

Brilley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 10th January 23 at 19.30 in Brilley Village Hall

In attendance: Adrian Chapman (Chairman, AC), Alasdair Stevenson (Vice Chair, AS), Liz Tucker (LS), Steve Anning (SA), Gareth Bufton (GB).

Also present: Ward Cllr Graham Jones and Parish Clerk Emma Noble (EN)

1. **To receive apologies of absence – none received**
2. **To receive declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation – none received.**
3. **To adopt minutes of previous meeting – 8th November 2022** – All present agreed that the minutes were a true account of the meeting. AS proposed and LT seconded that the minutes be ADOPTED and all were in agreement.
4. **Public Forum –**
 - 4.1. Ward Councillor – To receive report. – Ward Cllr informed the parish council that Herefordshire Council have a £11.2 million pound overspend which is linked to Children's Services and a reduction of funds from Central Government – and a possible £22 million deficit moving forward. Herefordshire Council are increasing council tax between 3-5%. At a recent full council meeting in December the proposal of all taxis and private hire vehicles should have cameras in their vehicles was discussed. A transport package is moving forward in regard to a transport hub at the railway station that will also become the bus station. Also discussion on any proposed multi storey car park to include a top tier reserved for NHS workers to keep shift workers from having to walk through poorly lit areas.

In regard to local roads Ward Cllr Jones confirmed that final figures are in for remedial work for three main issues in the parish near to Brilley Court, Old Forge and the Dingle) work may start around springtime. The one area of concern is U90604 Cefn Road by Glenavon/The Building. This has been on Herefordshire Council's radar for a number of years and recent incidents such as a car sump hitting the road and a child coming off a bike has been reported. SA and Ward Cllr Jones will do a site visit so Ward Cllr Jones with a view to Ward Cllr Jones lobbying for the resurfacing of the road.

ACTION: SA and Ward Cllr Jones

Ward Cllr Jones confirmed that he will not be standing at the next local election. The Parish Council were saddened to hear this and thanked him for his hard work throughout the parish and supporting the parish council over the last 4 years.
 - 4.2. Local Residents – At Chairman's discretion, up to 10 mins will be allocated for the public to make representations, ask questions & give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda. Maximum of 2 mins per person is allowed. Item is not for comment on parish council discussions or decisions. Issues raised will be in public minutes and may be videoed or recorded – no local residents were present.
5. **Planning – to consider planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council**
 - 6.1 To consider comments for planning application P221321/2 - Huntington – erection of up to 6.5 hectares of polytunnels – part retrospective. The planning applications for Huntington have been re submitted. Ward Cllr Jones explained this is over 2km outside of his boundary but the parish council can comment on the application. The Parish Council will look at the amended application in further detail and email comments to be agreed by the councillors and then submitted by the clerk by 16th January.

ACTION: ALL and CLERK
 - 6.2 To note planning decision on Planning application 204540 – Hillgate – the planning decision was NOTED.

6. **To comment on Statutory Consultation – Traffic Regulation Order Scheme – Implement a new speed limit 50mph on the A438 Rhydspence to existing 30mph at Winforton.** – The parish Council discussed this at length and it was unanimously agreed by all present to support this application. The clerk will confirm the parish councils support to Herefordshire Council. **ACTION: CLERK**
7. **To receive update on footpaths** – This item is on going and will be carried over to the agenda for March.

8 .Financial Procedures – To note financial position and consider the following payments and income against budget.

- 8.1 To consider PG Watts, Lengthsman for December £300 in accordance with agreed budget, also to note November invoice paid £315.00 - This was ACTIONED
- 8.2..To consider clerks salary in accordance with the agreed budget - ACTIONED
- 8.3. To consider clerks expenses – 2 return journeys 8th November and 6th Jan 23 £30.60 - ACTIONED

9. Parish Reports and Issues –

- 9.1 Lengthsman Scheme – To note report and consider work for Lengthsman - NOTED
- 9.2 To consider parish maintenance schedule for 23/23 – confirmed in November’s meeting.
- 9.3 To note concerns regarding road to Cwmmanu Farm House and also Lower Welson Cwmmanu Farm House - AC has emailed the National Trust to request that they maintain the ditch just inside of the entrance to Cwmmanu Farm House as this is causing flooding issues for local residents. It was agreed that the parish council will continue to monitor the situation and act appropriately should the situation not improve.

10. **To consider Verging on Wild participation-** the scheme started last year and the parish council are happy to support this scheme again in 2023. LT is happy to help co-ordinate this and will liaise between Verging on Wild on the residents

wishing to take part. The parish clerk will email Fiona Ritchie to advertise the scheme and provide the relevant contact details should they wish to take part. **ACTION: CLERK and LT**

11. To consider litter pick – It was agreed by all present that the parish council will organise a litter pick for spring time. This will be carried over to the March agenda when a date will be confirmed. The clerk to advertise litter pick equipment are available throughout the year and can be collected from Adrian Chapman on the parish council website. **ACTION: CLERK**

12. **To consider items for the next agenda (no discussion)** – Litter pick, footpaths, review financial policies

13. **To consider date of next meeting March 14th 2023 - agreed**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

These minutes are signed as agreed by the parish council to be a true account of the meeting on

Signed.....

Date