

WELLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Community Centre
at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th March 2020

Item	Minutes	
	Present: Parish Cllrs: Mrs Jenni Gowan (Chair), Mr S Crane, Mrs L Langford Mr S Marron, Mr B Prince, Mr A Spittle Also in attendance: Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett, Mrs Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk) and 27 members of the public.	
1.00	To Accept Apologies for Absence – None	
2.00	To Receive Declarations of Interest – Item 7.5 - Cllr Crane said that even though he had been flooded during the recent bad weather he did not intend claiming from the Flood Fund and therefore did not have an interest to declare. 2.1 To Consider Written Requests for Dispensations There were no requests for dispensation	
3.0	To Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 6th February 2020 Resolved: The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair	
4.0	To Receive Brief Reports from 4.1 Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett Flooding - Cllr Crockett reported that 4 areas in Queenswood Ward had been affected by the recent floods and, whilst she was only able to assist a local resident due to her personal plans, Cllr Crockett had been kept fully updated by the Herefordshire Council team co-ordinating the assistance response. Cllr Crockett said she had received many emails, the majority giving positive comments regarding the support and assistance provided during the recent flooding. The grant on offer from Herefordshire Council could still be accessed via the website. This included a one-off grant of £500 and Council tax relief for 3-6 months depending on circumstances. Covid 19 - Cllr Crockett said that Herefordshire Council was working with Public Health England in response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in England and local plans were in place should the County become a victim of the virus. Cllr Crockett said the most important message at the present time was to reinforce the importance of hand hygiene: • Always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes, and bin the tissue • Wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds, or, use sanitiser gel to kill germs The Hand it Back Campaign – This campaign was asking for anyone with Local Authority or NHS supplied aid equipment that was no longer being required to contact NRS Healthcare at Rotherwas. NRS were leading the programme and would collect walking aids and crutches if other equipment was involved. If no other equipment was involved these items could be returned to the depot at Rotherwas. Parish Council Summit – this was taking place on 2nd April in the Shirehall and would be an opportunity to explore what was being planned by Herefordshire Council in terms of better and closer ways of working with Parish Councils. Post Meeting Note: The summit was cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak.	

4.1.1. Meeting with Bill Wiggin to discuss A49 Concerns

No date for the discussions about Wellington Junction and The Marsh had yet been arranged as both Cllr Crockett and Bill Wiggin had been busy with the recent flood event.

With regard to the state of Dinmore Hill raised by Cllr Gowan, Cllr Crockett said she had contacted the Highways Agency about signage and the fact there were no road markings but had received no response. The Cabinet had stressed the need to maintain contact with Highways England Team and this was to be pursued by Cllr Harrington, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

4.1.2 Herefordshire County Plan

The County Plan has been published and consists of three themes – Community, Economy and Environment. It is available in full online.

5.0 Communication and Updates (not requiring Decision)**5.1 Crime Report**

Cllr Gowan had checked the West Mercia website for a crime update only to find that it was still only showing up until December 2019.

5.2 Spring Newsletter

Cllr Gowan said that it had been the intention to make the Newsletter available for distribution at the March meeting, but recent events had rather overtaken this. It was now anticipated that it would be ready to distribute at the April meeting. As it will be advertising the Annual Parish Meeting it will need to be distributed quickly and volunteers would be needed. **Post Meeting Note:** *It was decided not to print the Newsletter until further information was available about the holding of public meetings etc.*

5.3 GDPR Email Signature

This had not been progressed and was ongoing and Cllr Crane would bring it to the next meeting.

6.0 Open Time - To Note Matters Raised by Local Residents Relevant to the Parish

A resident asked when it was anticipated that work on any revised NDP would take place. Cllr Gowan responded that there was a meeting with the NDP Team on Friday 6th March, and more information would be known after that. The Parish Council's view was that a review should not take place until details of the Core Strategy were known, which would indicate what was expected in terms of housing targets.

7.0 Financial Matters**7.1 To Receive a Report from the RFO**

Bank balances: Treasurer's Account £6,608.87 Business Instant Access £59,144.67.

Income since the February Meeting

- Interest £2.59
- Wellington Shop March rent £700

7.2: To Agree Payments made since last meeting

Payment	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of 50 x 2 nd class stamps	£30.50

7.3: To Agree Payment of Outstanding Invoices

Payment	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	D C Gardening invoice SI630. Grounds Maintenance for February £105 + VAT	£126.00
BACS	Email Lynette Jones for February cleaning	£40.00

Resolved: Payments Approved

7.4 To Consider Donation to Wellington Fun Week

Resolved: To donate £600 whether to pay an invoice (ex VAT) or to cover other expenditure as required, depending on the wishes of the organisers. The Clerk confirmed Section 137 allowed for

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provision of entertainment and support of the arts under the Local Government Act 1972 s 145 which it was felt would cover this. Cllr Gowan would notify the organiser.

