

Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council,
Held at Welsh Newton Village Hall
On Thursday 10th June 2021
At 7.30pm

This meeting may be recorded under Standing Order 3l

Present: Councillors: Mr. Craig Bligh (Chairman), Mr. Steve Wilkes, Mr. Martin Barter, Mr. K. Simmons, Ms. Debbie Clarke, Mr. Waqas Manzoor and Ms. Elissa Swinglehurst

In attendance: Mrs. Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

None

2. To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items

Cllr Steve Wilkes DECLARED a DPI against item 6.2.1 and SIGNED the Register of Interest book

Cllr Keith Simmons DECLARED a DPI against items 6.2.4 and 6.2.5 and SIGNED the Register of Interest book.

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2021

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. To consider the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2021

The minutes were APPROVED. No issues were RAISED.

5. Public Question Time

The following items were RAISED:

- Continuing concerns regarding the length of time taken to repair the Llanrothal Road

6. Planning

6.1 To note planning application approved / refused by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting

None

6.2 To note planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council.

In order to keep movements to a minimum due to current Covid-19 restrictions both Cllrs Keith Simmons and Steve Wilkes both remained in their seats for the planning items declared under item 2 – but neither took part in the discussions or voting on the applications.

6.2.1 – 210934/5 - Robins Rest, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5QJ

Proposed wider rear back door and Listed Building Consent

It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds that it is contrary to NDP policies WNL1; 4 and 8 and is out of keeping for a listed building of this nature.

6.2.2 - 211309 - Hidden House, Manson, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5RD

Proposed extension to existing garage to create a home office space. Installation of solar panels to existing garage and timber decking

It was RESOLVED to support the application in as far as the concept of a home office. It was NOTED that the colour palette proposed is contrary to NDP WNL4 section 2 and should be altered. It was AGREED that a condition should be put on the application that it cannot be used as a holiday let/residence or annex in the future.

It was NOTED that applications should not be listed under Manson but rather Llanrothal. It was AGREED the clerk would contact the planning department

6.2.3 - 211450 - Pippins, Llanrothal Road, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5QJ

Replace the original windows and doors with hardwood timber joinery, utilizing double-glazed windows. It was RESOLVED support this application.

6.2.4 - 211817 - Tregate Farm Bungalow, Rockfield Road, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5QL

Proposed new detached garage, carport and storage building.

It was RESOLVED to support this application but also to request that more environmental mitigations are put in place – such as car charging points and bike storage options. It was further NOTED that external lighting must be kept to an absolute minimum in this sensitive area.

6.2.5 - 212003 - Tregate Farm, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5QL

Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 192614 (Extension to existing dwelling at ground floor level, formation of pitched roof over existing flat roof, conversion of residual roof void and extension of existing dormer, associated alterations internally and to external envelope. Construction of new detached garage and extension of existing residential curtilage). To omit approved drawing 19.868/01 and add drawings 1395-4B and 5B.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

7. Reports

7.1 Ward Cllrs report & Q & A time - Appendix 1

The report was NOTED

7.2 A brief report on the situation of the River Wye and phosphate levels.

It was REPORTED that several small scale water testing schemes are in operation. It was AGREED the Parish Council should engage with this. The clerk will obtain details for the next meeting.

8. Finance

8.1 To note the June Finance report and bank balances – Appendix 2

The clerk REPORTED that finances were healthy. It was NOTED that the insurance and training budget codes were marginally overspent. It was further NOTED that the lengthsman code appeared overspent but had been reimbursed via grant money – as too had the defibrillator budget code. The report was APPROVED and SIGNED as evidence of bank reconciliation and budget monitoring.

8.2 To consider the following invoices for payment:

8.2.1 Clerk's June Salary

8.2.2 Clerk's June expenses £62.27 – previously circulated

8.2.3 Eyelid Productions Ltd – Web and email migration £50

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment via BACS.

9. Lengthsman and footpaths

9.1 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman

It was AGREED that a "20 is plenty" sign should be purchased for the lane on the Common. The clerk will email the lengthsman to remind him that the other two signs for the track still need erecting.

9.2 To consider work to be undertaken on the parish footpaths

None

9.3 To consider next steps for submitting a Deemed Dedication to add the customary route to the Definitive Map (LO11)

The clerk REPORTED that she had the forms that needed filling out to start the process. It was AGREED that Cllr Craig Bligh would arrange for the forms to be filled in.

10. Highways

10.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

None.

10.2 To consider an update on installing white gates (traffic calming) on the approach to the village

It was AGREED to defer this item.

10.3 To consider an update on the grant-funded drainage works

The clerk REPORTED that she had had two further drainage invoices in for a total of £1900 plus VAT. This leaves a remaining £2,573. The clerk will liaise with the lengthsman. It was NOTED that drainage on the A466 remained poor.

10.4 To consider the highway closure of the Welsh Newton to Llanrothal road.

The clerk REPORTED that she had received an email from Balfour Beatty earlier in the day – this read as follows:

We have carried out the ecology surveys and thankfully there are no licensing requirements as there were no specific habitats located. We are currently in discussion with Welsh Water as they have two assets that require moving for us to carry out the works. At present we are anticipating a start date in early August unless we can get betterment from Welsh Water on their piece of work, we are pushing and have explained the need to get the works carried out as quickly as possible. We have a design ready to go and construction documentation is in progress.

It was AGREED that the clerk should contact Welsh Water.

11. To consider upgrading the area around the War Memorial

It was AGREED that the area needed tidying up. It was AGREED that Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst would contact the land owner and the clerk would contact Llangrove School in order to further discuss this at the July meeting.

12. To consider circulating a parishioner newsletter

It was AGREED that the clerk will forward a list of potential topics to Cllrs for consideration between meetings. It was AGREED Cllrs would email the clerk thoughts on each topic so she could put together an initial newsletter for consideration at the July meeting.

13. Correspondence

- Queens Green Canopy – NOTED

- Parishioner email with regards a possible error on the NDP. It was NOTED that the NDP cannot be altered until a review takes place

14. To consider the outstanding actions

The following item was NOTED

Date	Minute	Item	Status
08.04.21	8.2	To consider upgrading to a .gov email address	This has now been completed and emails are functioning properly again. Cllrs can have their own .gov email addresses now. It was AGREED to continue with the current arrangement for now.

15. To consider items for the next meeting – No discussion

The following items were RAISED: water testing schemes

16. Date of next meeting – 8th July 2021

NOTED

The meeting closed at 21.07

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

8th July 2021