

## **WESTON RHYN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Rhyn Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.

**PRESENT:** 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 P Ryan, Cllr P Smith, Cllr J Wallace (11)

**Also:** Shrops Cllr M Jones

**The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman, Cllr P Barnett, in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr A Hughes.** Cllr Barnett expressed the thanks of the Parish Council to Cllr A Hughes, for being Chairman of the Council for the past two years.

### **1/23      ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was **proposed by Cllr P Barnett, seconded by Cllr J Bavin and RESOLVED**, to elect Cllr Polly Smith as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year, 2023-2024.

Cllr Smith accepted the nomination and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Smith was congratulated and the meeting continued.

### **2/23      ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was **proposed by Cllr J Bavin, seconded by Cllr P Smith and RESOLVED**, to elect Cllr P Barnett as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year, 2023-2024.

Cllr P Barnett accepted the nomination.

### **3/23      PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public present.

### **4/23      APOLOGIES**

Cllr A Hughes (work).  
Shrops. Cllr R Macey (personal)

### **5/23      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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.

### **6/23      MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were confirmed and signed, with one amendment on 592/23. **RESOLVED.**

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## **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**

Cllr M Jones gave a verbal report.

- In the Boundary consultation, it had been suggested to put St. Martins and Weston Rhyn together. It was a huge area however. The Parish Council was allowed to comment.
- The Council was trying to raise the profile of fostering. 86% of council's income goes into social care.
- Cllr Jones explained about the sad situation of the accident in Fairfield.

## **CHAIRMAN**

There was no report this month.

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## **PLANNING ISSUES AND APPLICATIONS**

1 – Reference: 23/01793/DIS

**Address:** Preesgweene Farm Preesgweene Weston Rhyn Oswestry Shropshire SY10 7SU

**Proposal:** Discharge of Conditions 3 (Gas Risk Assessment), 6 (Drainage), 7 (Bat and Bird Boxes), 8 (External Lighting) and 9 (Landscaping) of planning permission 22/03640/FUL. **No comments**

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## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

A list had been included in the Agenda Pack.

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## **NO. 6 AQUEDUCT COTTAGES**

The Parish Council had received no feedback from Shrops. Cllr Rob Macey regarding this. The Clerk was asked to send an email to Cllr Macey asking for an update. **Action: Clerk**

11/23

## **CIL FUNDING**

The Clerk was in touch with the previous clerk regarding this and would update council as soon as a reply was received. It was also noted that Mr. E West would be attending the Annual Community Meeting. **Action: Clerk**

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## **ANNUAL MEETING – REVIEW OF POLICIES**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following policies:

Risk Assessment

Insurance Policy (3 year term)

Code of Conduct

Financial Regulations

Complaints Procedure

Standing Orders

13/23 **ANNUAL MEETING – COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

SALC Area Committee – Cllr P Barnett

Weston Rhyn Village Institute – Cllr P Ryan

Weston Rhyn Primary School – Cllr J Wallace

**COMMUNITY**

14/23 **BUS SERVICES AND BUS SHELTERS**

**Bus Service** – The Clerk was asked to request a reply from Arriva Buses.

**Action: Clerk**

**Bus Shelters** – Cllr Mattocks would prepare a report for the July meeting.

**Action: Cllr Mattocks**

15/23 **PLACE PLANS**

Cllrs Mattocks, Layland and Herbert would create a poll that could be distributed via the website, to gain some feedback from residents.

It was noted that the group needed to meet as this was time sensitive.

It was also noted that the timescale provided by Shropshire Council was unreasonable. The chairman asked for a report back for the June meeting.

**Action: Cllrs Mattocks, Layland and Herbert**

**REPORTS**

16/23 **REPORT FROM GREEN SHOOTS**

No report.