7.5 To Consider Donation to Wellington Flood Relief Fund

The Parish Council had been approached concerning the setting up of a flood fund for those affected by recent events. In order to remain impartial, as well as not to have to handle externally donated money, which it was not set up to do, the Chair had contacted Wellington Charities who already had a mechanism known as the Relief in Need Fund, and it was felt they were better placed to take donations and more importantly distribute the funds. Posters had been put up and it would be up to the Charity Trustees to decide the method of distribution. The Chair encouraged anyone who was in need to apply as there had been very few applications to date.

Resolved: To Donate £1,000 to the Relief in Need Charity which would help those who had been affected by the recent flooding. This donation would not be covered by Section 137 Powers, but the Clerk confirmed there was sufficient remaining in the 2019/20 allowance (£7,024) to cover this.

8.0 To Consider Planning Matters

8.1 To Consider new Planning Application

Reference Number	Application
194323	Church House Farm Wellington HR4 8AZ - Proposed works to rear elevation, including new windows and proposed internal re-modelling. Listed Building Consent

This application had been brought to the Parish Council notice by Cllr Crockett on the day of the February meeting, no previous notification having been received from the Planning Team.

Agreed Response: *This late response from Wellington Parish Council is a result of being alerted to the application by our Ward Councillor as we did not receive notification of it and would ask that your system is checked in this regard. Do you have a system set up of ensuring that email notifications are received/read?*

The Parish Council was able to discuss this at its meeting on 6th March and confirm no objection to the proposals. We are more than satisfied that the owners of the property are taking great care in their restoration/remodelling to preserve this historic house.

Reference Number	Application
200325	Homerdene, Wellington HR4 8DU – proposed two storey side extension

Agreed Response: To Support the application

Reference Number	Application
200341	The Ridges, Wellington HR4 8AP – demolition of existing garage and replace with new garage and games room over.

A member of the public who lived near to the development stated that the applicant had consulted him on the draft plan. The resident had voiced concerns about the height of the development and the direction of the 3 windows. In response to this the applicant had reduced the height and removed 2 windows on northern end of the building, and the resident now supported the proposed plans. The application involved felling 9 Leylandii trees and Cllr Langford asked what was going to replace these. It was thought this was going to be a fence, but clarification was needed.

Post Meeting Note: *Shirley Edgar, Tree Warden visited the site and reported that the 9 leylandii had been kept closely clipped and low in height. As the trunks were either under 75mm or only just over, she felt that an application for tree works was not necessary. She also said that the area did not lend*

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itself to any replacement planting.

Agreed Response: To Support the Application

Reference Number	Application
194435	Land Adjacent to Ravensholt, Wellington HR4 8AT - Proposed development of a three bedroom dwelling. <i>This application had only been received on the day of the meeting and an extension until 11th April had been granted for a Parish Council response so that it could be discussed in full at the April meeting. Cllr Gowan would notify neighbouring properties especially as the deadline for public response was prior to the April meeting.</i> Post Meeting Note: Due to the cancellation of the April Parish Council meeting comments will be discussed and agreed between Councillors, submitted, and recorded at the next meeting.

8.3: To Note any Decisions/Notifications Received

Reference Number	Application	Decision
200139	Ravensholt, Wellington HR4 8AT - Proposed tree works	Approved
193090	Plough House, Wellington HR4 8AT – Proposed works to reduce canopy of sycamore tree by 30% and overhang into neighbours garden.	Awaiting Decision
194229	Bathfield, Hope under Dinmore HR6 OPX – Replacement Dwelling	Awaiting Decision
192887	Land at Honeysuckle Cottage, Poultry Lane, Wellington – proposed development for the erection of three dwellings with associated garaging and parking.	Awaiting Decision
192810	Land at Yew Trees, The Row, Wellington – Dwelling with detached garage and vehicle access Re - Consultation	Awaiting Decision
193618	Wellington Quarry, Haywood Lane, Wellington. Proposed southern extension and consolidation of existing planning permissions	Awaiting Decision
182878	Land Adjacent to Graveyard, Wellington – proposed erection of 15 dwellings. It has been established that this approval is now only held up with regard to the required HRA relevant to the phosphate levels in the River Lugg.	Awaiting Decision

8.3 To Consider any other Planning Issues

8.3.1 Haywards Lane Application – to ensure planning conditions are met

The Chair had asked for this to stay on the agenda so that the conditions on the Haywards Lane site, especially as regards the lighting, could be monitored. There was no further information at this stage.

