



**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 7th March 2019
at 7.30 p.m. at Weston village hall.**

Present: Chairman Linda Dunn, Rod Barker, Chris Morris, Bryan Davies, Paul Marshall, Martin Firman, Linda McGill & Liam Kearns
In attendance: Nick Richmond, Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None received.

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.

No declarations made.

3. Open Forum.

To receive the views of local residents on parish matters

No members of the public present

4. Minutes of previous meetings.

- 4.1 To agree and sign the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 10th January 2019. It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 10th January 2019
- 4.2 Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 29th January were not placed on the agenda for agreement so will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

5. Resignation of Councillor Greg Weston

This was noted but on advice from HALC it was decided not to advertise for a new councillor due to the imminence of full elections of the Council in May.

6. Parish Council Elections 2nd May 2019

Election notices are to be displayed on the notice boards and website on 12th March, and the closing date for applications is 3rd April. Application packs were handed out and it was agreed that Rod Barker would take the completed forms to Ross Library on 28th March (between 10.am and 4.00pm) on behalf of all the councillors who are standing again. The clerk is asked to confirm that this is permitted. Bryan Davies advised that he would retire before the election but would attend the April meeting. The Chairman thanked him for his many years of service to the Parish.

7. Highways

- 7.1 The Parish Clerk from Hope Mansell had advised that a car accident had happened in Bartwood Lane on the border of our Parishes and asked if WUP Parish Council would clear some passing places along the road. Liam Kearns offered to look into this with the

Lengthsman Wayne to see what could be done. Bryan Davies had met with Balfour Beatty concerning hedge trimming in that area so the Clerk is to contact BB to ask them to pursue this with landowners in the area.

- 7.2 Re-siting of the 30 mph speed limit sign on the A40 to be taken up with Balfour Beatty.

8. Lengthsman

Liam will contact Wayne and advise him that the Council ask that all outstanding work is completed by the end of March. If he is unable to or does not finish these then the Chairman will advise him that Council will look for alternative contractors.

9. Footpaths

Nothing to report other than a gate spring at the top of the Church car park that needs replacing which Wayne will be asked to do.

10. Planning

No new planning applications were received. Bryan Davies asked if Freemans had planning permission to remove hedges in front of the new housing development. The Chairman said she would look through the relevant planning decisions.

11. Policies

The equal Opportunities and Freedom of Information policies were approved with the proviso that the freedom of information policy was amended to state all the sections were available on the website as well as by hard copy supplied by the Clerk.

12. Finance

- 12.1 The bank balances were noted as £ 28,843.99 and £ 3,522.84
- 12.2 The budget v spend report was also noted. A figure representing unreceived budget precept of £ 6,250 will be removed as it has been received.
- 12.3 It was agreed to pay all the invoices presented as shown below:
- 12.3 (a) Additional £ 78.00 to cover Balfour Beatty traffic assessment at western approach to the village on the A40.
 - 12.3 (b) £100.00 for Clerk to attend CiLCA Finance one day course at HALC.
 - 12.3 (c) £13.00 Clerk travel expenses to HALC Hereford for briefing meeting.
 - 12.3 (d) £13.50 Chair expenses to travel to Parish Summit January 2019.
 - 12.3 (e) £17.90 Vice chair expenses £17.90 to Parish Summit October 2018.
 - 12.3 (f) £149.04 Clerk salary February.
 - 12.3 (g) £37.20 Clerk tax February.
 - 12.3 (h) £1,020.00 Balfour Beatty re SID's.
 - 12.3 (i) £ 720.11 HALC Affiliation fee and Subscription.
- 12.4 It was agreed to outsource the Clerks payroll provided that the cost did not exceed £ 150.00

13. Parish Projects

13.2 SID – Rod had provided an update and explained the requirement for an additional cheque for a speed assessment. The speed assessment will be carried out on the Ross side of the A40 on week beginning 29th March.

13.3/4 No updates.

13.5 An enquiry had been received concerning council support for an aboreal talk to encourage residents to look after trees. The Chairman will speak to the Tree Surveyor Paul to see if he will give a presentation before the May annual meeting. It was also agreed to hold a litter pick on the weekend of 13th & 14th April in conjunction with the Herefordshire Spring Clean.

14. Sponsorship of Community Champion's Award

Nomination forms to be launched in the Parish Council Booklet.

15. Parish Council Booklet

Expenditure of £ 200.00 was approved for the printing of 500 booklets from a company in Newent who will supply the artwork and layout free. A draft will be produced for the May meeting.

16. Correspondence

16.1 Dogs barking at Lower Foxall has been reported to the Planning Enforcement officer in Hereford who has said it is being considered by their legal department.

16.2 The yellow line markings outside Weston Village School are considered by Council as appropriate and as having added to road safety.

16.3 Council supports an event to be organized by Bromford to allow residents to express an interest in affordable housing and will publicise the meeting upon receipt of information from Bomfords.

16.4 No information was received.

16.5 Council decided to repair or replace the seat at Penyard Gardens using Council funds.

16.6 The e-mails from John Smart will receive more detailed examination and be place on next meeting's agenda.

16.7 The issue of abusive cyclists on the Penyard has been reported to the Forestry Commission and we understand a landowner has involved the police. No more can be done by the Council.

17. Items raised for the next agenda

17.1 Traffic Calming

17.2 Outcome of the application for a Lottery grant for the boiler for the village hall.

17.3 Replacement of bench near Penyard Gardens

17.4 Suggestion for a scheme to invite bids from Parishioners for village projects.

18. Date and place of the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th April at 7.30 pm at Weston Village Hall

Signed *Linda Dunn* **Chairman**