could distribute. This has now ended.
- A **report** of the OAC meeting, attended by Cllr L Picton, leader of Shropshire Council, had been circulated. Cllr Smith explained that numbers are managed at these meetings, as one per council attend.

224/21 **LORD LIEUTENANT'S GARDEN PARTY**

- Deferred to the January agenda.

225/21 **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)**

- The meeting was planned for the 15th November. Cllr P Smith would lead the meeting. Councillors were asked to support it.
- Mike McKenna was running similar in Gobowen and he would be present.
- The Clerk would advertise this on Facebook.

226/21 **DEFIB AND ADOPTION OF PHONE BOX**

- The Parish Council might need to find £600.
- Clerk would check that electricity would be provided.
- Council can apply to the Big Local for £500.
- Canal and River Trust would be asked to provide a sign.
- Other possible income streams were suggested. To be followed up by Cllrs A. Layland, P. Barnett & S. Barnett
- The Clerk was authorised to sign the contract and send off.

227/21 **SPEEDING ON OAKLANDS ROAD - EMAIL**

- the council had received an email re. speeding on Oaklands Road and a planned petition. The Clerk would reply to the resident and forward the email to Highways.

HIGHWAYS

228/21 **WERN TURN VISIBILITY ISSUE**

- there were no updates but the clerk would try to progress this.

229/21 **DIVERSIONS ON OAKLANDS ROAD - EMAIL**

- there was more work to be done on this item.

- Clerk and Cllr P Barnett would work together.

230/21 **FLASHING SPEED SIGNS**

- this issue needed Highways' input and as the Council knew, would be expensive to implement.

231/21 **ARRIVA BUS CANCELLATIONS**

- the Clerk had written to Arriva last month. There had been some updates from Arriva via social media and some timetables had been updated.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

232/21 **STANDING ORDERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

- suggestions for any changes should be sent to the Clerk by the January meeting.
- Social Media needed to be added into the Standing Orders – no councillors should publish anything on social media, except for sharing of WRPC posts, or other agreed information.

233/21 **GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE TRAINING**

- The Council agreed to reimburse the Clerk for £60 for WRPC to acquire the General Power of Competence.

234/21 **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE BUDGET 2022-2023**

- Councillors were requested to send any ideas to the Clerk.

235/21 **MUCH MORE THAN MEALS ON WHEELS**

- The Clerk would find out how much was left in the grant budget.
- The council agreed to match, up to the amount left in the grant budget.

RESOLVED.

AGAINST: Cllr P Smith

ABSTAINED: Cllr P Barnett

236/21 **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

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

None to answer.

237/21 **PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED to confirm payment of;

	To authorise the payments as per the schedule below			
	2247	Clerk	639.17	Clerk's Salary November 2021
	2248	HMRC	168.66	Tax and NIC Period 8
	2249	EE - Ruabon CC	17.10	Clerk's Mobile October
	2250	Village Institute	24.00	Room hire for October meeting
	2251	Highline	1,149.16	April/May repairs less Quinta light
	2252	Poppy Shop	18.00	Remembrance Wreath

	DD	Scottish Power	236.88	Streetlight Energy 19.10.21
	DD	Scottish Power	244.68	Streetlight Energy 18.11.21

238/21 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

239/21 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items.

240/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED the next meeting to be held on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7pm in the Institute.

MEETING CLOSED at 10pm.