8.3.2 Core Settlement Hierarchy Review 2020

The Parish Council had been asked to complete a document outlining facilities available in Wellington, school, shop, church etc. This was so that if it was determined that settlements such as Wellington needed to take additional housing over and above that which was identified in the NDP, the area could be evaluated. Cllr Gowan had completed the review document and it had been circulated to Councillors for comment in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: To approve and submit the document

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9.0	To Consider Highways Issues 9.1 A49 Issues This would stay on the agenda until a response was received from Highways England and action identified to address the A49 issues. Cllr Crockett and Cllr Gowan would discuss the non-response. A further accident on the A49 had occurred and the 50-mph sign demolished. The police had been in attendance. A member of the public stated that the 50-mph/Wellington sign on the A49 had been replaced on the verge. Cllr Gowan would look into this. 9.2 To Receive any other Highways Issues The Chair reported that a Highways Maintenance Scrutiny Review has been carried out by Herefordshire Council with particular emphasis on the repair of potholes. As the document had only become available immediately prior to the meeting, it needed to be read and digested before further information could be passed on. The Chair would look into the details and report back at a future meeting. It was noted that there was Local Enterprise Partnership money allocated to the maintenance of U and C class roads and it was felt this may be part of the Maintenance Scrutiny Review. Cllr Crockett would look into it. 9.2.1 Update on 30 mph Limit and Extension into Auberrow As reported at the February meeting, the 30mph speed limits and the extension through Auberrow had all been approved. The Parish Council had been notified that the signage was due to be put up at the end of February, but this had not happened and would be followed up. 9.2.2 Update on Safety Review at Mill Lane Junction The Chair reported that BBLP were not responsible for taking the mirror down at Vinery Corner as it had already been removed. At the February meeting the Parish Council undertook to ask BBLP to outline the process, time scales and potential costs of a review of the junction. This had been done and Mark Hadley (BBLP) had responded saying that there was no set cost for an assessment of safety at the junction, but this did not mean that there would be no cost involved. He indicated that any assessment would be done quickly and would be based on collision records and traffic flows. Mark Hadley was getting further advice on this and would report back. The Chair also mentioned whether better white lining on the bend from the Row, or any additional road signs would help the situation. 9.2.3 Update on Inconsiderate Parking on Pavement As agreed at the February meeting, the person concerned had been written to; there had been no response, but it had been noted that parking on the footpath had stopped. However, the resident's three vehicles were still parked at the bottom of Millway resulting in large vehicles churning up the grass on the opposite bank in their attempt to get through and it was not known what could be done about this. The Parish Council had also written to the building firm who were parking in the bus stop but there had been no response. Cllr Prince noted that the construction vehicles had been removed and were no longer parked in the bus stop. 9.2.4 Update on Section 106 Expenditure and Remaining Budget There was no further information. Ward Cllr Crockett was following this up. 9.2.5 Pedestrian Safety at Bus Stops Whilst the debate was taking place regarding the mirror at the February meeting, the validity of the installation of the bus stop at Vinery Corner was called into question on the basis that legal advice had been taken by a parishioner. It was reported that this had said that the Parish Council had not taken adequate steps to ensure pedestrian safety given that the bus stop had resulted in increased numbers using it, although the Parish Council had questioned that last statement. Immediately after the meeting the Chair had raised the issue with BBLP and the Parish Council had been advised as follows: <i>The bus stop, as with other stops in the village, was already designated but lacked official markings and associated infrastructure that we would wish to see at our bus stops throughout the county,</i>	JG JG JG
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	<i>namely raised boarding kerbs, flag and timetable information as a minimum. As part of the public realm and adopted highway, the Council are in their rights to make improvements they see fit to enhance provision for all users and in fact if footfall has increased at this location since the works have been undertaken this is a positive step. There is no material change to the highway as the stop is in the same position and used by buses and passengers alike in the same fashion, but with added warning for other drivers of its presence through the introduction of the bus cage and flag. I would have to ask for greater clarity on the issue raised that there is inadequate protection for pedestrians as this path is actually on one of the wider sections in the village and set back and partly segregated from the road by the verge unlike significant lengths of footway through the rest of Wellington.</i> <i>In undertaking design work BBLP prepare a number of items to support the design process including a designer's risk assessment. The scheme did not warrant a Road Safety Audit in line with the guidance and best practice from CIHT (https://www.ciht.org.uk/sorsa/technical-guidelines/) and DfT DMRB (http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ha/standards/dmr/vol5/section2/hd1903.pdf). As the public realm contractor BBLP followed our procedures to ensure the installation was in compliance with legal requirements, design standards and local protocols.</i> The Parish Council's decision was that this matter was now closed and if any parishioner wished to take the matter further they must do it directly with either BBLP or Herefordshire Council. 9.2.6 Identification of Work to be Carried Out and any other Updates As agreed at the February meeting the Lengthsman had been instructed to carry out the drain gully clearance and some pothole work. The main street had not been included as it was felt that something more permanent was required. The Chair had also referred Mill Lane back to Herefordshire Council as BBLP advised it was not on the coming year's programme, even though the recent weather had made the situation worse. No response had yet been received and this would continue to be followed up. It was noted that BBLP have marked some areas on the main street for repair including close to the school.	JG SC
10.0	Report on Footpaths 10.1 Update on Footpath Maintenance Cllr Crane reported that the recent flooding issues had caused considerable problems on the footpath network and he was waiting for the paths to drain before inspecting the damage caused. Significant issues had been caused by gutters which had come away on a privately owned structure that had not been properly maintained and there was water running down into the kissing gate on the footpath which ran from Bridge Lane to the Church. It was noted that water from the field was inevitable and could not be stopped but the Parishioner concerned could stop water coming off the structure which would help the situation. The Parishioner said they would investigate what could be done. On WG18, which ran diagonal to Westfield Farm, the crop had died back, other paths were still waterlogged. The steps at the top of the Dingle were washed out and needed topping up with grit. There was a tree down at The Dingle and 3 finger posts needed replacing. Also, a gate post needed replacing and it had been agreed to install 2 kissing gates by Xmas Tree Farm and a kissing gate on the footpath which ran from Bridge Lane to the Church. Balfour Beatty had indicated they would replace footpath furniture like for like but the exact but the exact position on replacements and potential cost had not been clarified and Cllr Crane would talk to Phil Pankhurst. Cllr Crane suggested that there was a potential for the Parish Council to fund the finger posts and installation. Cllr Langford was not supportive of funding the installation of the posts as this was the responsibility of Herefordshire Council, albeit there may be a long waiting list to have this done, and	

