

WELLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm
on Thursday 3rd March 2022 in the Community Centre

Item	Minutes	
	Present: Parish Cllrs: Mr S Crane (Chair), Mrs L Langford (Vice Chair), Mr S Marron, Mr B Prince and Mr A Spittle. Ms Kim Parker (from item 4) Also in attendance: Jules Shaddick (Brook Officer), Mrs Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk) and 16 members of the public – including Jen Jarrett (CLP Implementation Group), Nigel Cooper (Play Area Project), Shirley Edgar (Tree Warden) 1.0 To Accept Apologies for Absence – Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett 2.0 To Receive Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest 2.1 To Consider Written Requests for Dispensations There were no requests for dispensation 2.2 To Consider Revised Code of Conduct and Arrangements These had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting. There were no comments. 3.0 To Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 Resolved: The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair. 4.0 To Consider Co-option of Kim Parker onto Wellington Parish Council Resolved: To Co-opt Kim Parker on to the Parish Council. The Acceptance of Office form was signed in front of the Clerk and Cllr Parker joined the meeting at this point. 5.0 To Receive Brief Reports from 5.1 Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett was not present at the meeting. There were a number of updates which have been minuted under the appropriate agenda item. 6.0 Communication and Updates (not requiring Decision) 6.1 Update on Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fun Week Update on Community Pub Jen Jarrett read out the following update on behalf of Phil Smith, the Fun Week organiser. It is planned to get the bulk of the schedule of events into the Welcome Magazine by 20th March. Scarecrow posters are going up and we need to get information out about this, the theme being Queens, Kings, Princesses and Princes, or other Royal connections. Other organisations are sorting out details of their activity and are waiting for Wellington Chapel to give the go ahead to use their green patch. A photographic competition has been added to the programme, the subject being Nature in Wellington, along with beehive inspections and a wildlife and history walk. Public and Employer insurance quote has been obtained and the bunting and medals is next to be sourced along with a new tug of war rope and ducks. There will be a children's entertainer at a couple of venues (Punch and Judy etc)	

There is still plenty to sort out, but the organisers are confident they are on track to achieve their aim. The result of the grant application from the Arts Council/Lottery Jubilee Fund is due at the end of March, which, if successful, will support employing artists, hiring of rooms, buying equipment etc. It is hoped that some funding will remain which will leave a legacy. This will save having to spend any money we raise from the draw which can then go forward into 2024.

Thanks were given to Phil Smith and others who were organising the event.

6.2 Report on Community Pub

David Wood was unable to attend the meeting, but the following report was read out

We have been notified by the Seller's Agent, Sidney Phillips, that they have now exchanged contracts with another buyer for the purchase of the Old Boot Inn, Wellington, with completion scheduled for 18 March 2022.

We are actively trying to discover the buyer's plans and timescale to re-open the pub. The village's support and financial contribution of nearly £264,000 to the project has been magnificent and shows the strength of community spirit which exists in the village. Our mission remains to continue to have a pub in the village. The fact that it has not yet succeeded is not for want of trying.

Naturally, if we receive further information about the purchase, we will notify you.

If you have any questions about this news, please contact us on info@wellingtonpub.org.

Thanks were given to David Wood and the Community Pub Team who had worked so hard to get a successful outcome for the village.

6.3 Update on Play Area

Nigel Cooper reported that following the February meeting, where the Parish Council had confirmed their support for the project, a letter had been sent to Herefordshire Council who had responded saying that while they appreciated there was large community support for the playground, there was a conflict of requirements with what was being proposed and the statutory requirement for Wellington Primary School to be able to use this area of land. Nigel noted that Paul Walker, Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council, had made a statement in the December edition of the Hereford NOW magazine saying that he was making it a priority to improve facilities and services for young people and to place them at the forefront of the Council's agenda. With this in mind Nigel intended to respond to Herefordshire Council regarding the conflicting requirements and hoped to be able to find a way to progress the project.

