

LYONSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 9th January 2020, 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall

Councillors Present: Cllrs Paul Avery (Chair), Ray Richards, Gill Cowling, Kate Lomax, Steve Fatcher, Rod Bevan, Richard Davies, Sandy Lampitt, Roger Phillips and Clerk Rebecca Bissell.

1 member of the public.

No Police officer in attendance.

Cllr Phillips reported:

- He continues talks with relevant parties looking for a resolution to the phosphate issue which has stopped development in the Lugg Catchment area. Growing concerns for the construction industry and related business were raised and disappointment that more has not been done by Welsh Water and agriculture businesses who are also responsible for the situation.
- Highways – with many potholes expected over the next few months everyone should be encouraged to report all defects on the Herefordshire Council website.
- Re-scheduled a meeting at Holme Marsh with Balfour Beatty, Cllr Cowling and Mr Eckley on 20th January 2020.
- Pursuing spending opportunities in the ward to benefit from the recently discovered £250K drainage budget.
- Congratulations on the successful NDP referendum vote. Lyonshall Parish had the highest turnout of all parishes in the ward.

Cllr Phillips left the meeting at 7.30pm

116/19. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chris Auger and Andrew Turner.

117/19. Declaration of Interest and Written Requests for Dispensation on Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest declared on agenda items for this meeting and the Register of Interest book was available to sign.

118/19. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of 14th November 2019 were **approved** and signed.

119/19. Planning Applications:

Planning Application recently received:

- 194252 – Upper Holme farm. Lyonshall HR5 3JU.
Proposed Construction of 2 holiday chalets. - **SUPPORT**
PC Response: Lyonshall Parish Council support this application, but assurances should be made that the construction of the chalets on this site are for holiday let only and will not be developed into market homes and should be demolished if the business is not sustainable. Lyonshall NDP para 3.2.4 supports investment in tourism and small-scale rural enterprises for further development to support employment opportunities. Core Strategy: RA6: Promotion sustainable tourism proposals of appropriate scale with policy E4 Tourism. NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy para 83.

Recent Planning Applications still awaiting determination:

- 193764 – Mayglothling, Yaidon Farm, Lyonshall. - **SUPPORT**
Proposed vehicle maintenance and MOT building
- 193269 – Land Adjacent to New Chapel house, Lyonshall, Kington - **SUPPORT**
Erection of a new detached dwelling and garage, (to replace extant scheme)
- 192994 – Land Adjacent to New Chapel house, Lyonshall, Kington. **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of a new detached dwelling and garage, plus garage for existing dwelling (New Chapel House)
- 182726 – Land forming Green Farm, Lyonshall, Herefordshire - **OBJECT**
Proposed erection of new poultry site with collar panel, biomass boiler, associated outbuildings, poultry managers dwelling and connection to A480.
- 182135 – Land at Burgoynes, Lyonshall, HR5 3JR – **SUPPORT with conditions**
Proposed siting of up to 4 mobile homes to accommodate seasonal workers.
- 181494 – Land Adjacent to Spring Cottage, Headbrook, Kington HR5 3DY. - **SUPPORT**

Clerk

Proposed land for residential development and associated work together with public open and local green space.

Planning Decisions

- 193725 – Woodbine Cottage, Holme Marsh, Lyonshall HR5 3JS- **SUPPORT – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Demolish existing extension and replace with single storey side extension

120/19. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Referendum.

Cllr Avery reported the Lyonshall Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum took place on 5th December 2019. He thanked all councillors for their support of the plan. The referendum question asked parishioners if they wanted Herefordshire Council to use the Lyonshall NDP to help decided planning applications in the neighbourhood area. **The poll results were numbers YES : 232 – 82.3% and numbers No : 50 – 17.7%.** There were no spoilt papers.

The votes represented 48.37% of registered electors in Lyonshall and the plan will now be made planning law with Herefordshire Council and hold weight in planning applications. Cllr Avery added that given the sheer size of the majority and the level of turnout that this was a clear indication that the Parish had confidence in the Council and their Steering Group.

121/19. Clerk's Report.