11.0	the position needed to be clarified with Phil Pankhurst. 10.2 Update on Enforcement on MU7/8 and WG 15/18 Shane Hancock, Enforcement Officer with Balfour Beatty, had walked the paths and had given the following report, concluding that at the present time he considered all the paths were accessible and he was not recommending any further action. <i>WG15 – the western section which has oil seed rape planted has been treated and it is evident where the crop has died back or is dying back. The wheat planted in the eastern part of the field has barely grown, and along the line of the path there is very little crop. The full length of the path can be walked without difficulty.</i> <i>WG18 – the oil seed rape in this field has been treated along the line of the path across the field. The path is evident on the ground and can be walked without difficulty.</i> <i>MU8 – west of U72632. The crop in this field has possibly failed. However, you can see where the landowner has treated it field edge along the line of the path and where what crop there is, is dying or has died. Again, I walked the path without difficulty.</i> <i>MU8 -east of U72632. Along the first section of the path there is a wide buffer planted with grass (not growing). Where the path crosses the field towards MU7 the wheat may have failed, and at present the route across the field is unobstructed.</i> <i>MU7 – the wheat in this field has definitely failed and the path can be walked without difficulty.</i> Response to February Flooding Event Cllr Gowan noted that the recent bad weather had been demanding for many people and the Parish Council were committed to helping the affected residents in the best way possible. The Parish Council had worked hard to deal with a lot of anxious phone calls, many emails and the often-difficult task of coordinating actions with Herefordshire Council, at obviously very short notice. Various notifications had been produced and delivered, and the Parish Council had liaised with River Lugg IDB resulting in several meetings, including having to provide a map of the extent of flooded properties. The Chair gave thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work and support throughout that week, and also wished to record that the Parish Council considered Herefordshire Council had acted superbly, with a very quick and proactive approach, which included offering grant funding and council tax relief to affected properties and putting a full team in place to visit all affected areas offering help and advice. At the December and February Parish Council meetings an initiative had been announced to start work with stakeholders to see how Wellington could become more flood resilient. It was recognised that this would be a long-term project, but Storm Dennis descended before much progress could be made. The Chair now felt that the implications of what had happened in February meant that extensive outside help would be needed to make this project a success. The Chair outlined various actions that had been or could be taken. It had been agreed with the cooperation of Mr and Mrs Jones at the Vinery to look at channelling water into the Brook away from Mill Lane via two channels, but the Chair felt that this now needed to be reviewed. The Chair noted that water that currently did not flow under the footpath flowed down to Vinery Corner, not flooding any properties, only the road and she felt there was now a need to think about whether it might be best left to do that rather than putting more water into the Brook, given what had happened downstream. Alongside actions such as this, work would continue with BBLP, RLIDB and also Highways England and currently the Parish Council had called for a review of the whole drainage system before anything else was undertaken; the first stage being putting together a complete map of what water goes where in Wellington. It was also noted that whilst many people were blaming blocked drains, with the Brook literally full to overflowing there was little capacity and nowhere for the water to go. The recent weather conditions were unprecedented but could happen again in the future and the Parish Council was currently waiting to hear about additional funding for the Lengthsman to undertake more drainage work during the	SC
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year; this would help keep some of the drains running more freely but everything still relied on the water having somewhere to go. It was expected that there would be a resilience seminar run by Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council would report back following that. It was expected that the core of any advice was likely to be that individual occupiers must take their own steps to make their properties flood resilient for the future and that communities must also look to becoming more resilient by means of self-help. The Chair introduced Graham Webb to address the meeting as he had expressed an interest in setting up a Flood Resilience Group based on the already successful Bodenham Flood Group. Graham Webb outlined what Bodenham had done to combat flooding in their area, saying the group was affiliated to the Parish Council and a Councillor had a place on the group. He outlined what Bodenham volunteers did to keep the vegetation clear and the waterways flowing including a Telemetry Project to look at the flow of the River Lugg and local tributaries. Bodenham had 1000 sandbags, with 260 held in reserve and a tractor and trailer on standby to move them around as necessary. Their culverts were cleaned regularly, and they worked closely with the River Lugg Internal Drainage Board. The next steps were discussed, and it was suggested that the Parish Council facilitate an Open Meeting to ascertain interest in the scheme and to plan the way forward. An initial meeting of the Flood Protection Group was to be held on Thursday 12th March, Cllr Crane would be in attendance. The Group could be a Working Group of the Parish Council and as such would need to comply with