

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2009 AT EVEREST HALL AT 7.30PM.

Councillors Present: GE Morgan (chairman); BJ Williams; RT Davies; LW George; RB Swancott.

09.11/01 Apologies for absence: NJ Hartin (Shropshire Council); IG Waters. In attendance: Clerk Anne Singleton.

09.11/02. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on Tuesday 15th September 2009 were approved as a true record, and signed by the chairman.

09.11/03 Urgent Business: There were no items of urgent business.

09.11/04 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

09.11/05 Public Speaking: No members of the public attended.

09.11/06 Planning: (a) The chairman reported that he had not been notified of any planning applications or approvals from Shropshire Council. (b) There were no applications of interest in adjoining parishes.

09.11/07. Finance: (i) The Clerk reported the current Cash Book balance was £1129.57 p. (ii) Accounts for payment –(ii) There were no accounts due for payment. The chairman reported on payments made to (i) npower £21.97p., Hall Rental £15.00p. (iii) The Clerk reported on Mazars Annual Return. After the Clerk's discussions with Mazars they have agreed to waive their fees for 2008/2009. (iv) The Clerk also reported the rebate for administrative charges from npower had not yet been received. (v) Shropshire Council intend to charge for local elections at £2 per head of the electorate, rather than the actual costs as they had originally intended. This will save the parish several hundred pounds. (vi) The budget review for next year was undertaken. Members expressed a desire to keep the precept as low as possible. It was agreed to request a precept of £950 next year.

09.11/08 Highways: (i) Members raised a number of points relating to the condition of the roads generally.

(ii) It was agreed to ask Shropshire Council to look at the problem with potholes between Sellev Hall and Purlogue, this section of road is not in our parish but is used by the school transport every day. (iii) Shropshire Council have agreed to review the road signage in the village with regard to speed measures. The Surveyor will meet interested parties when a date has been agreed, likely to be early next year.

09.11/09 Members Reports: (a) There was no report from Shropshire Council in the absence of Cllr NJ Hartin.

(b) Parish Councillors: There were no reports from parish councillors but concerns were raised about overhanging trees on parish roads.

09.11/10 Health Focus Group: The Clerk reported on a meeting she attended when Mr Jim Price of Knighton was elected chairman of the East Radnor and Borders Health Focus Group. Stroke care in Powys was discussed and it is hoped that a specialist team will be appointed to serve our area. The cost of community care for the elderly' in Wales differs from one area to another. The Welsh Assembly proposes a cap on the cost of home care at £50 per week. Shropshire has the highest number of people receiving free care in England.

09.11/11 Local Joint Committee Meeting: The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting at Newcastle Community Centre. Many' issues were raised by local groups. The lack of Broadband, mobile phone signals and DAB radio reception was highlighted. The Police were asked to prevent speeding in villages and to look out for drinking and driving offences. The Police stated they hoped to visit every parish with a view to enforcing legislation. Local Councils may' be overridden on planning matters if development is felt to be in the national interest. NHS border problems were raised again.

409.11/12 Standards Committee: Each councillor was given a copy of a booklet entitled Standards in Local Government issued by Shropshire Council.

09.11/13 Correspondence: (i) Newtown and District Automobile Club informed of a rally on 26 November. (ii) A questionnaire on street cleaning was received the Clerk to complete and return.

09.11/14 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 730pm at Everest Hall.

Anne Singleton

Signed Chairman G L Morgan

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