

SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held in Church Lench Village Hall, Church Lench on Monday March 13th 2023 at 7.05 pm.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Seabourne, Mr. Ball, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Tyrell and Mr. Hailwood. In <u>attendance</u> : Parishioner x 1 and Clerk, Mrs. Holland.
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63/22	Apologies: Received from Cllrs. Mrs. Abbey and Dr. Murray. Reasons for absence accepted and approved.
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64/22	Interests/ Dispensations: Nil declared.
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65/22	<p><u>District Cllr. Report:</u></p> <p><u>Russia and Ukraine war – one-year on.</u> On 24 February 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine and triggered the largest armed conflict in Europe since the Second World War. One-year on, Wychavon is set to remember those lost and displaced by the war. We will be taking the opportunity to inform residents that Wychavon has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☑ welcomed 229 guests☑ supported 330 host families☑ provided a range of events for hosts and guests☑ almost £270,000 distributed in financial support to hosts and guests☑ given out additional winter payments to hosts☑ provided a range of events for hosts and guests <p>And we encourage more hosts to come forward: https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/support-for-ukraine/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-in-wychavon</p> <p><u>Energy Bills Support Scheme.</u> The Energy Bills Support Scheme (Alternative Funding) went live on 27 February. This is to provide £400 of grant funding to all residents who do not have a direct relationship with their energy provider e.g., care home and park home residents. We will work with housing associations and the VCS to ensure that residents are aware of the scheme and how to apply, which will be through the Government portal. Whilst initial application and validation is via the central Government portal, Wychavon will undertake final checks and make payments. The scheme for alternative fuels was due to go live on 6 March. This will provide £200 of grant funding to all residents who use other fuel to heat their homes. We await guidance on the operation of the scheme.</p> <p><u>Wychavon Design Code consultation.</u> Despite having informed all town and parish clerks twice that the consultation on our design code is live, we have had feedback from parish councillors saying they know nothing about it. Parish councils are asked to confirm they are aware of the consultation and if they haven't done so already, please share details with their parish/town councillors. Consultations for all parts of the district are now open and the deadline for residents to have their say is 31 March 2023. You can find the consultation links and more information at www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations</p> <p><u>SWDP Review.</u> With reference to the Strategic Sites (Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton, Rushwick and Mitton), officers continue to scrutinise Regulation 19 consultation responses, alongside supplementing our evidence base as we prepare for the independent examination of the</p>
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	<p>SWDPR. This will include updating works on infrastructure planning, viability assessment and transport mitigation. For example, at Worcestershire Parkway, we have appointed cost consultants to review and refine our infrastructure costs. We are now planning our second workshop with the Combined Landowners to discuss these matters; the first workshop was held on Friday 27 January. This will help us prepare a more advanced viability assessment. Inputting of responses to the Regulation 19 consultation continues, with officers reviewing and considering any minor modifications for Submission.</p> <p>Sedgeberrow Neighbourhood Plan was adopted at Council on 22/2. This brings the total number of adopted neighbourhood plans in Wychavon to twelve.</p>
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Public Question time: Nil.

