

WESTON UNDER PENYARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2015 at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT S Lewis (Chairman) L Dunn B Davies J Duthie G Weston R Barker C Bailey D Byrne C Chinn

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor H Bramer and 4 residents

1. OPEN DISCUSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

H Bramer described the following highlights from Herefordshire Council budget review. A saving of £42 million is required by 2020 within Herefordshire Council. From the consultation period to date some 1400 respondents have been received from a potential of 185000. Care and public health continues to take the largest part of the budget. It is hoped that the Ross on Wye library will not close and to this objective several directions are being investigated. Various budget segments are under review for savings being rural transport, general maintenance of the County, buildings and their management, parking fees and taxes.

3. APOLOGIES L Kearns

4. CO OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Three new members were appointed to the Council D Byrne R Barker and C Bailey being proposed by B Davies seconded by L Dunn and agreed by all members present. The new members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will return their Registrable Interest forms to the Monitoring Officer at Herefordshire Council.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Dog bins (3) have been delivered to Pontshill and will be installed by our Lengthsman. Overgrown hedges onto roads have been reported to Balfour Beatty. It was reported that overgrown hedges from Bartwood Lane to Dancing Green also require attention.

8. REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICERS None received.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Second payment precept £5000.00 received.

CAB has responded with a letter of appreciation (£200.00 contribution from Parish Council). Payments agreed:

Data Orchard Neighbourhood Plan £660.00

Dog bins £442.80

Clerk fee £344.00 Administration £52.50

Travel £24.30 Office expenses £21.65

10. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

The meeting was minded that the Leadership Trust have withdrawn their planning application for proposed new homes.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE AND STEERING GROUP PROPOSALS (PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS)

D Crocker representing the Steering Group reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well now at Regulation 17 leading to the next stage of an external examiner. It was resolved that the Chairman together with Steering Group members make the final decision as to which external examiner is selected, being proposed by J Duthie seconded by C Chinn and agreed by all members present.

Regarding the 2 proposed sites for development (each side of the A40) it was resolved after discussion that the Chairman and other Parish Council members as available attend future meetings with the 2 developers and Herefordshire Council Planning together with Steering Group members.

Regarding the proposals from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (attached to the main minutes and distributed to all Parish Council members).

Planning applications/assistance to the Parish Council:

Following discussion it was resolved that this should be reviewed on an annual basis. In the meantime any decision on this matter is deferred until the NPlan referendum is completed being proposed by C Bailey seconded by C Chinn and agreed by all members present.

Community Projects:

4 projects were proposed: Road Safety/Services and Facilities/Sustaining the Rural Environment/Community Right to Bid.

The meeting was minded that grant funding most probably will not be available for these projects and also that following an initial investigation of a selected project it may not be viable to continue with this project.

The following resolutions were made.

Each project group will have both Parish Council members NPlan Steering Group members and members of the public.

The Parish Council will form the structure of the projects selected for each team group.

The projects are made known to all residents through the Weston News for the opportunity to participate in this programme.

From public response the priority of the projects will then be decided.

12. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS APPLICATIONS 159888 AND 143842

Reference is made to Section 11 participation of Parish Council members and Steering Group members with the developers and Herefordshire Council.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

No further comments were made.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND NOT REQUIRING A FINANCIAL DECISION

No comments were made.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Transparency Code and elements of communication.

Litter in the Parish.

New use of the adopted Red Telephone Box.

Budget proposals for financial year 2016/17.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT WESTON VILLAGE HALL.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.33 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date