

WESTON RHYN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Rhyn Parish Council held on Monday 13th February 2023, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.

PRESENT: Cllr P Barnett (Chairman)

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

Also: 1 member of the public

519/23 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

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

Mr Alan Gilford was present, asking about a footpath. Mr Gilford had written to the Parish Council 6 months ago and delivered the letter to the Institute. However, the letter only reached the Clerk in January. The path was not a definitive right of way. Mr. Gilford was advised that his letter would be forwarded to Shropshire Council for them to look at it. **Action: Clerk**

520/23 APOLOGIES

Cllr J Hughes (work), Cllr J Mattocks (holiday).

521/23 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.

522/23 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023 were confirmed and signed. **RESOLVED.**

523/23 REPORTS

RESOLVED to note reports as presented.

POLICE

- The Police had sent a report which had been included in the Clerk's Report.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS

There were no Shropshire Councillors present.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairmans Report was noted.

Cllr P Barnett informed the council about the 3 Parishes meeting that had taken place. Another meeting had been planned for 23rd March. To begin with, meetings would include Chairman and Vice-Chairman along with invited

individuals from local groups. Greenshoots have been asked to send a representative to the next meeting. Cllr Layland pencilled this in. Cllr Barnett to confirm. **Action: Cllr P Barnett**

524/23 **IT, COUNCILLOR EMAILS AND NEW WEBSITE**

- Council looked at quotes from 3 companies. The Clerk/councillors would spend time viewing the websites on offer and compile a list of qualities important to us. **Action: Clerk/councillors**
- Councillor emails would be decided upon in the next meeting.

525/23 **LOGO**

It was **RESOLVED** that a logo would be commissioned on the condition that there was no cost to the council. **Action: Cllrs Bavin and Haskell**

526/23 **CLERK'S PHONE**

It was **RESOLVED** to acquire a SIM only deal with EE under £10 per month. Cllr Layland would send details of EcoTalk. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Layland**

527/23 **PRINTER**

Due to printer/ink issues, it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would update the software, contact HP for advice and acquire quotes for laser printers. **Action: Clerk**

528/23 **PLANNING ISSUES AND APPLICATIONS**

Ref. No: 23/00100/FUL –

Erection of two storey side extension to replace existing single storey extension. North Gate Quinta Weston Rhyn Oswestry Shropshire SY10 7LU. 7.47pm. **No comments.**

529/23 **CIL FUNDING**

No updates at present.

530/23 **NO. 6 AQUEDUCT COTTAGES**

No updates at present.

COMMUNITY

531/23 **BUS SERVICES AND BUS SHELTERS**

Bus Service – No update at present.

532/23 **PLACE PLANS**

No update at present.

REPORTS

533/23 **REPORT FROM GREEN SHOOTS**

The group had met and discussed future plans.

534/23 **REPORT FROM WESTON RHYN TRUST**

The next meeting was 14th February at 4pm.

535/23 **REPORT FROM WESTON RHYN VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

No report had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Chairman to ask for a nominated co-trustee to attend the March meeting or send a report.
Action the Clerk.

536/23 **FOOTPATHS IN THE PARISH**

This item was covered under Public Participation.

537/23 **DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ISSUES IN THE PARISH**

Cllr P Smith had investigated this issue and showed photos of past floods to the Council. The institute had flooded in the past, so had the Meads, Berllan Close and Aspen Grange. Sewerage was also coming up from drains alongside of the canal.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Shropshire Council, Welsh Water, Canal and River Trust, the MP, involve the Environment Agency. This issue needed to be in the public domain. The Clerk would speak with Wrexham Councillor Dana Davies. Cllr P Barnett/Cllr Smith and the Clerk would compose the letter. **Actions: Cllr P Barnett/ Cllr Smith and the Clerk.**

538/23 **WATER ISSUE AT THE BOTTOM OF TRAP BANK**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Shropshire Council directly via email, copying in two Shropshire Councillors, with SALC providing an email address. The Clerk would acknowledge Chirk Town Councils letter of complaint and suggest that they also report the issue to Shropshire Council.
Action: Clerk.

539/23 **BENCHES**

The council was updated; marking of positions was in progress. Cllr P Smith was thanked for her work.

540/23 **THE 3 PARISHES**

Council was informed about a Community Car Share Group being organised in St Martins. Cllr P Barnett informed the co-ordinator of Dial-a-Ride, who had been to a meeting with the organiser (Vivienne Fisher). A public meeting has been organised on 16th February asking for volunteers.

541/23 **CHIRK BANK METHODIST SCHOOL ROOM**

A meeting was to be held on the 16th February 2023 with Chapel Committee members and members of the public. Cllr P Barnett will represent the Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS

542/23 WERN TURN VISIBILITY ISSUE

No updates at present.

543/23 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ISSUES

No updates at present.

544/23 MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS

Cllr P Barnett was waiting for communication from Shropshire Council officer, Phil Lloyd. Some road marking on Station Road had been carried out but there was more to be done, especially the mini roundabout outside the Lodge/Institute. ***Actions: Cllr P Barnett.***

545/23 STREETLIGHTING ISSUES

Cllr A Hughes was progressing with checking the LED upgrades. ***Action: Cllr A Hughes.***

A light was out near the Gledrid roundabout. ***Action: the Clerk/Shropshire Council.***

The Clerk would ensure that the incorrect placing of the lantern in the Institute car park light was sorted with Highline.

The Clerk would check the inventory to gain more understanding of the lights on Brookfield Close. ***Actions: the Clerk.***

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

546/23 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED to confirm payment of;

	To authorise the payments as per the schedule below			
13.2.23	St John's Church	25.00	Chq	P3 Meeting January
20.2.23	Scottish Power	415.80	DD	Streetlighting Energy
13.2.23	Clerk	699.41	Chq	Clerk's Salary for February 2023
13.2.23	HMRC	192.90	Chq	Tax and Employer's NI Period 10
13.2.23	NEST pension	33.28	DD	Pension contribution 'ees and 'ers
13.2.23	Clerk for EE DD	20.76	Chq	Clerk's phone for February
13.2.23	Glasdon	4559.49	Chq	Benches
13.2.23	Curry's	44.99	Chq	New lead for laptop
13.2.23	WR Institute	24.00	Chq	Room hire for February meeting
		6015.63		

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

The Clerk would check details regarding signatories of the new Unity Trust account. ***Action: The Clerk.***

547/23 MEMBERS' TRAINING COURSES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would provide training budget figures for the council, as well as a list of training completed and planned. **Action: The Clerk.**

548/23 **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Paul Ryan to the council and to request that he attends a training course for new councillors. **Action: Clerk.**

549/23 **CO-OPTION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

It was **RESOLVED** to add this to the next agenda for discussion. **Action: Clerk.**

550/23 **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

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

None to answer.

Council voted to continue with the meeting after 9pm.

551/23 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

552/23 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

553/23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED the next meeting to be held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.

MEETING CLOSED at 9.08pm