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

Thanks given to Julia Ashton - Lesley Brimley reported that Julia Ashton, in addition to supporting the Dunelm Help for Ukraine project, also went out to a cat rescue home as an elderly resident of the village had recently lost her cat. The result of this was the resident had now got another pet and Julia continued to support her. It was noted that Julia was always incredibly helpful to residents and huge thanks were due to her for everything she had done and continued to do for the village.

214647 Bridge Lane Farm Planning Application - Mr Fred Plumb (the applicant) had contacted the Parish Council asking to be able to respond to some comments allegedly made by Councillors at the February meeting concerning the planning application made for the Smithy at Bridge Lane Farm. He also indicated that (quote) "Salient statements made at the Parish Council meeting and not shown in the minutes are a failure to properly record what was said. Statements recorded in the minutes but which were not stated in the meeting are not valid for recording in the minutes so are a failure".

Mr Plumb cited statements which he said were made by Councillors at the February Parish Council meeting :

- a) that were not factually correct,
- b) one which was potentially slanderous
- c) another for which he could find no evidence to support

Cllr Crane said that he had taken advice on Mr Plumb's statement that a comment was slanderous, and, on that basis, he was not prepared to comment on that allegation.

Statement from Mr Plumb: The Parish Council submitted planning comment had claimed that The Smithy had been left by the owner to decay over many years despite numerous complaints made to the owners by Parishioners. Mr Plumb said this was untrue and there had never been any mention of concerns regarding the Smithy.

Parish Council Response: Cllr Langford confirmed that over the years there had been comments made by residents about the condition of the property and that residents were concerned about the safety aspects of the building which had been left to fall into serious disrepair.

Statement from Mr Plumb: Mr Plumb stated that while the resulting comment made to Herefordshire Planning Department claimed to be as a result of Council consensus there was no formal vote.

Parish Council Response: Cllr Langford, who had Chaired the February meeting, said that following discussion on the planning application she had asked each Councillor what their decision was, and each had said they wanted to object; in her view that was a consensus and therefore no need for a formal vote. All Councillors confirmed that this had been the case.

Statement from Mr Plumb: Mr Plumb said several times during his statements that Cllr Marron had made a statement that he (Mr Plumb) could deliberately set fire to the building to justify the planning application and that Cllr Marron knew other farmers who had done so.

Parish Council Response: Cllr Marron stated that he had never made any statement that Mr Plumb could set fire to the building nor anything that could be interpreted as such. Cllr Marron stated that the possibility had never even occurred to him and that he did not know of any farmers who had done this. Councillor Marron totally refuted the statement Mr Plumb had made and found the suggestion offensive. Cllr Marron stated that he did say that owners of grade 2 listed buildings were responsible for protecting them and making them safe and that that remained his view.

Councillors and members of the public were asked if they had recollection of any such statement being made and all said this statement had not been made at the February meeting.

Statement from Mr Plumb: Mr Plumb said that the full comment was developed outside of the meeting and claimed this was unacceptable.

Parish Council Response: The Clerk outlined the way that planning applications were commented on, saying that the discussion took place in public, and the key points noted and agreed. Cllr Marron then compiled a full submission after the meeting which was circulated for approval before submission. This resolution had been clearly noted in the February minutes and there had therefore been no contravention of procedure.

It was noted that all discussions and processes had followed the Parish Council's normal practice, and, on this basis, there was no grounds for complaint from Mr Plumb.

Deer Poaching – Cllr Prince said that on Monday 28th February at around 9.15 pm there had been deer poaching on the North Road which had been accompanied by a high velocity rifle being discharged, which had the potential to cause injury up to 2 miles away. Discharge of a firearm on a public highway was illegal and it was felt that Dinmore Manor, who owned most of the land, was not aware of, or given permission for, any deer shooting. Cllr Prince had notified the police who had carried out a patrol of the area. Cllr Prince had met the police and explained the situation, also giving them the name of a person who it was thought was carrying out the shooting. Cllr Langford said she has also recently reported drive by vandalism in the area.

