

LYONSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 9th March 2017, 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall

Councillors Present: Cllrs Avery (Chair), Cottrell, Richards, Fitcher, Hutton, Lampitt, Pollock, Oliver, Howard, Turner, Ward Cllr Phillips & Clerk B Bissell.
2 members of the public.

REPORTS – Ward Councillor

Councillors Phillips reported:

- News from Budget – Still waiting confirmation on the social care element. Local schools, who are some of the poorest in the country will likely lose money in the redistribution of funding.
- Herefordshire Council year-end figures hoping to make small surplus. This is due to another mild winter (less salting and fewer potholes) and keeping the social care budget on target.
- Cllr Phillips expressed his disappointment in the lack of inclusion of ward officers in the problems at the doctor's surgery and the uncertainty of Lady Hawkins Sixth Form.
- Parishioner at Rose Hill corner on A44 has requested road enhancements due to verge erosion.

162/16. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Project Officer K Lomax.

163/16. Declaration of Interest and Written Requests for Dispensation on Agenda Items.

There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensation Requests. The Register of Interest was available to sign.

164/16. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting 9th February 2017 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

165/16. Planning

Planning Application recently received:

- 170218 – Land opposite Green Acres, Holmes Marsh, Lyonshall
Proposed erection of new dwelling and detached garage.
Comment – **SUPPORT** unanimously. Good to see a local family return to Lyonshall.

Recent Planning Applications still awaiting determination:

- 170107 – Meadow Cottage (Land Adjacent to Mayberry Cottage), Holmes Marsh
Site for construction of a single dwelling - **SUPPORT**
- 150230 Land opposite The Close
Development of 8 houses – **OBJECTION** – **determination date 15th February 2017.**

Planning Decisions

- 163882 – Land South of Penrhos Farm, Lyonshall
Proposed rural dwelling and package treatment plant – **SUPPORT – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
- 163855 - Upper Holme, Lyonshall, Kington, HR5 3JU.
Proposed replacement porch, detached garage and conversion of adjoining building into annex accommodation. – **SUPPORT - REFUSED**

166/16 Officers' Reports.

- Annual Playground inspection booked.
- Works due to commence on The Royal George Corner by BBLP early March.
- Successful litter pick organised, packs collected and returned to BBLP and 28 full bags arranged for collection.
- Successful quiz night held in the Memorial Hall.

- BT compatible heated and regulation compliance defib box being fitted in the phone box on Monday 13th March.
- Winter mower & strimmer service completed.

All items from previous agenda have been dealt with or are in process.

167/16 Update on Finances.

Balances at end of February 2017:

Community account	£14970.12
Savings account	£14062.66 (including £2.79 interest)
Playground account	£ 598.70
Business Saver account	£ 392.52

Income received since last meeting

Deposit from Lyonshall Social Fund	£ 637.65
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Payments – All approved unanimously.

Clerk's Salary for March 2017 as previously agreed	
Project Officer's Salary for March 2017 as previously agreed	
Clerk's expenses, R Bissell	£ 85.06
Expenses – S. Futchler land registry	£ 16.65 + VAT
M East – Labour, Bus Shelter @ Church	£ 384.00
KBS - Materials for Bus shelter @ Church	£ 306.00 + VAT
Mayglothlings – Portaloo service	£ 40.00 + VAT
Shaun Price – winter gritting	£ 322.50
HMRC	£ 85.40

168/16. NDP Update.

Cllr Avery reported good progress continued at LNDP meetings and reminded that the NDP document would be produced on evidence demonstrated in the parish questionnaires. The group will meet with Louise Kirkup, consultant on Tuesday 14th March to finalise the vision and objective headings in readiness for public consultation, before developing policies to create a draft plan. Cllrs requested inclusion of a policy covering intensive farming units.

169/16 Report from CPRE Poultry Units Study Day.

Cllr Cottrell previously forwarded a written report on the CPRE study day advising a well-attended and presented day covering many local issues. The main points being:

- Should ITU pay business rates?
- Concerns with traffic generated
- Inadequate EA support – Consider ITU as industrial, therefore do not consider smells
- Planning authority deal with as agricultural
- Poor waste management polluting local rivers.
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170/16. Report on Litter Pick & Quiz Night.

The Clerk and Cllr Pollock reported successful events. Cllr Howard thanked everyone for organising in her absence. Over 30 bags collected on the annual litter pick. Over 10 teams at the quiz, £40 profit to be held for use towards future event. It was noted seating around the room for non-quizzers to enjoy the bar was lacking. Next quiz possibly May 2017.

171/16. Report on Kington Library Meeting.

Cllr Richards and Hutton attended the library meeting on 27th February. They reported the library would be funded by Herefordshire Council for the next three years. After this period, it would be under threat of further cuts. Staff will cover from Leominster and it is hoped problems recruiting volunteers can be overcome.

172/16. Reports on Councillor Areas of Responsibility.

Works order for fingerpost on LZ17 has been forwarded to lengthsman.

Lyonshall in Bloom have provided a contribution to Lyonshall Nursery to plant the flower boxes in the village. This would continue for the next season. Maintenance continues by parishioners. Cllr Avery suggested possible purchase of daffodil bulbs for planting in areas of wide verges to provide more spring colour next year, to be consider if funds allow.

173/16. Items for Future Agenda/ Councillor or Member of Public Items.

None.

174/16. Correspondence Items.

The clerk reported a further consultation on the electoral boundary review. All representations have been published at www.bce2018.org.uk and comments are invited over the next four weeks.

A quarterly update has been received from Welsh Water regarding the upgrade of the sewerage system in the village. Works are planned for sewer relining this summer. The aim being to stop ingress of surface water into the network hoping to create additional capacity. Further monitoring is required and the upgrade date of March 2020 still stands. Councillors were disappointed the summer monitoring works would not enable upgrade works to start before March 2020.

175/16. Clerk SCP Rise.

Councillors approved the clerk's statutory scale point rise from 1st April 2017.

176/16 Date of the Next Meeting.

The Date of the Next Meeting for the Parish Council was confirmed as **Thursday 13 April 2017 at 7.15pm** in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm