

Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Llanwarne Village Hall on

Thursday 19th January 2023

Present: Councillors: Jason Pacey (Chairman), Rosey Price, Rowena Williams, Rick Guest, James Roberts, Anthony Snell and Harry Holt.

Ward Councillor Toni Fagan.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** –Councillors Pat Roberts, Paula Snow and Brian Goodwin.
2. **To receive declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation** – None.
3. **Smartwater Presentation** – Mr Nicholas Hall delivered a presentation on the Smartwater scheme explaining that it is a forensic marker designed to deter burglars from stealing personal possessions. Provided at least 80% of the population of Llanwarne sign up the Police and Crime Commissioner will cover 25% of the cost of the kits. Free signage will also be provided if at least 75% of the population register for the scheme.
4. **To consider the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2022** - It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record and these were duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **To note the status of Resolutions passed at the meeting held on the 17th November 2022.** The Clerk provided a written update on resolutions passed at the last meeting and specifically commented on the following issues:
 - 5.1. Lengthsman Contract – No progress to report in acquiring a signed contract from the Lengthsman.
 - 5.2. Despite submitting a request to Balfour Beatty via the Herefordshire Council website there is still a problem with standing water at the Coach House.
 - 5.3. The Lengthsman has failed to submit quotations for work on PC3 and PC8. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk hastens as necessary.
6. **Open Session** - To receive views from residents on parish matters. The following issues were raised.
 - 6.1. It was reported that there is water seeping into the cellar of Lower Grove next door to the parish hall. It was RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Councillor Guest will visit Lower Grove to discuss the issue with the property owner.
 - 6.2. Reports of run off onto Gibraltar lane. The Environmental Agency are investigating but it seems that there are issues with the adjacent field and they have written to the landowner. The problem is not limited to this particular field.
 - 6.3. Ward Councillor Fagan will follow up with Balfour Beatty regarding issues on the B3438.
 - 6.4. There are reported problems with a stile on the PROW at Little Newcroft Farm. The PROW team at Herefordshire Council will look to resolve the issue with the landowners.

7. Reports and Updates

7.1. Ward Councillor Fagan raised the following issues:

- 7.1.1. It is expected that there will be a 4.99% increase in the Council Tax for 2023/24.
- 7.1.2. Herefordshire Council are undergoing a transformation strategy during which consideration will be given to the future provision of services.
- 7.1.3. Accessing services on-line will be key with an increased reliance on Talk Community hub at the village hall for this purpose.
- 7.1.4. Herefordshire Council will continue to exploit funding opportunities for capital projects.
- 7.1.5. The Commissioner has submitted her report on Children Services to the Department of Education.

7.2. Locality Steward – No defects were raised.

8. Lengthsman

8.1. Lengthsman Report – No report has been submitted for consideration for this meeting.

9. Footpaths Officer Report - It was noted that a request for 3 replacement stiles has been submitted to Herefordshire Council and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk updates the Locality Steward.

10. Environment

10.1 It was noted that instances of fly tipping on the A49 should be reported to Herefordshire Council via their website or fly tipping app.

10.2 The Chairman commented that there is nothing further to report on the Garron and Gamber Environmental Group since the previous meeting.

11. Planning – To consider the following planning consultations to be determined by Herefordshire Council. None received for consideration at this meeting.

12. Finance

12.1. The bank balance at the end of August 2022 was £13,460.95.

12.2. Councillors approved the following payments:

- 12.2.1. Clerk's Salary for December 2022 and January 2023
- 12.2.2. PAYE – December 2022 and January 2023 - £390.40
- 12.2.3. Clerk's travel costs - £9.90
- 12.2.4. Clerk's storage costs (December 2022 and January 2023) - £30.00
- 12.2.5. Drainage Grant (TGC2089, TGC2090 & TGC2091) - £3,700.00 (ex VAT)¹
- 12.2.6. HALC Training Costs (H1577) - £227.65 (ex VAT)

12.3. Financial Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation 2022/23 – The Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet which suggested that at year end the reserves will be in the region of £9k.

13. Llanwarne Village Hall – There was no further progress to report since the previous meeting.

¹ Reimbursement of these costs has been submitted to Balfour Beatty

14. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Councillors reviewed the decision in January 2016 to abandon plans to pursue the development of a NDP and RESOLVED to defer any action to reverse that decision until there is clarity on forthcoming changes in planning law.

15. Items for the Next Meeting

- 15.1. Litter picking
- 15.2. Outstanding responses from the Lengthsman.

16. Date of the Next Meeting – The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd March 2023² in Llanwarne village hall beginning at 19.30hrs.

Meeting closed at
20.40hrs

Signed

Date

² Due to the unavailability of the village hall the meeting will be held on the 23rd March 2023 rather than the 16th March 2023.