

Extraordinary Parish Council meeting
Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group Parish Council
18 August 2023
St Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton

Although there were several members of the public present the Chairman explained that there would be no agenda item for public comment and any comments would be welcome at the Parish Council meeting in September. He apologised for any misunderstanding on this point.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30pm. In the absence of the parish clerk the minutes were taken by County and Parish Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst, Deputy Leader of Herefordshire Council.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Keith Simmons.
2. Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.
3. A decision to remove the rocks placed on the common to prevent verge erosion.

It was noted that the decision taken by the parish council to place rocks on the common to prevent further erosion was made in response to consistent concerns from residents and parish councillors representing the common over a long period of time that something needed to be done.

The parish council discussed this most recently in the meetings throughout the first part of 2023. The parish council secured a donation of stone from a local quarry and the lengthsman placed the stones as instructed. Although this had been an item on multiple agendas/minutes no response had been received from any member of the public or parish councillor to indicate that it would not be welcomed.

As soon as the stones were placed there was a strong reaction voiced on social media and to one parish councillor. In the light of this reaction the Chairman decided to call this extraordinary meeting.

After a brief discussion Cllr Swinglehurst proposed that the rocks be removed without further ado. The Chair called for a show of hands and the proposal was agreed.

4. The meeting was closed at 6.45pm

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DATED : 19/9/23