66/22	Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16.01.23 approved. Minutes of the meeting held on the 09.01.23 to be approved at the March Meeting.
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67/22	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p><u>Election procedure for May 23:</u> Application papers in regard to the forthcoming Elections to be distributed to those members that wish to apply. Members of the public can also contact the Clerk for details. Clerk to arrange a date and time for the papers to be handed out.</p>
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68/22	<p>Cllrs reports.</p> <p>a) <u>Community Legacy Grant:</u> Amphitheatre Project update. Cllr. Mr. Seabourne reported that he attended a recent Amphitheatre Public Meeting held by the Lenches Social & Recreation Club (LSRC). They gave an update on the project and explained the reason of shortage of funds required to finish the project. No further funds are available from the District Council. Approximately 80 people attended, approx.10% of the electorate for the South Lenches area. The Parish Council had already voted against applying for a Public Works Board Loan; this request could be revisited at the May meeting in line with Standing Order Regulations. The Chairman and Clerk have been asked to attend a meeting on the 22nd March to meet with Officers at the District Council.</p> <p>Correspondence received from the Secretary of the LSRC, circulated to all members.</p> <p>b) <u>Assets report:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Tyrell reported all satisfactory. The weatherboard on the Handgate Shelter requires replacing.</p> <p>c) <u>Pool/Play area:</u> Cllr. Mr. Seabourne reported that the new multi play unit has been installed by Sovereign. The installers are returning to remove a concrete plinth leftover from the old unit. Correspondence received from a parishioner re the newly installed play unit in regard to the height and visual impact of the structure. Clerk to respond.</p> <p>d) <u>Quarterly Meeting of Wychavon Area Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Tyrell reported that various grants were discussed, some were not applicable to the Parish Council. Clerk to forward the report from the Meeting to Councillors. Other matters raised: Lack of presence of the County Councillor at meetings and correspondence not being responded to.</p> <p>e) <u>20 is plenty and Playground maintenance:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Hodges reported that there is a growing view that the 30mph speed limit is too high in many villages. An article will be submitted in the next Arch Magazine to see if there is any further support from parishioners to reduce speed to 20mph in the villages or just in a certain area or certain times e.g. Church Lench School.</p>
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69/22	Council Matters:
69.1	<u>Annual Play Inspections:</u> Quotes x 3 considered. Resolved to accept the quote from the Play Inspection Company of £82.50 plus VAT.
69.2	<u>Request for a Dog Waste Bin, Farm Lane, Church Lench</u> considered. Council agreed not to purchase a bin at this time. Other bins in the vicinity are the responsibility of the District Council.
69.3	<u>Purchase of bark for play area:</u> Chairman to inspect regularly; a further order will be required soon.
69.4	<u>Village Pool area:</u> Correspondence received from Worcester Diocese in relation to parking on the area was discussed at length. Cllr. Mrs. Hodges agreed to speak to the owner of a van that is regularly parking on the site.
69.5	<u>Facebook page:</u> Cllr. Mr. Hailwood gave a summary of the benefits of having a Parish Council Facebook page and agreed to design a page.
69.6	<u>Renewal of contracts:</u> a) <u>Parish Lengthsman:</u> Agreed to renew the contract subject to receipt of the Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Agreement for 23-24. It was agreed to increase the Lengthsman hourly rate from April 23 to an extra £2 per hour on top of present hourly rate . b) <u>Village Pool/Play:</u> Contract to be renewed for 23-24.
69.7	<u>West Mercia Police Community Charter review:</u> Agreed by all to continue with the main concerns in the South Lenches area i.e. Speeding and Outbuilding Thefts.

70/22	Neighbourhood Plan.
70.1	<u>Update:</u> Cllr. Mrs Hodges reported that eight responses have been received from the Housing Needs Survey, the same number as the last survey carried out in 2016. Small work packages have been handed out to the Group and should be completed by the end of the month.
70.2	<u>Quotes for Consultant Support:</u> Deferred to the May meeting.

71/22	Financial Matters.
71.1	Resolved to approve payments and bank reconciliation.
71.2	Resolved to vire from Contingency Budget heading £30 to Website budget.

72/22	Planning Matters.
72.1	Resolved to comment on the following application: <u>W/23/00317/OUT</u> Oak Cottage, Evesham Road, Church Lench. Proposal: Outline application for the construction of 1 No. bungalow on land to the north of Oak Cottage. Comments: The proposal is outside the development boundary.
72.2	<u>The following application dealt with by delegation duly noted:</u> <u>W/22/02749/HP</u> Pilgrims Rest, Main Street, Church Lench. Proposal: Single storey rear extension with internal alterations. Comments: Nil.
72.3	<u>Correspondence received from the Planning Authority noted:</u> a) <u>W/22/01879/FUL</u> Oak Farm, Low Road, Church Lench Proposal: Siting of a log cabin for tourism/holiday use. Permission granted with 8 conditions. b) <u>W/22/02333/FUL</u> Former Baptist Church, Atch Lench. Proposal: Demolition of existing dilapidated building and erection of new one and a half storey dwelling adjacent to Baptist Church (Variation of condition 2 Ref. 19/02526/FUL). Application withdrawn. c) <u>W/22/02215/HP</u> Brookfields Farm, Ab Lench. Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on planning approval ref W/20/02416/HP - Proposed 2 storey extension to all elevations creating 2

