

Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council,
Held at Welsh Newton Village Hall
On Thursday 13th April 2023
At 7.30pm**

This meeting may be recorded under Standing Order 31

Present: Councillors: Mr. Waqas Manzoor (Chairman), Mr. Keith Simmons, Mr. Martin Barter and Mrs. Rhiannon Marks

In attendance: Mrs. Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllrs: Craig Bligh, Elissa Swinglehurst and Debbie Clarke

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

None

3. To consider the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2023.

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time

None

It was AGREED to take item 12 next

12. To consider an update on submitting a Community Asset Transfer Expression of Interest Form for the area of land in St Wulstan's Wood

The clerk listed the information that Herefordshire Council would need to take this forward. The owner of St Wulstans Wood clarified that at present the whole of the Wood was registered in their name. They further clarified that the Wood is a protected area. The Council AGREED that there seemed little point in taking ownership of the area if it already being effectively managed and is protected, although confirmation of legal ownership of this land does need clarification. It was RESOLVED to defer this item until the May meeting, once the elections had taken place.

5. Welsh Newton Common

5.1 To consider placing bollards/rocks at various locations on the Common to prevent further erosion by vehicles and next steps

The clerk REPORTED that the quarry are happy to donate the rocks, although delivery will need to be paid. The clerk has received detailed plans on where the rocks are best sited. She has contacted the quarry to find out if the rocks will be positioned on delivery or not. The insurance company has said that a risk assessment will need completing, and if the PC is happy that risk has been minimised then the rocks will be insured. It was RESOLVED to defer this item until a response has been received from the quarry re delivery.

6. Planning

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

The following table was NOTED

Date	App. No.	Description	PC Comment	HC Decision
	223464	Housemartins, Llanrothal, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5QJ Proposed replacement of all existing softwood-framed windows and doors contained within the property with hardwood-framed windows and doors.	No comment	Approved with conditions
	223554	Oaklands House, Llanrothal, Monmouth, NP25 5QJ Proposed alterations to include creating a doorway in the softwood fascia of the building where there is currently a window, and the replacement of the current softwood front door with a hardwood alternative.	No comment	Approved with conditions
12.01.23	224102	Land at The Garage, Welsh Newton Common, NP25 5RN Proposed demolition of redundant buildings and erection of new dwelling.	Support	Approved with conditions
09.02.23	224237	Upper Cwm Fannhouse, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, NP25 5RW Proposed internal and external alterations/repair. Replacement roof and windows. New mezzanine at first floor	Support	Approved with conditions
09.02.23	224062	The Coach House, Newton Lodge, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, NP25 5RR Proposed erection of an extension to existing dwelling.	Support	Withdrawn

6.2 To consider the following planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council

6.2.1 230866 Yew Tree Cottage, St Wolstons Road, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5RT

Proposed erection of a three bay garage

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

6.2.2 214690/89 - Tremahaide Farm, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, Herefordshire, NP25 5RY
Residential development of Tremahaide Farm:- Restoration of the existing farmhouse, conversion of Grade II listed barn, conversion of former granary, conversion of Grade II listed former threshing barn, conversion of stable block to storage building, conversion of outbuilding to 1-bed annexe ancillary to the farmhouse and Listed Building Consent
It was RESOLVED to support this application

6.2.3 230332 Rose Cottage, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5RR
Proposed single storey extension to provide garden room and replacement porch.
It was RESOLVED to support this application

7. Reports

7.1 A brief report on the situation of the River Wye and phosphate levels.
None

8. Finance

8.1 To consider the following invoices for payment:

8.1.1 Clerk's April Salary

8.1.2 Clerk's April expenses £45.15 – previously circulated

8.1.3 Autela Payroll Services £69.31

8.1.4 Terry Griffiths – £6256.24 (covered by Drainage and Lengthsman Support grant funding)

8.1.5 Open Spaces Subscription 2023-24 £45.00

8.1.6 Welsh Newton Village Hall – Oct 2021-March 2023 incl £195

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

8.2 To note the payment of the HMRC PAYE invoice £335 as agreed 9th March 2023
NOTED

8.3 To note the submission of the Drainage and Lengthsman Support Grant claims
NOTED

9. Lengthsman and footpaths

9.1 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman

The following item was RAISED:

- Clean highway signs through the parishes

10. Highways

10.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The following issues were RAISED:

- The Welsh Newton entrance sign on the A466 is missing

- An opening appears to have been made onto the A466 between Welsh Newton and Boundary Cottage

11. Defibrillators

11.1 To consider an update on the installation of the defibrillator in Llanrothal
It was RESOLVED to defer this item until Cllr Bligh is present.

Item 12 taken above

13. War Memorial

13.1 To consider and approve the design and installation of an interpretation board.

The clerk REPORTED that she had had no information emailed through from Cllrs. It was AGREED to defer this item.

13.2 To consider the quotes received to upgrade the war memorial

Despite repeated requests, the clerk REPORTED that she had yet to receive a third quote. It was RESOLVED to request the quote again and if not forth-coming then make a decision in May on the two quotes received to date.

14. To consider adding a communication network to the Emergency Plan

It was REPORTED to defer this item until Cllrs Debbie Clarke and Elissa Swinglehurst are present.

15. Correspondence

- FOI Request – War Memorial – *the clerk has sent all information. The Chair has reviewed the response and is satisfied that all has been sent. A complaint has been sent to the ICO. The clerk will respond to this.*

16. To consider the outstanding actions and updates – Attached

None

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

None

18. Date of next meeting – 11th May 2023 to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings – at Llanrothal Church
NOTED

As this is to be his last meeting, Cllr Waqas Manzoor was warmly thanked for his diligence, ecological expertise and open-minded and fair approach to issues raised at Parish Council meetings during his time as a Councillor. His input will be missed.

The meeting closed at 19.59

Signed: 

Dated: 11.5.23