

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 17 October 2022 held in Westbury Parish Hall

PRESENT: Councillors - P Ensor
D Hill
A Hyett
D Landon – Vice
S Phelps – Chairman
B Stephens
M Townsend
P Woodman
F Wallbank

Members of the Public: None

1 APOLOGIES and Emergency Procedure: Councillor Radley and CC Robinson
The Chairman welcomed Councillor Stephens who signed his Declaration of Interest.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held 27 September 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 PLANNING MATTERS:

5.1) Applications:

P1257/22/FUL The Paddocks, Goose Lane, Bollow: Erection of a portal frame barn for the storage of specialist forestry machinery & trailers for offsite woodland management (Retrospective)

Comments to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application however are disappointed that the application is retrospective.

5.2) Decisions:

P1116/22/FUL Bojean, Grange Court Road, Adsett: Extension to rear & side of property (alteration to approved plans) P0082/22/FUL - **Granted**

Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

5.3) Site Inspection: None

6 FINANCIAL

6.1) Internal Audit Councillors agreed the payments and the Chairman signed financial sheets

6.2) Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's Salary -October Less Tax Less Tax for August	770.12 20.60 <u>20.60</u> 728.92		Paid
2	Inland Revenue: Tax FJW NIC PC	41.20 <u>3.64</u> 44.84		Paid
3	James Walkey Cox – September	389.68		Paid
4	AM Groundcare – October	1090.00		Paid
5	Online Playgrounds: Wetpour primer Wetpour binder p&p	22.00 30.00 9.17 <u>VAT 12.23</u> 73.40		Paid
	Totals:	£2326.84	£0.00	

7 MATTERS ARISING:

7.1) Highways Matters:

Potholes: Large pothole outside Marwents Farm

Hunthill: A large sum of money needs to be spent on Hunthill as the road is subsiding – money not currently available

Gratings A48: These are full and need jetting

7.2) Burial Ground: Proposed extension: The Clerk reported as follows:

- The PWLB grant had been submitted to GAPTC and had been acknowledged
- The Clerk had emailed Hayley Fearnside but to date had not received a reply. **Clerk to chase.**
- The PC had received an email asking what the PC intended to do with the part of the new field that the School did not want to rent. The Councillors agreed that it would be prudent for the PC to wait until the financial position returns to a stronger balance and then consider what would be appropriate.

Request to Site a Bench: The Clerk had been in correspondence with Mrs Nicholl and a site meeting would be arranged next month. Once she had a design for the bench she would seek the Parish Council's approval.

Request for a Memorial Tree: The Parish Council had received a request for a memorial tree in memory of Anthony Ayland. Councillors agreed with the proposal however the species of the tree would not grow over 15'. **Clerk to respond to the applicant with the stipulations and state that the PC reserve the right to manage the tree as appropriate**

7.3) Play Area: Councillor Townsend said that he would carry out some further patching works.

7.4) Footpaths: The Clerk reported she had not heard from Jeff Wheeler with dates for the proposed meeting between him, the Chairman and Councillors Ensor and Radley. **Clerk to organise.**

Councillor Townsend said that a tree had fallen on the bridlepath in Ley Park at the St John's Point end. This had now been dealt with.

7.5) Climate Change: Nothing to report.

7.6) Westbury Drs Surgery: The PHC are getting very little information from those bodies involved and there is no further information on a 40mph speed limit from top of Wintles Hill to the 30mph through the village and then suggestion of 40mph to the top of Jordans Hill. Following recent accidents Councillors felt the 40mph zone should be extended to Newnham and certainly Elton Corner.

It was agreed that the Parish Council are fully supported of the Drs Surgery continuing at the Parish

Hall.

7.7) Bus Shelter reports: The Clerk took the Councillors through the reports – the main problem is vegetation surrounding the bus shelter and it was agreed to ask Mr Parkes if he could help with this task. **Clerk to email Mr Parkes.** At the bus shelter at Ley Lane the vegetation is coming from the adjoining property so it was agreed that the Clerk would email the owner of the property. **Clerk to write a letter.**

7.8) Risk Assessment: The Clerk had circulated a new updated risk assessment prior to the meeting. New items needed to be added eg the 4 telephone boxes and the carpark at The Strand. **Clerk to amend the Risk Assessment and recirculate.**

8 CORRESPONDENCE: None to report

Report from District Councillor:

Local Plan: This has come under heavy criticism from Monmouthshire County Council who feel Beachley is not suitable for further housing due to the traffic problems that already exist in Chepstow. They feel what is needed is a Bypass to the North of Chepstow that would cost £150M which would have to be funded by Central Government. Other criticism is that the figures for new housing is unrealistic.

Westbury Care Home: It was agreed that the PC would email CC Robinson to ascertain what the future holds for the building

Inter Parish Council Meeting Group: Met recently with Nigel Gibbons in attendance who was able to answer all Questions and Queries raised. The Green Party are still pursuing the Churcham development. Two green members of the cabinet have been dismissed from the cabinet.

9 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Nuclear Fusion Plant: Looks like Gloucestershire County Council has been unsuccessful with their bid. Raise with CC Robinson next month.

Stantway Lane: Report of a recent daytime break in. People should stay vigilant.

Mobile Library: Councillor Townsend asked if the library service restart their service in NWG Hall – the residents found this very useful. **Clerk to write to Jane Everiss at GCC and copy of CC Robinson**

Litter pick: Councillor Landon said this was going ahead on Saturday, 22 October and had advertised on Facebook however she had had little response. The Chairman had the bags, hops etc.

Westbury Young Farmers: 6 young farmers have ridden their bikes from Lands End to John O'Groats and were raising money for Brain Tumours – the target was £10,000 however to date they have raised £34,000 which is a tremendous achievement. The Parish Council would like to commend all those involved.

Telephone Kiosk Westbury: Put on the agenda for the November.

Meeting Dates 2023: These have been circulated to the Councillors and book in with the Parish Hall.

Bus Service: Stagecoach are proposing to withdraw the 748 Bus Service – for those School children who live more than half a mile from their schools this service takes delivers them to school

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21 November 2022 at 7pm

Meeting closed 21.00pm