- Met with mowing contractors interested in tendering for mowing in the parish.
- Parish drive with Balfour Beatty locality steward 27th November – time restricted but viewed and discussed drainage in the village and Holme Marsh. Jetting of blocked drains logged throughout village and Holme Marsh. Further meeting to be arranged at Holme Marsh with Roger Phillips and Balfour Beatty.
- Attended Balfour Beatty Parish briefing at Thorn. General overview of business plan. Slides to be shared with councillors.
- NDP work for referendum.
- Newsletters printed and dispatched.
- Inducted and completed legal forms for new councillor Richard Davies.
- Fishpools water burst being investigated by Balfour Beatty.
- First SID installations are due in January. Dates to be confirmed.

All other items from previous agendas are being dealt with.

122/19. Update on Finances.

Councillors reviewed the Quarter 3 spend to budget as circulated. There were no questions and it was approved unanimously.

Financial Report as at – 31st December 2019.

Bank statements reconciled to VT cashbook 31st December 2019.

Precept request made to Herefordshire Council for 2020-21 of £20000 as agreed.

Balances at 31st December 2019:

Community account	£22729.21
Savings account	£14191.04 (including £4.82 interest)
Playground account	£ 603.70
Business Saver account	£ 404.19 (including £0.20 interest)

Income received since last meeting

Payments for Approval – ALL APPROVED

Clerk's Salary & HMRC for January 2020.

Clerk Expenses	Exp November 19	£30.05		Paid Dec19
Lyonshall PCC	Clock donation as agreed minute 138/18	£2000.00		Paid Dec19
Viking	Paper & Ink	£42.07	+VAT	Paid Dec19
Kington Building Supplies	Equipment for footpath maintenance	£6.66	+VAT	Paid Dec19
Clerks expenses	Expenses Jan 2020 including Antivirus subs	£96.01		
ICO	Data protection for 2020	£40.00		

123/19. Report Parish Drive.

The clerk had previously forwarded notes to all councillors of areas visited as part of the Parish Drive with the Balfour Beatty locality steward. Due to unforeseen circumstances time was restricted so it was agreed

with Balfour Beatty to revisit Holme Marsh for a more detailed check with Councillor Phillips & Cllr Cowling. The meeting will address concerns with flooding and drainage from the new housing development. Drains and slips requiring work/jetting were logged in all areas. Councillors would like to see better maintenance of the ditches in the parish. *Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty to clear specific areas.*

RJP/GC

124/19. Verge Cutting & Biodiversity.

Balfour Beatty provided information requesting all parishes consider reducing verge cutting on U & C roads to once a year in August/September and drop the May/June cut to help natural habitats or plants. Councillors **RESOLVED** a continuation of twice yearly cutting. *Clerk to respond to Balfour Beatty.*

Clerk

125/19. Pop up Pub & Parish Litter Pick.

The Pop-up pub/social evening will be advertised for 18th January 2020. Parish Council **AGREED** to provide free pizza and chips (*Cllr Avery to arrange*) and the licence and drinks will be provided by Behind Barz. Councillors **AGREED** to arrange a community litter pick on 1st March 2.00pm. This will only go ahead if there are enough parishioners in attendance. *Clerk to advertise in newsletter and posters.*

Clerk

126/19. Councillor Responsibilities and Reports.

PA

- Cllr Lomax suggested that confirmation of insurance should be sought regarding public liability before the open space land by White Lion is transferred.
- Cllr Lomax is also looking into rediscovering old footpaths in the parish.
- Cllr Cowling reported damage to fire hydrants on Holme Marsh. *Clerk to follow up.*

Clerk

127/19. Items for Future Agenda/ Councillor or Member of Public Items.

None.

128/19. Correspondence Items.

Clerk

- Wildlife events to be uploaded to the website.
- Parishioner correspondence regarding concerns with A480 reckless driving: Chairman previously advised it should be reported to the Police. Correspondence noted and no response required.
- Parishioner correspondence requesting the Parish Council support their action to seek Grade II listing on Turnpike Cottage, Kington: This matter would be considered by Parish Council after receipt of any information from the owner / Historic England. *Cllr Cowling to respond to Parishioner.*
- The Great Collaboration leading to zero carbon Herefordshire workshop dates. Cllr Lomax expressed disappointment with follow up since attending a meeting last year. Dates have been forwarded to all Councillors who can book via Eventbrite should they wish to attend.

GC

129/19. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 13th February 2020 at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed 9.05pm.