

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2011

Present: GL Morgan (Chairman), BJ Williams (joined after item #3), RB Swancott, RJ Matthews, RT Davies, IG Waters

In Attendance: R Harrowing (Clerk) and members of the public

- 11.9/1.** Resignation of Chairman
GL Morgan announced that he was standing down as Chair with immediate effect. Nominations were requested for Chair and GL Morgan proposed RB Swancott.
RESOLVED that RB Swancott be elected Chairman. RB Swancott made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took the Chair.
- 11.9/2.** Apologies for absence: None
- 11.9/3.** Minutes:
The Minutes of the meeting held on July 19th 2011 were approved and signed.
- 11.9/4.** Declaration of interests: None
- 11.9/5.** Public Speaking:
Members of the public were given the opportunity to give a short address (with approval of the Chair)
A member of the public spoke about a recent public meeting being a good idea but not well advertised. He said that certain points raised in that meeting were not brought to the Parish Council meeting. He asked if the Council was aware of any complaint regarding the advertising of the vacancy for Clerk. He suggested that a public forum should be organised for the candidates in the upcoming parish election, to give the candidates an opportunity to air their views.
The Chair addressed concerns and specifically stated that items were brought to the Parish Council meeting that were considered important. He stated that he was not aware of any complaints regarding the advertising of the Clerk's post.
The Chair asked the Council if they thought it was a good idea to organise a public meeting for the candidates in the upcoming election. Although some Councillors thought this a good idea, it was agreed that it would be up to the candidates themselves to organise such a meeting if they wanted to.
- 11.9/6.** Planning applications in the Parish: None
- 11.9/7.** Finances: A statement of finances will be given at the next meeting. It was agreed that a donation of £350 be given towards the Llanfair Defibrillator.
- 11.9/8.** Highways:
i. Severn Trent Survey: No news – this will be on the next agenda
ii. NPower – tree at church: No news – this will be on the next agenda
- 11.9/9.** Reports by Members: Joan Adams Trust - Report on Charity Commission concerns:
The Chair reported that questions had been put to the Charity Commission and they had replied stating that they had written to the charity trustees in relation to those questions. He suggested that the Council now wait to see what the trustees decide to do in light of the Charity Commission's response to the trustees.
RT Davies reported that the trustees had not received any complaints.

The Council resolved that members of the public be allowed to speak at this point, and a number of issues were raised, including a view that any complaints relating to the charity should be set down in writing, and a concern that arguments over this matter were having a detrimental effect on the community.

The Council having reconvened, further discussion took place. It was noted, inter alia, that the charity land was rented out after an auction.

RESOLVED that the vacancy for a trustee on the Llanfair Parish Charities be advertised, with a deadline of 21st October, and an appointment be made thereafter.

(Councillors BJ Williams and RT Davies declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and took no part in the voting thereon)

- 11.9/10.** Local Joint Committee - Grant application Status: The Council noted that the_LJC will not fund speed signs for the village
- 11.9/11.** Vacancy for Parish Councillor: It was noted that two nominations had been received by Shropshire Council. The election would take place on the 20th of October unless one of the candidates withdraws.
- 11.9/12.** Correspondence:
- i. The NALC had sent a new guide: *How to respond to planning applications*. This was passed to members to look at.
 - ii. A leaflet for public distribution regarding a local health forum
- 11.9/13.** Other Business: The Minutes of the special meeting held on the 6th of September (meeting relating to the appointment of a new clerk) were approved and signed
- 11.9/14.** Date of Next Meeting: 15th November at 7.30 pm

The Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.