

# LYONSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7.15pm In the Memorial Hall

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs Steve Futchter (Chair), Paul Avery, Gill Cowling, Kate Lomax, Chris Auger, Richard Davies, Rod Bevan, Sandy Lampitt, Ray Richards, Cllr Roger Phillips and Clerk Rebecca Bissell.  
0 members of the public.

#### **127/22. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Turner

#### **128/22. Declaration of Interest and Written Requests for Dispensation on Agenda Items.**

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items and the declarations book was available to sign.

#### **129/22. Approval of the Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

#### **130/22 Open Session**

Councillor Phillips reported:

- Children's Services in Herefordshire should be its number one priority. Eleanor Brazil, inspector brought in by the Secretary of State, will bring forward robust leadership as it looks to partner with Telford and Wrekin Council.
- Follow up discussions on the diversion of LZ8 at Holme Marsh will resume following the May elections.
- Met with Mr Hern to discuss support for his private phosphate scheme. Herefordshire Council are working with his agent and are seeking an overall plan for the complete development at Webbs Meadow before progress can be made.
- Request to get involved with the Kington transport plan and consider an invitation to a Parish Council Meeting.
- Royal George – Cllr Phillips confirmed as agreed with the agent there are currently no outstanding planning obstacles holding up the development works.

There was no Police report.

#### **131/22 Planning Report**

**Planning Application recently received:**

- 221922 – Land Adjacent to Webbs Meadow, Lyonshall – **NO FURTHER COMMENT**  
Application for 4 dwellings – amended additional information.

**Recent Planning Applications still awaiting determination:**

- 223715 – Hunton Farm Barn Conversion, Noke Lane, Lyonshall, HR5 3JH.  
Additional windows to external walls of barn including roof windows. Change of use to class E.
- 213042 – Land Forming Green Farm, Lyonshall, Kington, HR5 3JY -**RESUBMITTED OBJECTION PENDING APPEAL – OUTCOME EXPECTED 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**  
Appeal hybrid planning application to erect new poultry site.
- 221922 – Land Adjacent to Webbs Meadow, Lyonshall, Kington. - **SUPPORT**  
Outline planning for erection of 4 dwellings with garages and access off Webbs Meadow.
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- 212932 – Orchard Cottage, Holme Marsh, HR5 3JS- **SUPPORT**  
Proposed construction of a four bedroomed 2 storey house with associated access and landscaping
- 211584 – Land Opposite the Close, Lyonshall, HR5 3LP – **GENERAL COMMENT WITH CONDITIONS**  
Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval (11 dwellings)
- 211549 – Land Opposite the Close, Lyonshall, HR5 3LP– **GENERAL COMMENT WITH CONDITIONS**  
Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval (11 dwellings)
- 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)
- 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

**132/22. Clerk's Report.**

- Responded to Sir Bill Wiggin correspondence and update on his recent response.
- Written to landowners at White Lion meadow.
- Instructed mowing contractor for 2023.
- Purchased "no dogs" signs for playground and White Lion Meadow
- Responded to Parishioner correspondence re A44 windy corner.
- Preparing for 2022-23 year-end.
- Attended Clerks Election meeting in the Town Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

*All other items from previous agendas are being dealt with*

**133/22 Financial Report.**

Bank statements reconciled to VT cashbook end of February 2023.

Prepared the VAT return to 1.10.22 - 28.2.23 for submission.

**Balances at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Community account	£13317.64
Savings account	£14226.96
Playground account	£ 593.70
Business Saver account	£ 419.99

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**Income since last meeting****Payments APPROVED**

Clerk's Salary, Pension & HMRC for March 2023 as previously agreed.

Y/E Bank Transfers	Playground & Tracker a/c	£10.00	
Viking Direct	Signs & Paper	£27.75	
Upper Bridge Ent.	Website Annual Fees	£225.82	
Lyonshall Nurseries	White Lion Planting	£294.76	

**134/22. Parish Council Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The clerk provided detailed information and legal guidelines for the Parish Council election on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Nomination papers were handed to councillors wishing to stand again. Forms must be returned by hand to Hereford election department by 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**135/22. Joining Herefordshire Council Lengthsman Grant Scheme 2022-23.**

The clerk provided details of the Lengthsman grant scheme for 2022-23. Herefordshire Council are now providing funding for the Lengthsman scheme over the next five years and are offering Parish Councils an opportunity to provide details of projects until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. (Only one month of this financial year). Councillors discussed the 2022-23 scheme. Unfortunately there is not enough time in this year to organise a project and **AGREED** not to join this year but to consider joining next year.

**136/22. Village Planting 2023-24**

Councillors **AGREED** to instruct the Lyonshall Nurseries to plant the village boxes and planters in the spring of 2023 with annual planting as in previous years.

**137/22. Events Update**

Pop up pub – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

- The clerk confirmed the Memorial Hall, and the bar are booked, Behind Bars will arrange the licence. The pizza van is also booked. Councillors to set up and staff the bar.
- Clerk to advertise on website and posters.

King Charles III coronation event in May 2023.

- Cllr Avery confirmed the Church event will be held in the Hall following the service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- The clerk confirmed that Bakers Meadow could be available.
- Behind bars could be available to provide drinks.
- Mr Oliver is available to provide music.
- After some discussion it was **AGREED** to hold a Community Coronation Celebration in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 6-12pm. Clerk to arrange booking of, Hall, Bar, Disco/music. A request be made for bring and share food.

**138/22. Highway Matters**

Cllr and Mr Cowling and the clerk met with Balfour Beatty locality steward and drainage technician on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March to discuss how to progress with the drainage works at Holme Marsh following the investigation work undertaken by Mayglothing. Mr Cowling provided background information and a tour of the system explaining the issues. Balfour Beatty will look for historic drainage plans and will need to revisit the site over the next few weeks and take photographs to assess what can be done both short and long term to help alleviate the flooding problems.

**139/22. White Lion Meadow Update**

Cllr Lomax provided an update on progress on the meadow:

- The tree planting event on 20<sup>th</sup> February was poorly attended by parishioners outside the group, however 20-25 trees were planted successfully.
- Cllr Lomax requested permission to develop a pond in the area – There were no objections however concerns for Parish Council liability was raised, and it was suggested the pond should be kept shallow.
- Cllr Lomax advised a map of the proposal for the services to run along a 3m wide edge by the White Lion Properties had been supplied. Further talks with the owner following correspondence were continuing and the new requirements for the transfer document have been forwarded to the solicitor for reissue soon.

**140/22. Proposal to form a Royal George Pub working group.**

A member of the parish requested formation of a working group to update the village on progress and matters relating to the Royal George redevelopment. Following discussions for this proposal Cllr Futcher asked for a show of hands in support for the formation of which there were none. Decision - No group will be formed by the Parish Council.

**141/22. Councillor Responsibilities.**

None.

**142/22. Items for Future Agenda/ Councillor or Member of Public Items.**

None.

**143/22. Correspondence Items.**

The clerk had previously forwarded a further response from Sir Bill Wiggin regarding Parish Council concern with the continuation of the phosphate issues in the Lugg catchment area. He has now written to the Government to seek answers to Parish Council questions, contacted Welsh Water for a status on the sewerage upgrade proposals and written to Herefordshire Council regarding the planning matters.

**144/22. Date of the Next Meeting.**

**Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.**

Meeting Closed 8.35pm