

LYONSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday 9th July 2020, 7.15pm Virtual Meeting

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

2 members of the public.

No Police officer in attendance.

Councillor Phillips advised all information is available in his regular parishioner updates.

- Herefordshire Council Covid liaison co-ordinators are now stepping down.
- Continuing to fight the closure of Kington High Street closure after concerns from the fire service.
- Will be attending Gigaclear meeting in Pembridge on 9th July 2020.
- Will be attending nutrient management meeting next week and will follow up with an update.

33/20. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ray Richards.

34/20. 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 with the clerk to record details.

35/20. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of 18th June 2020 were **approved** to be signed by Chairman.

36/20. Planning Applications:

Planning Application recently received:

None

Recent Planning Applications still awaiting determination:

- 201346 – Brook Barns at Brook Farm HR5 3JL - **SUPPORT**
Minor internal and external alterations to create one single 8 bedrooomed holiday cottage.
- 200421 – No 1 & No 2 Brick Cottages. Lyonshall HR5 3LW - **SUPPORT**
Proposed sub-division of dwelling to form two properties, work included demolition of extensions and construction of two storeys.
- 194252 – Upper Holme Farm Lyonshall HR5 3JU- **SUPPORT**
Proposed Construction of 2 holiday chalets.
- 193764 – Mayglothling, Yaidon Farm, Lyonshall. - **SUPPORT**
Proposed vehicle maintenance and MOT building
- 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**
Proposed land for residential development and associated work together with public open and local green space.

Planning Decisions:

None.

37/20. Clerk's Report.

- Village walk with Locality Steward – logged 55 jobs
- Organised tenders and met with contractors for replacement of the playground fence.
- Responded to Balfour Beatty regarding Kington Traffic measures
- Village flower boxes now planted.
- Kington Recycling Centres open from 10th July 2020
- Latest Speed indicator device information forwarded to Councillors.

All other items from previous agendas are being dealt with.

38/20. Financial Report as at – 30th June 2020.

Bank statements reconciled to VT cashbook 30th June 2020.

Balances at 30th June 2020:

Community account	£23638.81
Savings account	£14214.77 (including £3.62 interest)
Playground account	£ 603.70
Business Saver account	£ 409.48 (includes 11p interest)

Income received since last meeting

None.

Payments for Approval

Clerk's Salary & HMRC for July & August 2020

Balfour Beatty	3 footpath gates	£924.26	+VAT (Paid)
Balfour Beatty	SID installations May 2020 Burgoynes	£176.92	+VAT
Clerks Exp	June Expenses	£29.28	+VAT
Shaun Price	Footpath works	£192.00	
Lyonshall Garden Centre	Village planting	£166.67	+VAT
KBS	Footpath materials	£13.87	+VAT
Balfour Beatty	SID installations June 2020 Fishpools	£230.00	+VAT

39/20. Adoption of Updated Policies

It was proposed by Cllr Avery and seconded by Cllr Futchter that the following policies be adopted, and this was **Agreed**.

- The updated volunteer policy.
- The unreasonable behaviour policy.

40/20. Licence Application at Behind Bars, Holme Marsh.

Cllr Avery welcomed Mr Morris from Behind Bars and thanked him for joining. He also welcomed members of the public. Mr Morris explained that the recent application at Holme Farm for an alcohol and music licence would be an extension of their current business to provide an opportunity for outdoor and indoor events whilst accommodating current social distancing restrictions following Covid 19. Parishioners and Cllr Cowling raised their concerns for the potential of regular weekend public nuisances and parish amenity disturbance expected from music playing late into the night. Mr Morris advised that it is not their intention to hold regular events or make a nuisance to his neighbours and agreed in principle to accept an event limit condition to allay local concern. Mr Morris also assured that should there be a breach of the licence Herefordshire Council would remove it, so they would be adhering the restrictions under the licence. *Cllr Avery and Cowling to prepare response by 17th July 2020.*

Further concerns were also raised by councillors that the Herefordshire Council licence department has already dismissed several parishioner responses and that there appeared to be a presumption in favour for the licensee because this is a new licence and there is no evidence to support potential disturbances. *Cllr Phillips to follow up and confirm all responses are recorded.*

41/20. Parish Verge Planting.

Cllr Avery advised parishioner interest in planting wildflowers on verge ways. Councillors had no objection but road safety should not be compromised. Cllr Phillips has already provided details of a county initiative for parishioners to take forward. After discussion, Cllr Bevan offered to arrange purchase of a wildflower mix, approximately £50.00 worth, arrange planting and manage the project going forward.

42/20. Playground Fence Replacement.

Councillors reviewed tenders received from three local contractors to replace the playground fence. It **AGREED** to award the contract to M J Evans Fencing of Broxwood, Pembridge to start at his earliest convenience. *Clerk to advise*

43/20. Playground Risk Assessment and Reopening.

Up to date government guidelines and industry reports have been circulated to councillors. The Clerk confirmed Parish Council insurance requires reasonable steps to prevent and protect against injury. If such steps are in place the policy would respond should a claim arise.

Councillors fully discussed and assessed the risks involved to re-open the playground and considerations for regular cleaning/ hygiene and management concerns. After careful consideration of all risks,

PA/GC

RJP

RB

Clerk

Councillors **AGREED** to keep the **playground CLOSED** at present to be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.

44/20. Herefordshire Council Affordable Housing Survey.

Councillors to provide an individual response if they feel there is a local need.

45/20. Gigaclear Installation in Lyonshall.

Gigaclear will be providing fibre broadband to Lyonshall soon under the Government's commitment to provide rural communities with faster broadband and they have already contacted local landowners for agreement to install equipment. The distribution plan has not yet been published but parishioners can register an interest on the Gigaclear website. The Clerk is expecting further correspondence from Gigaclear soon.

46/20. Telephone Box Refurbishment.

The clerk provided a quote to refurbish the telephone box. Cllrs **AGREED** to appoint Mr S Price to prepare, undercoat and paint the telephone box inside and out and replace all glass with new for £1105.00. *Clerk to arrange.*

47/20. Councillor Responsibilities and Reports.

- Permissive path is now in place around the closed bridge on LZ3, however the bridge has been repaired and is now open. Councillors agreed to fit an additional gate in the fence near to Summer Court and the footbridge on LZ3.
- The footpath volunteer group will not be undertaking works just yet following Government guidelines and duty of care.

48/20. Items for Future Agenda/ Councillor or Member of Public Items.

None.

49/20. Correspondence Items.

- Herefordshire Council updates including:
Road closures, Wish Summer activities, Kington recycling Centre reopening information – all Noted.
- Balfour Beatty locality steward updates
- Newsletter from Came & Co insurance.
- Government guidance on re-opening playgrounds
- Herefordshire Council virtual parish summit on 27th July at 7.00pm – Cllr Lomax to attend.
- Parishioner request to site a memorial bench in the parish – Possible locations: along Spond lane, the pool by Lynhales, the grass area by wharf. – Respond to parishioner to contact landowners.
- Parishioner concern regarding noise at Foxhole clay shoot – Shoots are arranged within regulations and complaints should be forwarded to Herefordshire Council.

50/20. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting – (Possibly Virtual) on Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7.15pm.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm.

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Clerk