

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016 at The Public Institute, Llanfair at 7pm

Present: Cllrs C Evans, V Evans, H Davies, K Roberts, C Stephens, V Faulkner, L Evans, G Peate, A Watkin, G Jones (Chair) and Clerk

Before business began James Blair of PCC informed the Council of the work that could be carried out to improve wheelchair access to certain areas of Deri Woods thanks to a grant from WAG. There would be no financial contribution required from the Town Council and the work would be completed by the end of March 2017. Cllr C Evans clarified the position on drainage requirements. Clerk received assurance that PCC insurance would cover all aspects of this work. There was unanimous agreement that this work should go ahead.

Chris Radford of MWT then brought the members up to date to date with the work in Deri Woods including some felling of trees for safety and thinning reasons. All agreed that the Clerk would ask PCC for the EOI paperwork for the Goat Field. It was agreed that the oak tree recently inspected would be left in place and monitored over the next 12 months. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a meeting in the wood in the near future. The Chair thanked both James and Chris.

1. Apologies – Cllr M Hughes

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26th September 2016

Omission – The Clerk reported that the Financial Audit for 2015 – 2016 had been returned to the Council by Grant Thornton and was unqualified. All agreed.

Correction – The Town Council had agreed to pay for up to £1,000 towards Verti Drainage only on Mountfield

4. Matters arising not already on the agenda.

Clerk informed the members of the co option notice for the casual vacancy.

Cllr C Evans proposed the minutes should be signed as correct. This was seconded by Cllr C Stephens and all agreed.

5.Finance.

Community balance - £37,843.

The following payments were agreed:

- 101191 – Severn Trent – Toilets - £433.33
- 101192 – R Isaac – Erw Ddwr and Chapel of Rest - £57.50
- 101193 – Clerk’s expenses - £130.42
- 101194 – DM Johnson, toilets cleaning - £144.00
- 101195 – Erfyl Thomas, Deri Woods fencing - £258.00
- 101196 – RBL Poppy wreath - £20.00
- SO – Clerk’s salary - £477.50
- DD – Opus Energy - £16.24

Receipts:

- Chapel of Rest -£60.00
- Burial fees - £500.00

6.Planning.

P/2016/0934 – WLLR Change of use at existing workshops.

Unanimous decision to support this application.

7.Premises.

Deri Woods and Goatfield – Clerk to complete EOI on receipt of paperwork

St. Mary’s Churchyard – Cllr C Evans to look into repair of flood light. Clerk confirmed grass cuttings would be moved asap. Cllr V Evans reported that the trees used for the Christmas lights required cutting. All to meet in Church Yard at 11am Saturday 28th Oct to review situation.

Public Toilets – It was agreed that Clerk should look into further water saving measures and that the opening hours would be reviewed in March 2017. It was agreed that the contract cleaner would be asked to paint new frame and door.

Mountfield – Hedges require brushing. White Oaks to carry this out. There will be a trustees meeting at 7pm at the next Town Council. Clerk to contact interested parties.

Erw Ddwr – Clerk reported on her meeting with W&WHA. The boundary trees do belong to them and they will be carrying out the work to cut them back. Clerk to ask contractor to move cut wood from the earlier tree work.

Glanyrafon – Cllr H Davies reported broken posts. Clerk to get this repaired.

Chapel of Rest – Cllr G Peate had nothing to report.

8. Correspondence.

Clerk read a letter from a resident regarding keeping the Library open. Comments were duly noted by all. Clerk to write acknowledging receipt.

9. PCC matters

Cllr V Evans reported that the matter of car park charges would come before the Places Committee for scrutiny.

She also clarified the current position on the Library. All agreed that following advice on the use of Section 137 spending limits it would not be possible to fund the Library using the current options on offer from PCC. Clerk to write to PCC to inform them of this and ask for another way forward that would not involve requiring the Town Council to make unlawful payments to keep the Library open.

Cllr V Evans spoke about the proposed changes to the Leisure Centre. She confirmed that the High School would be interested in taking it over and it would be discussed at the next Governors' meeting. Chair to contact Chair of Governors to discuss this further. All agreed swift action should be taken on this matter to ensure the future of the Leisure Centre. Clerk and Cllr Evans to request figures etc from PCC.

Cllr Evans reported that two companies had expressed an interest in carrying out the repair and restoration of the War Memorial. Clerk confirmed she had sent them the condition report. Cllr Evans was also looking into the repair of the sun dial in the church yard.

Cllr Evans felt that the notice board required attention. Clerk to obtain a price for a sign and arrange for it to be varnished. She also felt that the yew trees in the Church Yard needed to be trimmed. This would be discussed at the meeting on Sat 28th October.

Cllr Evans confirmed that the 20mph speed limit would soon be in operation on the A458 outside the schools. The delay was due to a failure to advertise the changes. Cllr Evans had attended a talk by the Fire Service. She reported some very positive aspects of this.

10. Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum.

Clerk reported she would be attending the next meeting on Tuesday 1st Nov.

11. Road Safety.

Clerk to follow up issues at Min Fordd and reported that W&WHA would write to residents regarding parking problems. If this failed to improve the situation double yellow line restrictions may have to be enforced.

12. Other business.

Clerk to send condolences to the family of former councillor Barry Jones who had sadly recently died.

Cllr H Davies reminded all that the Remembrance Day Service would be on Sunday 13th November at St Mary's.

Cllr C Evans reported water flowing down Mount Road. Clerk to contact PCC.

13. Date of next meeting : Monday 28th November at 7pm.