Cllr Marron said that the A49 was the third most dangerous road for deer impact and the animals may be coming from Queenswood. Cllr Prince said there was a major cull carried out some time ago but there was no season for Muntjac Deer, and these could be culled at any time.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should write to the landowners to ask what they are doing in terms of keeping deer numbers down. A resident also suggested that Natural England should be involved.

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8.0 Financial Matters

Bank balances: Treasurer's Account £9,742.20 Business Instant Access £64,144.67.

Income since the February Meeting

March rent payment from Wellington Shop - £700

February Interest - £0.53

Contribution from Kings Caple Parish Council to SLCC membership (27%) £38.88

The Clerk's national salary increase for 2021/22 has recently been approved after being put on hold due to the pandemic. The hourly rate has increased from £12.20 to £12.42 per hour with a note that back pay from 01/04/21 must be paid before the end of March 2022. This will total £96.80 for the year and will be paid with the quarter salary.

8.2 To Approve Invoices Paid Since February Meeting

Expenditure	Amount
SLCC Invoice MEM238400 Clerk's Membership of SLCC (27% reclaimed from Kings Caple Parish Council)	£144.00
Reimbursement to John Hayward for ink cartridges for Talk Community Hub £60.48 +VAT	£72.57

Cllr Parker queried why the contribution from Kings Caple Parish Council was 27% and the Clerk explained that this was based on a calculation of the precepts from the 2 Parishes - Wellington £22,500 (73%) and Kings Caple £8,000 (27%).

8.3 To Agree Payments of Outstanding Invoices

Payment	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	Viking invoice 8489131 Paper, laminating pockets and ink for CLP £218.24 + VAT. To come out of Talk Community Grant	£225.89
BACS	D C Gardening invoice SI-1181 Installation of Safety Rail around silt trap £130.00 + VAT	£156.00
BACS	Theo Ashton – cleaning of Parish Room and Room Bookings February	£50.00
BACS	Zoom Subscription March 2022 £11.99 + VAT	14.39

Resolved: All Payments Approved

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8.4 To Consider Membership of HALC for 2022/23

Despite several emails being sent to HALC (to Lynda Wilcox and other members of the team) no details of membership costs had been received. It was therefore agreed not to consider joining HALC for 2022/23.

9.0 To Consider Planning Matters

Item 9: Planning Matters

9.1 To Note Planning Applications Commented on Between Meetings

Reference Number	Application
220320	Ashley House, Wellington. Fell two Sycamore trees in poor health on side of Wellington brook. Fell one Ash tree due to limbs breaking at crown

Submitted Comment: The Parish Tree Warden has seen the two sycamores which are well ensconced in the Brook bank. It is considered that they don't seem to be a danger to the Brook flow, but reduction would avoid additional weight being caught by gusts of wind etc.

The ash has lost crown and a branch so would be better taken out to allow trees around it to thrive as it seems to be suffering from ash dieback.

9.2 To Consider New Planning Applications

Reference Number	Application
220513	Crossfield, Bridge Lane, Wellington. Removal of a group of overgrown conifer trees. The trees are all cypresses, including Leylandii and/or Lawson cypress. Pruning of isolated Walnut tree to improve its structure: Removal of extra trunks of walnut tree down to near ground level to leave behind the best, most erect single trunk. Removal of leaning/laterally growing branches from members of hedgerow on northern boundary of property, to tidy up the hedgerow and erect a fence adjacent to the hedge. Dead trees will also be removed, which is a permitted activity.

Tree Warden Comment: I agree with the proposals about the hedge work, and walnut tidying and removal of badly growing blue cypress. However, I cannot agree the two yellow standard cypress on the hedge boundary with “the Cottage”. They are healthy and will not shade any more of the garden than the current birches in the neighbouring garden.