the formal legislation and guidance, with all proposals coming back to the Parish Council for approval. Comments from Councillors and Members of the Public were invited. Cllr Gowan noted that there had been a reference made to a Flood Resilience Grant of up to £5,000 per household was currently available from Herefordshire Council but there were no more details available at this stage. The resident of the Vinery mentioned about a tree which was blocking the brook. Cllr Gowan would draft a letter to Mr Colbatch Clark. The RLIDB had been asked to remove the damaged bridge at the rear of Dursley Cottage. A resident noted that a willow tree by the bridge on the opposite side of the Brook needed attention. Cllr Gowan would talk to Les Harrison of RLIDB asking if this should be the responsibility of the residents. Shirley Edgar, Parish Tree Warden said that in some cases the roots actually held the bank together and to remove them would be detrimental. Graham agreed that the trees needed pollarding, but the roots needed to remain. Cllr Langford noted that garden rubbish (tree/grass cuttings) was sometimes being tipped into the Brook. Cllr Langford would write a short piece to be included in the Parish Newsletter. A member of the public asked if there could be Road Closed signs held locally, to be used from the Vinery to Watermill turn as 4x4 vehicles drove through the floods too fast and water washed into people's properties from the side wave. Cllr Gowan would make enquiries about this. A resident said that they had been directed to Balfour Beatty to collect sandbags only to be told they were no longer available. Cllr Gowan said that every household had been notified in 2016 about Herefordshire Council no longer provided sandbags for residential use, but those moving into the village after that may not be aware and this would be reiterated in the next Parish Newsletter. Notices to this effect were also on all notice boards and had been for some time. Sandbags needed to be purchased from a builder's merchant and kept in the dark of covered if they had the white plastic type outer casing as this degraded in UV light. A member of the public said they had been impressed with the Parish Council's support and response and wondered if another round of rubbish collection could be arranged as the first one was too soon after the event for everyone to have their debris ready for collection. Cllr Gowan would look into this. It was mentioned that the Roadsweeper had been around and a suggestion was made about checking	JG LL JG JG
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	all the drains in the village. Cllr Gowan said that Phil Pankhurst had checked the majority of drains, the one by the shop had been identified as needing attention and the one partway down Bridge Lane was reported as clogged. These had been reported online. A work ticket had been issued to the Lengthsman to look at all the drains including the ones on The Row.	
12.0	Parishioners' Requests A parishioner had enquired about the removal of the hedgerow where the 4 new houses were being built in Auberrow Road. Cllr Gowan had been able to respond to the query with details of the planning requirement for a new native species hedgerow. It had already been suggested between Councillors that residents should be encouraged to raise issues at Parish Council meetings or put concerns in writing rather than take them randomly to Councillors: this would be included in the next newsletter. It was noted that number 13 had been omitted from the agenda in error.	
14.0	Community Hub 14.1 Update on Access Improvements The Lottery Community Grant application had been submitted. The approval process was now longer than in previous years and nothing was expected to be known for some weeks. 14.2 To Consider Flooding and Grounds Maintenance Work The grounds outside the Community Hub had undergone damage during the recent flooding with much of the gravel being washed away and damage being caused to the patio at the rear. Thanks were given to Julia's husband and other volunteers for rescuing as much as they could and also for clearing the main street. The damage had been reported to the insurance company but at the moment there was no confirmation of whether a claim would be paid. Once an agreement has been reached on how to proceed with remedial work this will be followed up. Cllr Gowan outlined the proposal which was to repair the patio and make it more stable, using as much of the existing stone as possible and to create a post/chain barrier around it to stop vehicles driving on it. It was proposed to remove the gravel from all but the bed immediately under the shop windows and turf the three areas. This would make all the areas more resilient in the event of flood and stop gravel being washed into the drains. As many of the shrubs as possible would be reused to create barriers to driving on the turf. The outline costs for this work was £1,520 for the patio and £1,630 for the turfing etc. It was noted that this was not replacing like for like so the costs may not be fully covered by the insurance and this would need to be discussed with the insurers. Councillors supported these proposals and gave approval for further discussions to take place with the insurance company. 14.3 To Consider any Other Updates - There were no further updates 14.4 To Consider Any Other Expenditure It was proposed to purchase a new sandbag storage unit as the original one had now disintegrated. Councillors were asked to approve the purchase of this unit at a cost of £133.29 + VAT and, following that, to purchase 50 sandbags at a cost of £100 + VAT plus £45 +VAT collection and delivery. Resolved: To purchase the storage unit and sandbags as proposed	JG/ Clerk
15.0	Community Led Planning Group 15.1 Loneliness Initiative The CLP Group were continuing to follow up the Talk Community initiative and were arranging to meet with other hubs of a similar size to Wellington, as well as talking to the Liaison Officer from Herefordshire Council.	JG/ Clerk