17/23 **REPORT FROM WESTON RHYN TRUST**

No report

18/23 **DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ISSUES IN THE PARISH**

Nothing to report. **Action: Cllr P Barnett**

19/23 **WATER ISSUE AT THE BOTTOM OF TRAP BANK**

Nothing to report. **Action: Cllr P Barnett**

20/23 **FINGER POST**

Nothing to report. **Action: Cllr P Barnett**

21/23 **DOG BINS IN THE PARISH**

A request had been received for a Dog Bin to be placed at the top of Oaklands Road, near a grassed area, not next to the bench. The Clerk would write to Shropshire Council about this. **Action: Clerk**

22/23 **CAR PARK ADJACENT TO POACHER'S PUB**

This was adjourned to a future meeting to await information from Cllr Rowlands. **Action: Cllr Rowlands**

23/23 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING**

It was earlier noted that Shropshire Council Officer, Mr E West would attend the meeting.

24/23 **BIODIVERSITY TRAINING – Cllr P HERBERT**

Cllr Herbert had attended a useful course and reported back to Council. The Clerk would check the law surrounding Biodiversity policy in England. **Action: Clerk**

25/23 **LOCAL BOUNDARY REVIEW CONSULTATION**

The Council viewed the current suggestions unfavourably.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Smith would formulate a comment for the consultation. **Action: Cllr Smith**

26/23 **SHROPSHIRE CYCLING AND WALKING PLAN CONSULTATION**

It was **RESOLVED** to support the suggestions, such as designated signage on the cycle routes etc. The chairman agreed to formulate a reply based on the discussion. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Smith**

***Shropshire Cllr M Jones left the meeting at 8.30pm.***

**HIGHWAYS**

27/23 **WERN TURN VISIBILITY ISSUE**

There had been no update from Shrops. Cllr R Macey. The Clerk would request an update. **Action: Clerk**

28/23 **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

The council was updated with some of the work that had taken place in the village. Station Road would be worked on this week and Pont Faen bridge had been completed.

29/23 **STREETLIGHTING ISSUES**

The light at Holly Grange was still not working. The Clerk would report this again. **Action: Clerk**

**LED STREETLIGHT UPGRADES**

Cllr A Hughes would be asked to report back on the upgrades. Cllr P Herbert was looking at grid references or What3Words for the digital mapping. Cllr A Hughes would be asked to help with acquiring a map and updating the inventory. **Action: Cllrs Hughes and Herbert**

## **FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

30/23

### **PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED** to confirm payment of;

	To <b>authorise the payments</b> as per the schedule below			
	NW = Nat West		UT = Unity Trust	
18.5.23	Scottish Power	834.13	DD NW	Streetlighting Energy
15.5.23	Clerk	718.79	BACS UT	Administration for May 2023
15.5.23	HMRC	201.15	BACS UT	Tax and Employer's NI Period 1
15.5.23	NEST pension	35.48	DD NW	Pension contribution 'ees and 'ers
15.5.23	Clerk for EE DD	23.75	BACS UT	Clerk's phone for April
15.5.23	St John's Church	30.00	Chq UT	Annual Community Meeting room hire and refreshments
15.5.23	WR Institute	24.00	Chq UT	Room hire for May meeting
21.4.23	Jones Brothers	1530.00	BACS UT	Benches
1.6.23	BHIB	1325.35	BACS UT	Insurance
15.5.23	ETC Sawmills	87.42	BACS UT	P3 items
15.5.23	SALC affiliation fees	1149.45	BACS UT	April 23 – March 24 fees
15.5.23	Highline	360.00	BACS UT	5803 - Palmantmawr
		<b>6313.52</b>		

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

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### **IT, WEBSITE AND LOGO**

The Clerk updated the council on progress.

A meeting had been held with the website designer and the new website was ready to be worked on. Email addresses would be available within the week. The logo was almost completed.

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### **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

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

None to answer.

33/23

### **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

The main items of correspondence would be shared with the council.

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**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Councillors were reminded to send in items for the agenda, by the Monday before a meeting.

The state of the pavements; difficult for electric wheelchairs/prams.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7pm, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute.

**MEETING CLOSED at 8.50pm**