Resolved: To submit Tree Warden Comment requesting that the two cypress trees remain

9.3 To Note Any Decisions/Notifications Received

Reference Number	Application	Decision
220251	Norton House, Wellington – tree works.	Awaiting Decision
214647/48	Bridge Lane Farm, Bridge Lane, Wellington - Proposed demolition of dilapidated outbuilding and replacement with oak framed garage.	Awaiting Decision
214276	Hill Cottage, Wellington - New extensions to existing house.	Withdrawn
214455	6 Derndale, Wellington – tree works.	Approved
212998/9	1 Bridge Cottages, Bridge Lane – proposed reconstruction of exiting driveway with flood defences	Awaiting Decision
214372	Norton House, Wellington – listed building consent. Proposed reinstatement of original fire surround and installation of two wood burning stoves with chimney cowls.	Approved with Conditions
214492	The Farm, Auberrow Road, Wellington – tree works.	Approved
213743	Oak Tree Farm, Dinmore – proposed re-profiling to create wetland habitat. <i>It was noted that an amendment had been put in</i>	Awaiting Decision
213646	Wellington House – proposed single storey annexe to replace garage	Awaiting Decision
213851 and 52	Buildings at Wellington Court – change of use of agricultural and stable buildings and land to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling houses) – planning permission and listed building consent	Awaiting Decision
214349	Derndale, Wellington - Proposed construction of 3 attenuation ponds with the primary purpose of these ponds is to attenuate water from agricultural land and the Wellington Brook during peak flows.	Awaiting Decision

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Reference Number	Application	Decision
214046	Land at Lyde Court, Lyde Cross, Hereford - Proposed change of use of land, as an aerodrome consisting of the continued use of a grass airstrip, re-use of an existing barn as hangarage and for maintenance and associated landscaping. <i>This had been referred to the Planning Committee.</i>	Awaiting Decision
213332	Canon Pyon – proposed erection of 33 affordable dwellings new access and visibility splays, internal roads and new drainage infrastructure.	Awaiting Decision
213456	Maple View, Wellington – additional tree works application – Removal of Walnut tree to the front of the house due to damage being caused to our property and vehicles. Additionally, trimming of oak tree which is along our drive which is encroaching into neighbours' property and also causing their smaller tree to suffer due to the oak tree shading it and overpowering it.	Awaiting Decision
192810	Land at Yew Trees, The Row, Wellington – Dwelling with detached garage and vehicle access. Re - Consultation	On hold due to Phosphates
182878	Land Adjacent to Graveyard, Wellington – proposed erection of 15 dwellings. On hold due to Section 106 and Phosphates	On hold
210381	Chiropodist Surgery, Marsh House Farm, Wellington. Retrospective change of use of surgery and office to holiday let.	Awaiting Decision

9.4 To Agree Response to Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 Strategic Spatial Options

All Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the consultation document in January and a link to the presentation and responses to questions raised at the recent Parish Council Spatial Options meeting. It was felt that the consultation was an enormously complex document, asking for options as to where development should take place. Cllr Marron had looked through development numbers for the last 10 years and outlined how many new builds had been mandated in Hereford city (1 house per 1000) compared with Bromyard (1 per 200), Kington (1 per 1000) and Ledbury (1 per 1100). Cllr Marron said that Wellington had been mandated for around 1 build per 60/100 homes, demonstrating that there was 3 or 4 times as much development in rural villages than in the main towns.

With respect to development within Wellington Parish itself, the Parish Council believed that Wellington, as with the majority of Herefordshire's villages, would not be able to maintain its inherent character if subjected to continued incremental growth.

The members of public present at the meeting were asked for their views, many being concerned about the four options being put forward in terms of rural growth and it was strongly felt that Wellington should not be allocated any further development over and above its current allocation in the NDP. A request was made that the Parish Council include in their response the issue regarding increased risk of flooding if more development took place.

Resolved: Cllr Marron would put together a proposal which would be circulated to Councillors before submitting to Herefordshire Council.

