

Woolhope Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Woolhope Parish Council Held on Tuesday 28th March 2023 7.30pm at Woolhope Village Hall

Present: Cllr. M. Slocombe (in the chair)
Cllr. M Windham
Cllr. L. Mair
Cllr. P Hawkins
Cllr. S Crozier
Cllr. R. Rolt
Cllr A. May

In attendance: Clerk – Nick Richmond, Karla Johnson from
Herefordshire Council Planning and Ward Councillor Barry Durkin.

1. **Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation**
Apologies were received from Cllr Powell. No requests for dispensation were made.
2. **Ward Councillors Report.**
Cllr Durkin's report had been circulated.
3. **Open Forum.**
No members of the public were present. Karla Johnson planning officer from Herefordshire Council introduced a discussion on taking the NDP forward. It was agreed that Cllr Rolt would forward to her the latest version of the NDP with some amended wording suggested by Cllr Slocombe, and that would enable her to complete the Strategic Environmental Assessment on behalf of the council. Once this is received council can set the time period for the Regulation 14 public consultation.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023.**
Minutes of the meeting 28th February 2023 were **AGREED** and signed by the chairman.
5. **Planning Matters.**
No new applications had been received. The two planning decisions were noted.
6. **Highways Matters**
 - a) No new highways matters were reported.
 - b) Council awaits further news from Anthony Agate of what help BB/HC are able to offer with clearing the wall at the Church and what they might do to help with the flooring at the play area.
7. **Financial Matters**
 - a) The following payments were **AUTHORISED**:
 - £ 466.27 Clerk salary March 2023
 - £ 116.40 Clerk tax March 2023

£ 31.75 Clerk expenses March 2023.

£ 1,176.00 Kirkwells NDP consultancy fees

b) The account balance of £ 27,628.95 as at 28th February 2023 was noted.

c) The budget report was received and approved.

8. **Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

See agenda item 3.

Council formally voted to **APPROVE** the draft NDP and Design Code with the alteration suggested by Cllr Slocombe.

9. **Lengthsman & Drainage Grant.**

The clerk will ask for a maintenance day and advise the lengthsman that grips and drains at the other side of The Nurdens should form part of the day's work.

10. **Footpaths.**

The clerk is to contact Richard Hibberd to see if he will come to a parish council meeting in connection with the footpaths officer position.

11. **Sunset Cinema.**

It was agreed to keep this on the agenda, to look at the pricing and see if there could be a 'rainy day' discount.

12. **King Charles Coronation**

It was AGREED that council would support the group organising the lunch. Council will purchase £15 Spode Coronation mugs to a value of £600 with the idea of recouping £300 in sales, and further support the costs of the lunch with a donation of £700 to be invoiced to council by the group payable into the group's bank account.

13. **Correspondence**

The question of the telephone box was discussed. It was AGREED that the expenditure put forward by Barbara Fox was reasonable provided that she undertook to look after the telephone box going forward.

14. **Enhancing water catchment through innovative land management.**

Cllr Crozier reported from his attendance at the seminar, which highlighted the many issues facing the river Wye from farming practices particularly chicken farms and the erosion of soils into the coastal waters of the UK. It is to be hoped that better land management will lead to less pollution and increased water retention that will also reduce the risk of flooding.

15. **Replacement noticeboard opposite The Crown.**

Cllr May will forward the quotation of her supplier.

16. **Rebuilding the wall at the Church.**

Following on from the earlier discussion that Balfour Beatty could clear the wall site of debris it was agreed to seek quotes for the partial rebuilding of the wall once the clearing work had been done.

17. **Accessible swing for the playground.**

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Council awaits news from Balfour Beatty on help with the flooring at the playground before considering quotes for the swing.

18. Date, time and venue of next meeting and items for the next agenda.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday 25th April 2023 7.30pm at Woolhope Village Hall. The following meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th June 2023.

Clerk - Nick Richmond

Clerk 14th April 2023

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