

## WELLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre  
at 7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>
	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Parish Cllr's: Mr B Prince (Chairman); Mrs L Langford; Mr JR Makin, Mr F Plumb, and Mr D Wood.</p> <p>Also in attendance: Ward Cllr A Blackshaw; Mrs C Bucknell (Parish Clerk); and 8 members of the public.</p>	
1.0	<p><b>To Accept Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Parish Cllr's: Mrs J Gowan (Vice); Mrs K Mayne; Mr G Porter and CSO D Wall</p>	
2.0	<p><b>To Receive Declaration of Member's Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest</p>	
3.0	<p><b>To Adopt Minutes of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>To Receive Brief Reports:</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Herefordshire Council - Cllr Blackshaw:</b></p> <p>Cllr Blackshaw updated the group on the new system of webcasting planning committee meetings and highlighted the importance of the LDF which puts power in the hands of the Parish Councils and the local community. He showed the meeting a map of the latest developments, with particular reference to the relief road.</p> <p><b>4.2 Local Police Officers:</b> (written report from CSO Wall)</p> <p>At approximately 18:30 on 08/01/2012 unknown offenders forced entry to a local garden centre; Police were alerted and attended the scene but there was no trace of the offenders.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Reports noted</p> <p><b>It was agreed to take Agenda Item 8 next</b></p>	
8.0	<p><b>To Consider Highway Matters</b></p> <p><b>8.1 A49 Issues</b></p> <p>Cllr Blackshaw had taken the A49 issues up with Cllr Guthrie and with David Lynch, Amey Network Manager with a view to having a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Prince was not available on the 21<sup>st</sup> but would talk with Cllr Woods about the issues in preparation for the meeting</p> <p>PC Neil James, who is covering the Parish in PC Epton's absence, had responded to the concerns raised at the January meeting asking for more clarification so that he could investigate further.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> a letter to be sent to PC Neil James detailing concerns and asking for a Traffic Police view on how incidents on the A49 are reported.</p>	<p>BP/DW</p> <p>CB</p>

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	<p><b>8.2 To Receive any other Highway Issues</b>  A lorry had reversed into the bridge in Bridge Lane, causing damage.  Drains are blocked with leaves at Doctor's corner at the top of the village and at Mill Lane.  A road sweeper is needed in the village.  There is an amount of litter on the A49  <b>Resolved:</b> a letter to be sent to Herefordshire Council Highways Dept / Amey asking for these issues to be logged and dealt with.</p>	CB
5.0	<p><b>Open Time</b>  A question was raised about whether the PC was going to put on any events for the Diamond Jubilee.  This would be put on the agenda for the March meeting.</p>	CB
6.0	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><b>6.1 To Receive a Report from the RFO</b>  Bank balances: (09/01/12) Treasurer's Account £1,035.47 (less outstanding cheques £418.88) and Business Instant Access £18,820.77. Payments received £125 (excess on insurance claim, reimbursed by Allianz), rent for Wellington Shop £500 (October to December 2011- received at the meeting).  <b>Resolved:</b> report noted.</p> <p><b>6.2 To Agree Payments made since last meeting:</b>  There were no payments</p> <p><b>6.3 To Agree Payment of outstanding invoices:</b>  Outstanding invoices: Makin &amp; Sons January rent £250 (640), Clerks Salary (Dec &amp; Jan) £364.04 net (641), Marsden Associates - Data for FRA £750 (642), Membership to SLCC £75 (643)  <b>Resolved:</b> All payments approved.</p> <p><b>6.4 To Consider Responses to Cemetery Tender</b>  It was agreed to take this item under the Confidential session. The clerk confirmed this was good practice in terms of tender proposals (CAB para 7.6)</p>	CB
7.0	<p><b>To Consider Planning Matters</b></p> <p><b>7.1 To Consider any Planning Applications</b>  There have been no new planning applications</p> <p><b>7.2 To Note any Decisions/Notifications Received</b>  DMN/113441/F – New Dwelling, The White House, Wellington – application withdrawn</p>	
9.0	<p><b>To Consider Village Shop Issues</b></p> <p><b>9.1 Report from Working Group</b>  Cllr Wood gave a full report of actions undertaken so far, all of which were in line with the resolutions made at the January extraordinary meeting.  The order for the FRA had been placed, the data had now been received and work was underway and work was underway on production of a draft business plan.  <b>Resolved:</b> A progress report would be attached to the minutes.</p>	

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	<p>The Chairman reported that a communication had been received from John Perkins at the Wellington Social Club, expressing a desire to be involved with the FRA and with the shop developments; this was contrary to the view communicated in the past.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To await the report on the FRA. If current site fails other options would be considered.</p>	
10.0	<p><b>Report on Footpaths</b></p> <p>The Local Access Fom was considering footpaths such as the Causeway and was asking local farmers to provide stiles.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> the report was noted.</p>	
11.0	<p><b>Update on Lengthman's Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> to sign the Lengthsman Scheme to start on 1 April 2012.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> to ascertain whether the scheme was a rolling 3 programme or whether there was now only 2 years of funding available</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> to consider availability of existing Lengthsmen – to be put on agenda for March meeting.</p>	CB
12.0	<p><b>To consider support for the Technology Grant Application</b></p> <p>The grant application was being led by the WCA.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> to send a letter expressing PC support for the application</p>	CB
13.0	<p><b>Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Planning</b></p> <p>This should include all the local community and should at medium to long term planning issues. This would be kept on the agenda.</p>	FP
14.0	<p><b>To Agree a Response to the HALC Constitution Consultation</b></p> <p>It was felt that to move from the current three area meeting structure to a 9 locality structure, resulting in around 36 meetings a year, was not desirable. This would use up a lot of resources and could mean meetings would be too small to maximise benefit for the members.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> to send a response to HALC outlining the views of the meeting</p>	CB
15.0	<p><b>To Note the Information Sheet</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Information sheet, which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting, was noted.</p>	
16.0	<p><b>To Raise Matters for Next Scheduled Meeting (No Discussion)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Agenda items referred from this meeting plus Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</p>	
17.0	<p><b>To Note the Date and Time of next regular Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The next regular Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.55pm</p>	All
	<p>Signed ..... Date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 Chairman of Wellington Parish Council</p>	

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	<i>The Council passed a Resolution to exclude Members of the Public for Agenda Items 6.4 and 18.0 due to the Confidential Nature</i>	
6.4	<b>To Consider Responses to Cemetery Tender</b> <b>Resolved:</b> To accept the proposal from DC Gardening (£1,316)	CB
18.0	<b>To Discuss Personnel Matters</b> <b>Resolved:</b> To let the payment to Mr Mike Hopkins stand in recognition of the work carried out during his time as Parish Clerk over and above his contracted hours, with particular reference to work on the shop project.	CB