9.5 To Consider any Other Planning Issues

Derndale Attenuation Ponds – Cllr Crockett had looked into this and had ascertained that a comment from the Ecology Unit was awaited. This was being followed up.

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10.0	Update on Section 106 Funding Cllr Crockett had not received any further feedback and was continuing to follow it up.	LL
	Update on Intrusive Lighting from Hayward Industrial Estate – there was no further update and Cllr Langford would follow this up with the resident of Holland House.	
	To Consider Highways Issues 10.1 A49 Issues Cllr Marron noted that the road from the A49 to Bodenham was causing concern for residents, particularly as the new development at Oak Tree Farm had the potential to increase traffic. It was felt that to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order on that stretch of road would not be possible and other solutions, maybe linked to the planning application for Oak Tree Farm, needed to be considered. 10.1.1 Update on Signage at Wellington Marsh Cllr Spittle was in discussion with Richard Timothy of National Highways (Highways England as was) who had confirmed that if the agreed size of the sign was maintained he would be happy with it being placed on private land. Cllr Spittle would follow up on this and bring a costed proposal to the next meeting.	AS
	10.1.2 Road Safety Issues on Dinmore Hill Cllr Crockett would be asked if there had been any progress. 10.2 To Receive any other Highway Issues Heavy Lorries U-turning at Village Junction – this was reported by a resident and Neil Carter of Tarmac had been contacted. He very proactively traced the driver and made it clear that this manoeuvre was unacceptable and should not be undertaken again. Neil asked that anyone encountering any issues with the Tarmac lorries to contact him so that he could address them. Toad Warning Signs – it had been reported that there had been a lot of dead toads on Auberrow Road, and Cllr Crane had agreed to warning signs being put up at each end of the village street. Concern was raised, not about this signage, but the fact that there were too many signs on posts around the village, many of which were out of date and not removed. Cllr Crane said he would give some thought to how the message to proactively take down signage was communicated. Verge Cutting - Balfour Beatty had notified Parishes that they would be cutting the verges twice in 2022 as usual; the first cut was scheduled to take place around the May Bank Holiday and the second towards the end of the growing season at the end of August. They were asking if some Parishes only wished to have the second cut in late summer to encourage greater biodiversity in the verges. It was felt that by having only one cut any wildflowers in the verge were given the opportunity to flower and set seed over the summer, providing food for key pollinators and also habitat for wildlife. Resolved: To put forward the verge that runs from Gatherstone to a little way past the top of the hill. This was a slightly longer stretch of road than was proposed in 2021/22. It was felt this may encourage a wildflower verge outside the new houses in Auberrow Road and on up the road. 10.3 Identification of work to be carried out and any updates Cllr Crane said Balfour Beatty were aware that the drain opposite the Vinery was broken and had allocated it a job number. Cllr Crane did not feel this would be seen as a high priority as properties were not in danger of flooding but it would be kept under review. Cllr Crane added that the drain survey had temporarily stopped but would be continued on 14th March. 10.4 Identification of work to be carried out and any updates Update on 2022/23 Drainage Grant - An application for £15,624.50 had been submitted which covered digging out and clearing of drains and culverts and reinstatement of grippers on several C and U roads around the parish. These would then be jetted and cleared. Cllr Prince saw and approved the scope of the work proposed before the application was submitted.	Clerk

