

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of meeting held on Saturday 14th January 2012

Present: RB Swancott (Chairman), BJ Williams, GL Morgan, RJ Matthews, RT Davis, R Lewis, IG Waters

In Attendance: NJ Hartin (SC), R Harrowing (Clerk) and members of the public

- 12.1/1. Apologies for absence: none
- 12.1/2. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on November 24th 2011 were approved and signed.
- 12.1/3. Declaration of interests: RT Davis and BJ Williams declared an interest in item 12.1/11 a.
- 12.1/4. Public Speaking: One members of the public spoke by prior arrangement with the Chair: Subjects included a number of questions regarding ongoing issues that the Council were unable to deal with immediately.
- 12.1/5. SLCC Membership: **Resolved:** To join the Society of Local Council Clerks
- 12.1/6. **Resolved:** To publish draft minutes on the Llink web-site and notice board
- 12.1/7. **Resolved:** To form a working party to put together proposals for required policies and other required Council documentation – to report back at the next Council meeting.
- 12.1/8. Local Joint Committee (**moved item from 12.1.13** The NJC has negotiated reduced cost training with ALC. A discussion on training for Councillors resulting in Councillors deciding to show interest in various training courses run by ALC.
- 12.1/9. **Finance:**
- Resolved:** To continue with Zurich Insurance
 - Resolved:** To donate £50 towards Llink (section 137 compliance)
 - A budget proposal was presented to the Council showing the long term effect of not raising the precept. GL Morgan proposed a 50% rise in the precept and after discussions it was **Resolved** to raise the precept by 50% to enable the Parish Council to keep a reasonable contingency reserve
 - Mandate form change of address – ongoing
- 12.1/10. **Planning** in the Parish
- Solar panels at The Graig – it was reported that this had already been passed by Shropshire Council
 - Future planning procedure. **Resolved:** to delegate powers to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair.
- 12.1/11. **Highways:**
- Severn Trent Survey – it was reported that the water pipe in the Llanfair Waterdine Charity Trust field was 6 foot away from the hedge and 3 foot deep. The Council **Resolved:** to write to the charity to ask for approval for help with the passing place scheme.
 - NPower – tree at church – it was reported that the required works would be carried out in respect of branches interfering with the power lines only.
 - Road safety in Llanfair Waterdine. It was reported that a survey had been undertaken by RB Swancott and many residents had responded. The overall consensus was that there was a problem with speed through Llanfair Waterdine, but there was no clear consensus on a resolution to the problem. NJ Hartin (SC) suggested that the Council contact Glyn Shaw of Shropshire Council Traffic Management for advice and invite him on a site visit. **Resolved:** to contact Glyn Shaw
 - R Lewis wished to thank members of the parish he had seen helping to improve the road
 - It was reported that some parishioners were having problems with the height of the post box and notice board. IG Waters volunteered to put up a rail to help people up the steps.
 - It was suggested that yellow grit bins be provided and a number of other road issues were raised and will be brought to the attention of Mr Martin
- 12.1/12. Charity Commission Report on the Llanfair Waterdine Charitable Trust. This will be made available to the Parish Councillors. It was reported that the Charity were not currently having meetings.
- 12.1/13. Reports by Members:
- NJ Hartin (SC) reported various changes in relation to the Localism Act that would affect the working of the Council and implications for the public. He also talked about the reduced Shropshire Council budget and savings of £72 million. He invited members of the Council and public to the next LJC meeting, to be held in Bishops Castle on the 7th of February.
- RB Swancott reported that Philip Dunn MP was a possible speaker at the Parish Annual Meeting. **Resolved:** To invite Philip Dunn MP and hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 29th of May 2012
- 12.1/14. Correspondence – 4 items were brought to the attention of the Council
- 12.1/15. Date of Next Meeting: It is proposed to hold the next MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL on Saturday the 24th of March 2012 at EVEREST HALL commencing at 6.00pm (subject to confirmation).