

# LYONSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 7.30pm

**Present** – Cllrs Avery (Chair), Hutton, Richards, Fatcher, Howard, Cottrell, Pollock, Turner and Oliver, Clerk B Bissell & RFO/Projects Officer K Lomax. One member of the public attended.

### REPORTS

Councillor Phillips gave his apologies and had previously circulated his report.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

#### 125/15 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hilditch. Councillor Avery confirmed Cllr Hilditch had tendered her resignation.

#### 126/15 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda & Dispensation Requests

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

#### 127/15 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of 10th December 2015.

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

#### 128/15 Officers' Reports on Action Items not on Agenda: information only

The clerk circulated a written report including the following items-

- Meeting arranged with Paul Rone, Roger Phillips, BBLP & PC on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 at 10.30am to discuss possible solutions to property damage caused to by large vehicles negotiating the corner.
- Newsletter reports required for Feb/Mar including: Precept demand, referenda write up, highways update, events update, 461 bus service publicity, and mowing advert.
- One of the Council Laptops has failed and urgently requires replacing. A Budget of £700 + vat was agreed to upgrade red community laptop and purchase new laptop & printer for clerk.

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

#### 129/15 Financial Report & Payments

##### **Community Current Account, Opening Balance, 27/11/15**

<b>Community Account Bank Statement</b>	£24,333.64
<b>Actual Cashbook Balance</b>	£24,137.76

**Receipts,**            *None*

**Payments, wages,** £694.53

*Cheques paid out on 10/12/15, £479.60*

**Transfer Out to new Savings Account, £10,000**

**Total Out, £11,174.13**

#### **Bank Statement & Reconciliation at 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Community Account Bank Statement	£13,213.52
Less Unpresented Cheques	£249.89
<b>Actual Cashbook Balance</b>	<b>£12,963.63</b>

<b>Other Accounts</b>	
Lyonshall Playground Account	£398.70
Business Saver Account	£392.20
Base Rate Savings Account	£10,000.00

Note - Business Saver Account, Interest Received, £0.05

**The following payment to 31st December were APPROVED**

P Avery, Christmas Carol Event, mulled wine & plastic tumblers, £67.57

Clerk's expenses Dec 2015 – £41.56

S Price – Lengthsman Scheme – none claimed

S Price – Footpath works – none claimed.

**130/15 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

**131/15 Future Projects**

The Projects Officer confirmed the following:

1. Modification of the write-up from the questionnaire 2 booklet considered and revised to explain the village requirements. To be used to approach Herefordshire Council for agreement to allocate community contributions to the project from local developments.
2. Contact made with the housing officers in Herefordshire Council regarding developing a housing needs survey.
3. Paul Sutton from South Shropshire Housing Association is happy to meet for an update and Q & A session about possible co-operation. He will report on some recent projects providing housing and community gain for local benefit. It was agreed to meet with Mr Sutton. *Project worker to arrange*  
A working group to work with Kate

**132/15 Priorities for the Parish s106 funding.**

Councillors agreed that all s106 funding should be allocated for use in the village centre project. This includes making the village easy access for wheelchairs and prams where appropriate.

**133/15 Land Transfers.**

Fishpools : Cllr Avery visited the land behind Fishpools and confirmed the concern regarding drainage was unfounded. The clerk is consulting with the owner to consider transfer. When information is available councillors agreed to have further discussions.

Burnt Orchard : This land is owned and managed by Herefordshire Council. Further discussion required to decide on use of land. White Lion : Legalities are being confirmed. Further discussions required for use.

**134/15 Parish Referenda.**

Cllr Avery explained having regular well conducted parish consultation would give the community the opportunity to have their say and the parish and ward councillors would be bound by the results. Consultations would be sensible with well written questions and be completely confidential. They would be posted at a cost of approximately £350 and easy to fill in and return, offering a valuable tool to support the community. After some discussion Cllr Avery proposed to adopt a Lyonshall Consultation process which was **agreed by all** councillors. *Process to be finalised in writing. Cllr Avery to write an article for the newsletter.*

**135/15 Continuation of Lyonshall in Bloom Insurance**

Councillors agreed unanimously to the In Bloom insurance payment which would be funded from grant money paid to the account.

**136/15 Adopting the Phone Box.**

Cllr Oliver explained funding for the defibrillator had ceased due to a high demand, however other funding opportunities would become available. The phone box would be suitable for the defibrillator and Councillors agreed to adopt the facility and have the electricity supply transferred to Parish Council ownership. *Cllr Oliver to arrange.*

**137/15 461 Bus Service Funding.**

Information was not available as to what the funding would be should all parishes contribute to pay for the service. However a scaled percentage on usage figures is expected. Data from Sergeants suggested few Lyonshall residents were

using the evening service. Councillors agreed the timing of the service did not help passengers travelling late with no other option to return. No decision made awaiting figures.

#### **138/15 Herefordshire Draft Consultation Transport Plan.**

Cllr Cottrell commented on his disappointment that traffic alleviations for North Herefordshire did not feature in the plan.  
*Cllr Cottrell to provide comment for response.*

#### **139/15 Playground Matters**

The clerk confirmed the request for helpers in the Kington Community Charity shop at the end of April (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup>). Cllr Hutton confirmed marked bin liners containing goods for selling in shop could be stored in her garage from the end of March.

#### **140/15 NDP**

There are still concerns regarding conformity to the local plan and NPPF which Cllr Phillips has been asked to clarify. Work would continue when satisfied of the true position. Cllr Avery advised opening a dialogue with a consultant now in Scotland to obtain what the parish wants from its NDP.

#### **141/15 Events**

Cllr Howard confirmed she would be arranging events in the coming months including a pop up pub, all other ideas to be forwarded over the next week. A schedule to be produced and advertised in the newsletter.

#### **142/15 Councillor Areas of Responsibilities Reports**

Problems are still occurring at Bullocks mill with heavy vehicles using the route and cutting up the verges. To be included in the discussion with Mr Rone cabinet minister for possible no lorries prohibited signs.

Bad smells have been reported from chicken farms. Problems at the Penrhos sheds are being investigated.

Eric Price has cleared the ditches at Moorcourt. *Write a letter of thanks*

Cllr Avery advised work is expected to start on the pub in February.

#### **143/15 Items for Future Agenda/ Councillor or Member of Public Items**

Queens Big Tidy up.

#### **144/15 Correspondence Items**

The folder of correspondence was on the table and emails have been circulated.

Lawton Crossroads – The problems at Lawton crossroads were discussed and all agreed that a roundabout would help to make the junction safer, however as a last resort. Funds being short at Herefordshire Council Councillors felt that the use of Stop signs would be a better first option and a change of the Sat Nav priorities for vehicles using the A road.

Fuel poverty training for Herefordshire Parish Council – No councillors wished to attend

#### **145/15 Date of the Next Meeting**

The Date of the Next Meeting for the Parish Council was changed to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9.45pm.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_