	Approval of Balfour Beatty 2022/23 Annual Maintenance Plan – a draft Annual Maintenance Plan had been developed using the figures agreed in the 2022/23 budget. The recommendation from Balfour Beatty was that the plan should not duplicate the information in the Drainage Grant application, but it would be assumed that if the application was successful then the grant funding will cover the drainage work outlined in the Maintenance Plan as well as the additional work proposed in the application. Resolved: To submit the Annual Maintenance Plan to Balfour Beatty	Clerk
11.0	Report on Footpaths 11.1 Update on Footpath Maintenance Cllr Crane and Shirley Edgar had been to see the hedge which had been cut back by The Mill and also issues caused by the recent high winds bringing down fences and posts – all issues identified were in hand. Cllr Crane noted that there were some incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour where signage asking people to keep their dogs under control in fields where there was livestock had been ripped off and this needed to be monitored. Cllr Crane said he was working with the Hereford Trail Support Group, who were promoting a circular PROW route around Herefordshire, to identify potential paths in Wellington. Jules Shaddick noted that some footpaths at the top of the village past the Xmas Tree farm were surrounded by barbed wire which could cause a risk to children. Cllr Crane said that there was little that could be done as long as the wire was safe, taught and not draping on the ground. There were, however, rules surrounding stiles where people could put their hands on the barbed wire, but this guidance was limited.	
12.0	Wellington Brook 12.1 Brook Officers Report Jules Shaddick gave the following report, saying that although there were a few issues the brook was looking in very good condition. Following articles in the Welcome magazine and the Parish Newsletter ten volunteers had come forward to offer their services to help during a flood or potential flood. There had been no major issues during the recent storms which had resulted in mainly branch debris in the brook which have all been cleared. As reported at the February meeting, Connexus have been given notice by the RLIDB that they must take certain action regarding the state of their land adjoining the brook. Although some of the work cannot be dealt with yet, there has been no progress on aspects that could have been dealt with, such as removing the dumped garden waste on the brook bank. This lack of action is going to be followed up by the IDB. There is also one private riparian owner who is non-compliant following a request from the IDB. The IDB are now looking to take legal action re this noncompliance. Land at the rear of Causeway Close. Jules said that the issue was the large amount of dumped garden debris on 'no mans land' and the fact it is on the brook bank. In February a Land Drainage Technician from Balfour Beatty and an Enforcement Officer from the Community Protection Team at Herefordshire Council did a site visit at this location. Certain residents were spoken to by the Enforcement Officer regarding their actions. They were informed that if this carried on and if the debris was not removed, they would be prosecuted for fly tipping. The Utility Companies have also been sent letters by the Parish Council informing them that in future they must remove from the brook bank any branches they trim from the trees, otherwise, they will also be committing the offence of fly tipping. Jules added that as this has only happened within the last few weeks and taking into account the recent bad weather, she had not yet revisited the site to see what had or had not been removed	Clerk

and, once this is known, further discussions would need to take place regarding how the Parish Council dealt with the remaining debris.

Cllr Crane asked whether anything had been resolved regarding access to the bank of the brook which was cut off by the shed. Jules said that the RLIDB were not going to make the resident take the shed down unless access was needed for maintenance and the resident had agreed to do this if the case arose. Access to this area of the brook was difficult because of the shed and this would need to be considered if any of the debris needed removing.

12.2 To Consider Funding for Telemetry System to Monitor Wellington Brook

Jenni Gowan and a group of local residents had been looking into the function and costs of a telemetry-based system which would be installed at two key locations along the brook. This would provide an early warning to a group of identified volunteer Flood Wardens who would then alert any properties at risk of flooding, helping to distribute and place sandbags and generally support residents. At the February meeting it had been discussed that one option was to apply for a grant and for the Parish Council to cover the ongoing cost of maintenance and replacement, which it was felt would be around 5 years. The second option would be for the Parish Council to cover all the cost of purchase, maintenance and replacement if a grant application were not successful.

Cllr Langford said she had no objection to the Parish Council putting in a funding application but felt that to cover all the costs would be a too high a commitment particularly as Wellington did not suffer from flooding on a regular basis. There was also the question of who would regularly check and maintain the system.

Cllr Prince said he agreed with this view, adding that any flood water was always out at the Mill before it reached the village and a lot of work had already been done to address flooding at The Mill.

Cllr Marron said if grant funding could be secured he would consider the Parish Council covering the maintenance costs but felt that it was going to be a challenge to get a group of volunteers who would cover ongoing maintenance and monitoring.

Cllr Crane said he had done some research into where these kinds of systems worked well (eg Bodenham) and he was struggling to see how it would add value in Wellington.

