



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019
At 7.30pm at Weston Village Hall**

Present Linda Dunn (Chair) Rod Barker (Vice Chairman), Chris Morris, Paul Marshall, Martin Firman, Linda McGill, Liam Kearns, Greg Weston

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Deirdre Byrne and Bryan Davies.

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

Linda Dunn & Rod Barker– item 9.6

3. Open Forum

To receive the views of local residents on Parish matters

No matters raised.

4. To agree and sign the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018

It was RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018

5. Highways.

5.1 To consider issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty.

No new issues for reporting, but **it was resolved** that the Chair would contact Balfour Beatty again to request action on street signs.

6. Lengthsman

6.1 The bridge at Pontshill had been cleared of silt and wood, and the drainage pipe cleared.

6.2 The Chair had met with the Lengthsman to consider the grip at Bollitree. No more work could be done by the Lengthsman. BB would need to contact the landowner so that work could be done to lower the level of the field adjacent to the grip so that water could flow from the road. **It was resolved** that BB be contacted to arrange this.

6.3 No action had yet been taken over clearing the triangle at Bollitree.

6.4 The Chair reported that a new spreadsheet had been created which would record the work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

7. Footpaths.

7.1 The footpaths Officer reported that the barbed wire on fencing on footpath WP 14B was incorrectly located. The barbed wire should be on the landowner's side of the fence posts, not the footpath side. In its current position it posed a danger to users of the footpath. The Footpaths Officer would provide a document to support this. **It was resolved** that the Chair would meet the Landowner to discuss this, and the reasons for the tree felling which had taken place.

7.2 The stile at footpath WP4 at Pontshill would be replaced with a gate and a new way marker installed. **It was resolved** that the Chair would contact the landowner so that a gate could be installed.

7.3 The Lengthsman would replace the spring closure on the gate on footpath WP11A (Church Field) and the gate at Hildersley WP23.

7.4 An email from a parishioner was referred to action work needed on footpaths within the parish. The parishioner had agreed to provide a map showing all footpaths in the parish, with their WP numbers to facilitate the identification of paths where work was needed.

8. Planning.

8.1 (a) P184383 Ryeford Farm, Ryeford. Construction of new block to form a garage and ancillary accommodation. Supported. **It was resolved** to submit the representation tabled.

8.1 (b) P1833923 Land to the south east of the Old Chapel, Lea Bailey. Proposed stable/store room with hardstanding and change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian. Supported. **It was resolved** to submit the representation tabled.

8.1 (c) P184675 Model Farm Cottage, Hildersley. Variation of condition 23 of Hybrid Planning P173600/O. Supported with conditions. **It was resolved** to submit the representation tabled.

9. Finance.

9.1 It was noted that the bank balance was £29,435, with £3,522 in the "B" account.

9.2 **It was resolved** that the budget report tabled was accepted with minor alterations. The cost of replacement stiles, gates and associated hardware would be checked with Balfour Beatty. The cost may come out of the allocated amount of the P3 scheme made to the council.

9.3 The budget for year commencing April 2019 was discussed. Amendments were made. **It was resolved** that the budget be agreed. An email from a parishioner had suggested that the Council should spend some of its accumulated money within the Parish. An additional amount of £5000 had been added to the budget. A notice would be placed in the Weston News and on the website asking for suggestions for Parish improvements.

9.4 **It was resolved** that the precept for 2019/20 remain the same at £12,500.

9.5 **It was resolved** that the invoices presented should be paid:

HALC	£66
Lengthsman	£260
Ross Gazette	£235 + VAT

9.6 Village Hall New Boiler. The Chair and Vice Chair having a non-pecuniary interest in this item left the room. Cllr Kearns assumed the Chair.

After discussion that the hall was a community asset **it was resolved** that the Council make a donation of up to £5000 towards the replacement of the boiler. It was noted that a Lottery Grant had been applied for, and so the full amount of this donation may not be needed.

10 Parish Projects report.

10.1 SID update. BB had expressed concern that verges within the 30mph zone to the west of the village was not wide enough to accommodate a SID unit. **It was resolved** that the BB representative be invited for a site visit.

10.2 Community right to bid. No report.

10.3 Service and facilities: A litter pick had taken place on December 8th. Only 4 volunteers had been present.

10.4 Sustaining the Rural Environment. No report

11. Parish Council Booklet.

11.1 Cllr Firman reported that the project was progressing and that a draft would be presented to the March meeting.

12. Champions' Award

12.1 A draft proposal for the operation of the scheme was circulated and agreed. **It was resolved** to place an advertisement for recommendations in the Weston News and on the website.

13 Recruitment of Clerk

Advertisements had been placed in the Weston News and the Ross Gazette. No response had yet been received. An individual had also been approached but had not yet responded.

14. Complaint about noise.

14.1 The new manager at Penyard House had been contacted. She had not received other complaints and confirmed that noise level decibels were within regulations. However, this would be checked. She agreed to notify residents when fireworks were to be let off.

15. Cyclists on the Penyard.

15.1 The Chair had contacted the Forestry Commission, who had not proved helpful. A new contact in Coleford would be approached. A new cycling development officer had been appointed by the Forestry Commission and would be contacted.

16. Date of next meeting.

16.1 **It was resolved** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in Weston-under-Penyard Village Hall.
There would be no meeting in February unless urgent parish/planning matters needed to be discussed.

.....
Signed

.....
Date