

Brilley Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Parish Council on
Monday 20th February 2023 at 19.30 in Brilley Village Hall

Present: Adrian Chapman (Chairperson – AC), Alasdair Stevenson (Vice Chair, AS), Liz Tucker (LT), Gareth Bufton (GB).

Also present: Ward Cllr Graham Jones and Emma Noble Parish Clerk and RFO and two members of the public including Chris Marsden.

- 1. To receive apologies of absence – Steven Anning**
- 2. To receive declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation – none received**
- 3. To adopt minutes of previous meeting – 10th January 2023 – AS proposed and GB seconded that the minutes were agreed to be a true account of the meeting. All those present agreed and it was resolved that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED.**
- 4. Public Forum –**
 - 4.1. Ward Councillor – To receive report –** Ward Cllr Jones reported that Herefordshire Council had agreed on the 10th February to increase council tax by 4.99 % with 24/22 majority vote. It was also agreed that there will be an increase for those with second homes having to pay 100% of the council tax charge and charges for empty homes will see a rise from 12 months to 24 months. There are an estimated 6900 second homes in the county which will generate an estimated £12 million a year. approximately 11,500 residents will be exempt from council tax and £1.7 million has been put aside for those struggling.
Ward Cllr Jones confirmed it cost £22 million to scrap the proposed South Wye Package.
At the time of the meeting Herefordshire Council were still awaiting the decision from Government regarding the recent investigation into Children's Services. Ward Cllr Jones will be report back at the meeting in March.

Ward Cllr Jones is aware that a mulit-agency meeting is set to take place with the Home Office regarding the possibility of 120 asylum seekers being housed at the Three Counties Hotel at Belmont.

Ward Cllr Jones was pleased to report that a few roads in the parish had received attention with completed works thanks to Bruce Evans and Ward Cllr Jones for working together on this. The road by Glenavon still needs attention and Ward Cllr Jones is aware of this and will continue to work towards getting the road re surfaced.
 - 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 representations were made.
- 5. Planning – to consider planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council**
 - 5.1 224224 –** Land to the East of Brynafal Lane, Rhydspence – change of use to site a mobile log cabin for use as holiday accommodation – the application was discussed at length. Herefordshire Council planning portal was not working on the night of the parish council meeting so the parish council agreed to re visit the NDP and note any up to date comments on HC website before emailing the clerk with comments to submit.
 - 5.2 230061 –**Upper Bridge Court, Whitney-on-Wye – proposal to rebuild a partially collapsed barn and to convert it into an ancillary annex to the main dwelling – The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.
 - 5.3 230062 –** Upper Court, Whitney-on-Wye. Listed building consent for 230061 as detailed above 5.2) - The parish council unanimously agreed to support the listed building consent.
 - 5.4 224282 –** Holiday Units at The Cwmmau, Whitney-on-Wye – proposed refurbishment of farmhouse to include a new heating system, secondary glazing, bathroom and kitchen refurbishments and decoration. Fire strategy upgrading works – The application was discussed at length and it was

noted a biomass boiler has been sited (measuring approx. 12x3x3 m) in between two listed buildings. Concerns from local residents had been raised to parish councillor regarding low smoke and the possibility of any noise that the boiler generates. Local residents thought that it may be better sited in one of the outbuildings. The parish council felt that there were no residents within close proximity to the boiler. Although the parish council felt that they neither supported or objected to the application, it will pass on a general comment asking if all possibilities on where to house the biomass boiler had been looked into.

5.5 224283 – Listed building consent for planning application 224282 as detailed above (5.4) – Please see 5.4.

Concerns have been raised to the parish council regarding works that have already taken place at the site – a new roof was put on around October time and it is believed no ecology reports or studies had taken place and no application submitted at that time. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk will forward the concerns onto the enforcement officer.

ACTION: CLERK

6. To receive update on Dark Lane

Chris Marsden (local resident noted above) was present to provide an update on the meeting with both AC and himself regarding the closure of Dark Lane (officially known as Cwm Thomas Lane U90602) and Red Lane which is on the border but is out Brilley Parish boundary. AC and Chris walked Dark Lane and could not see why the road was closed and flagged as 'dangerous'. The closure was a 21 day notice which can be extended to 42 days. The road was closed on 16th January when a tree came down. The tree has now been removed but the road remains closed. AC and Chris Marsden will keep an eye on the road closure and email Ward Cllr Jones in the hope he can take this up with Bruce Evans at Highways, Herefordshire Council.

ACTION: AC Ward Cllr Jones

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

8.1 To consider PG Watts, Lengthsman for January 2023 - £370.00 - ACTIONED

8.2..To consider clerks salary in accordance with the agreed budget – ACTIONED

8.3. To consider clerks expenses – 2 return journeys 10th January and 13th February 23 £30.60 – ACTIONED

7. To consider items for the next agenda – Dark Lane, footpaths

9, To consider date of next meeting March 14th 2023 - NOTED

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

These minutes are a draft version and will be presented at the parish council for adopting at the meeting on 14th March 2023.