Following discussion Councillors agreed was that if a grant were not available, they would be unwilling to cover all the costs, but if a grant were obtained for purchase and installation the Parish Council would cover the cost of ongoing maintenance, which was estimated to be in the region of 5 years. Following this period, the cost of replacement had yet to be agreed as had who would take overall responsibility for the system and its management.

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Community Led Planning Group

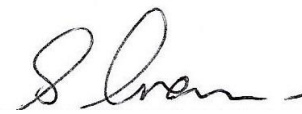
13.1 Update on Projects and Activities

WellBOOK – the community library was now open on the first Saturday of every month in addition to the regular Wednesday opening. New members were signed up on the Saturday opening and it was noticeable that people calling into the library on the Wednesday had also increased. WellLINK is funding a pavement sign advertising when the library was open. Thanks were given to Val and her volunteer team for manning the library.

Community Speedwatch – the 30 mph speed limit was made legal on 17th February and the Speedwatch volunteers would now be brought together again to progress the activity.

13.2 Sustainability and Environmental

Liz Bullar and Jen Jarrett had attended a Zoom meeting hosted by the Herefordshire Green Network (HGN). It was interesting in content (how to measure your carbon impact) and was also an opportunity to meet with other Parishes and talk about their activities. Membership of HGN at £50 per annum (April to March) was agreed at the February PC meeting. HGN is a not-for-profit organisation which brings together local groups and individuals working together to address the climate and ecological issues. Membership will begin in April 2022.

	Sustainability and Environmental Champion – Jen Jarrett had asked Cllr Marron if he would take on this role which it was felt would validate the efforts of the group. Cllr Marron agreed to this. 13.3 Health and Wellbeing WellLINK (Wellington Talk Community Hub). The group had made a submission for a Talk Community Grant which would allow them to move into the next stages of their development. Now that Covid restrictions had been lifted it was planned to take the message out to clubs and events that as well as installing 2 more noticeboards at either end of the village. 13.4 To Approve any Expenditure Wi-Fi in the Parish Room – whilst this was not within the CLP WellIMPS remit Jen Jarrett noted that many groups did not use the Parish Room and she felt this was partly because of the lack of Wi-Fi access which severely limited the scope of activities which could take place. She had ascertained that if a separate router and Wi-Fi feed were put into the Parish Room this would cost in the region of £55 per month which it was felt was not justified. The group had therefore decided to have a discussion with Julia Ashton at Wellington Stores to see if some arrangement could be reached in terms of using their Wi-Fi feed, maybe through guest access which would not compromise the security of the shop in any way. This would continue to be looked into and a proposal brought back to the April meeting.	
14.0	Community Hub 14.1 To Note Fire Risk Assessment and Any Action There was no Fire Risk assessment Report and Cllr Langford would follow this up and it would be brought back to the April meeting. 14.2 Tree Planting on Grassed Area Although the CLP Group were keen to have a tree planted on the grassed area at the shop Cllr Langford said she felt this would be in contravention of the planning conditions. The original plan was for 5 trees, but this was rejected on the basis of it being a flood channel and to plant there may have an impact on the insurance. Cllr Prince suggested the trees could be planted on the green at Millway as this was protected in the NDP as a green area. Shirley Edgar felt this was a good suggestion and said she would look into it. 14.3 To Consider any Other Issues or Expenditure Russell Appleton was to follow up on the maintenance schedule and book appointments for the automatic doors and emergency lights to be serviced. There were no further issues or expenditure	LL
15.0	To Note the Information Sheet (March 2022) and any other updates Resolved: The Information sheet was noted.	
16.0	To Raise Items for next Regular Meeting of the Parish Council (no discussion) Condition of the road at the Mill; Process for Cllr Marron to confirm his views at Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (which he could not attend).	
17.0	To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Parish Council Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The Meeting closed at 21.45  Signed 7th April 2022 Chairman of Wellington Parish Council	