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	additional bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms. Increasing kitchen and living spaces adding 3 no bi fold doors. Permission granted with 9 conditions. d) <u>W/22/01892/FUL</u> - Solar Farm Off Broad Lane Bishampton. Proposal: Variation of condition 2, 4 and 12 grant of permission on 20/02071/FUL. Permission granted with 15 conditions.
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73/22.	Meetings: a) <u>Annual Parish Meeting:</u> April 24 th at 7pm. Invites to be sent out to various organisations in the Villages. b) <u>Parish Council Meetings:</u> Proposed dates subject to availability of the Village Hall: Annual Parish Council Meeting May 15 th ; July 10 th , September 11 th , November 13 th , 2023, January 8 th , 2024, and March 11 th 2024. c) <u>Staffing Committee</u> deferred.
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79/22	Urgent delegated decision in relation to installation of multi play tower. Portaloo costs incurred.
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Meeting closed at 9 pm.

Summary of Accounts.

South Lenches Parish Council -				
	Agreed Budget 22-23	Actual budget	Received	
Precept	11362.00	11362.00	11362.00	
WCC re P/L	2,039.00	2,344.42	2142.00	
WCC P/L	0.00	0.00	238.00	
WDC Cil	0.00	0.00	614.77	
WDC CLG	0.00	0.00	70000.00	
Groundwork UK	0.00	0.00	3700.00	
VAT Refund	902.00	0.00	986.54	
Total	14303.00	13706.42	89043.31	
Payments				
Staff costs	5967.00	4240.90	1726.10	71%
Admin + Cl Exp costs	600.00	520.75	79.25	87%
Training	200.00	60.00	140.00	30%
Subscriptions	500.00	447.62	52.38	90%
Insurance	398.00	397.82	0.18	100%
Auditor Fees	370.00	369.90	0.10	100%
Grants/Donations	500.00	0.00	500.00	0%
Contingency	247.00	0.00	247.00	0%
Website	228.00	258.00	-30.00	113%
Newsletter	300.00	300.00	0.00	100%
Contractor maintenance	1080.00	990.00	90.00	92%
Annual Inspection	70.00	69.50	0.50	99%
Maintenance Assets	585.00	584.78	0.22	100%

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Neighbourhood Plan	700.00	0.00	700.00	0%
Defib maintenance	80.00	0.00	80.00	0%
Litter Bin	168.00	167.24	0.76	100%
Projects S/L NB; VAS	200.00	0.00	200.00	0%
WCC PL	2344.42	2344.42	0.00	100%
P/L PC contribution	700.00	273.58	426.42	39%
VAT to recover	902.00	2856.57		
TOTAL	16139.42	13881.08	4212.91	
WCC Cllr VAS + NHB VAS	412.50	0.00	412.50	0%
CLG	76118.12	70547.31	5570.81	93%
Groundwork UK	3700.00	0.00	3700.00	0%
Transfer from reserves	0.00	12131.19		
CiL payment	614.77	612.00	2.77	
TOTAL	96370.04	97171.58	13896.22	

Treasurers Account

01.04.22	13188.16
Income received	89043.31
Transfer reserves	13177.57
Payment 22-23	-97171.58
Total	18237.46
09.03.23	18237.46
minus unrepresented payments	0.00
Total	18237.46

Minus WCC Cllr VAS	-412.50
Minus CLG	-5570.81
Minus Groundwork UK grant	-3700.00
	-9683.31

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