

Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council,
Held at Llanrothal Church
On Thursday 13th July 2023
At 7.30pm

This meeting may be recorded under Standing Order 3f

Present: Councillors: Mr Craig Bligh (Chair), Mr Martin Barter, Mr Keith Simmons, Ms Elissa Swinglehurst 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: Sue Parkinson and Debbie Clarke

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

None

3. Minutes

3.1 To agree and sign the minutes of The Group Parish Council meeting held on 8th June 2023

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Public Question Time

- Support is needed to help with the upkeep of Llanrothal church garden

- What is happening with the Dentist signs on the A466? *This is now with Herefordshire Council for enforcement*

5. Welsh Newton Common

5.1 To consider an update placing bollards/rocks at various locations on the Common to prevent further erosion by vehicles

It was REPORTED that the rocks are due to be delivered next week. Terry Griffiths is organising the placement of them. Gwenherrion Farm have kindly agreed to accept the delivery. Both were thanked.

5.2 To consider an update on setting up a Commons Working Group and next steps

It was REPORTED that the initial advert for expressions of interest in sitting on this committee will go out in the newsletter.

6. Planning

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

None

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

6.2.1 – 231486 - Upper Cwm Farmhouse, Welsh Newton, Monmouth, Herefordshire NP25 5RW

New main staircase. Internal alterations to ground floor WC/study - Listed Building Consent
It was RESOLVED to support this application

6.3 To consider a response to Herefordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation

NOTED

7. Reports

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

NOTED

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

Discussions are on-going

8. Finance

8.1 To note the July report and bank balances – Appendix 2

The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation. It was NOTED that the investment account is in the process of being opened.

8.2 To consider the following invoices for payment:

8.2.1 Clerks July salary

8.2.2 Clerks Expenses £29.85 (previously circulated)

8.2.3 HMRC PAYE £334.80

8.2.4 Autela Payroll Services - £54.58

8.2.5 Welsh Newton Village Hall – meeting hire – April 2023 £15

8.2.6 Black Mountain Quarries – Delivery of rocks £130

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

Mr. Terry Griffiths – Lengthsman joined the meeting

9. Lengthsman and footpaths

9.1 To consider any works for the lengthsman

None

9.2 To consider signing the Lengthsman contract for 2023-24

It was RESOLVED to sign the contract and request further match funding of £2000. The lengthsman will circulate his list of “at risk” areas for consideration by Councillors.

10. Highways

10.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

None

11. Defibrillators

11.1 To consider an update on the installation of the defibrillator in Llanrothal

It was RESOLVED that MG Electrics would be asked to complete the works. Cllr Bligh AGREED to organise this.

12. War Memorial

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

Deferred

13. To consider distributing a newsletter to parishioners.

It was RESOLVED that newsletter items should be sent to Cllr Bligh. The clerk will email the pro-forma of the last letter to Cllr Bligh. It was AGREED that the following should be in the newsletter: Defibrillators; CPR Training Evening; Llanrothal Churchyard Clearing day; Emergency Contact List; Commons Working Group. The clerk will arrange a CPR training event.

14. To consider the notice board at the Church

It was REPORTED that the glass is broken. The lengthsman AGREED to take a look and request a quote is submitted. It was further AGREED that Cllr Bligh would investigate moving the Llanrothal board to a more prominent position.

15. Correspondence

- Final report from ICO – It was NOTED that, as expected, the ICO had found that the PC had not with held any information

16. To consider the outstanding actions and updates

None

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

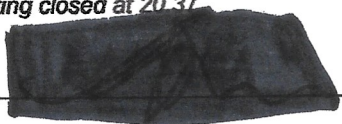
Clerk's Annual Appraisal and Salary Review.

18. Date of next meeting – 14th September 2023 at Welsh Newton Village Hall

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The meeting closed at 20.37

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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