15.2 Accessible Footpath Project

Unfortunately, the group had not been successful with the National Lottery 25th celebration fund. The next stage was to scope all the footpaths in the Parish to create a benchmark, starting with those closest to the village. It was mentioned that the Herefordshire Local Access Forum could provide useful information and support.

15.3 Update on WellWeb

There was no further update

15.4 Any Other Updates on Projects and Activities

- **IT courses** - Thanks were given to Cllr Crockett for the positive response the group had received from **Fastershire** who were now going to offer further IT Courses within the community. The proposal was to offer 3 sessions of 2 hours on Social Media.
- **WellPIP** – copies were now on the noticeboard and thanks were given to Jan Lyke
- **Plaque in Memory of Jenny Guille** – this would be erected in Ford Meadow once the water had subsided
- **Information and Advice** – the Clerk said she had heard that Age UK Hereford and Localities were offering Information and Advice surgeries in the village. The WellIMP group did not know about this but would look into it.

15.5 To Consider any Expenditure - There was no expenditure**16.0 To Note the Information Sheet (March 2020) and any other updates**

Resolved: The Information sheet was noted.

17.0 To Raise Items for the next Regular Meeting of the Parish Council (no discussion)**18.0 To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next meeting had originally been scheduled for Thursday 2nd April but as this was the day of the Parish Summit it was agreed to change the date to the 9th April with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council taking place on Thursday 14th May in order to accommodate the Police and Crime Commissioners Elections.

Post Meeting Note: *Following advice from the government about not holding public meetings the April meeting was postponed.*

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm



Signed 2nd July 2020
Vice Chairman of Wellington Parish Council