

WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING OF WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024 at 7:30pm in West Felton CE Primary School.

CHAired BY: Cllr John Thornhill

CLERKED BY: Rosemary Wood

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT: John Thornhill, Marian Hesketh, Ed Nicholas, Alastair Forbes, Ozcan Ozagir, David Curtis, David Walker, Pat Mabe, Kerry Grove, Chris Jones

ALSO PRESENT: none

83.24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence received: none Other apologies received from County Councillor Steve Charmley
84.24	INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS a) Declaration of any matter to be discussed at the meeting relating to anything included in a Member's Register (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registerable Interests). None b) Declaration of any Non-Registerable Interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. None c) Any applications for dispensation delivered to the Clerk prior to the meeting. None
85.24	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2024 It was RESOLVED to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.
86.24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION No members of the public present.
87.24	REPORTS RECEIVED a) Police – written report NOTED b) Shropshire Council – written report from Cllr Charmley considered. A response from a planning enforcement officer that Cllr Charmley had contacted was considered to be unsatisfactory and Cllr Thornhill offered to raise the Council's dissatisfaction with Lezley Picton. It was noted that the Draft Shropshire Local Plan had effectively been put on hold and there was likely to be an increase in the required number of new houses. c) Clerk – written report considered and NOTED . Agreed to request 12 dog fouling posters from Shropshire Council for displaying. d) Other Reports: (i) <u>Cllr Curtis</u> : two written reports of SALC meetings from Cllr Curtis were NOTED . Cllr Curtis also commented that the three remembrance events in the village had been exceptionally well attended. (ii) <u>Cllr Walker</u> – Cllr Walker reported on a Freedom Fibre online presentation update attended by him and Cllr Thornhill, and it was noted that the next stage is connecting the wires which will involve road closures. (iii) <u>Cllr Thornhill</u> - Cllr Thornhill reported he had received a response to his letter to the Chief Executive. Mark Barrow – Director Place – had apologised for delay in actioning a site visit to discuss location of VAS. He also reported that the Engineering Manager had emailed to say that a new traffic engineer had been appointed and would be in contact to arrange a site visit.
88.24	FINANCE a) Income received – NOTED: (i) Nationwide, interest 1-31 October 2024 (£112.11)

	<p>(ii) HMRC, VAT refund Jan-Aug 2024 (£5,988.13) (ii) WE Price, prepaid resident plot 164 (£160) (iv) WE Price, new single resident plot 163 plus interment (£215) (v) WE Price, resident interment plot CG7 (£30) (vi) WE Price, new double resident plot CG37 plus interment (£190) (vii) ME & A Hughes, monument fee plot CG7 (£40)</p> <p>b) Direct Debit – NOTED: ICO, data protection registration fee 2024/25 (£35)</p> <p>c) Outstanding Payments - It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices and two of the authorised signatories were instructed to check the supporting paperwork before authorising payment: (i) Rosemary Wood, Clerk's net pay October 2024 (£797.76) (ii) HMRC, income tax (7.20), employer NICs (£6.48) (total: £13.68)</p> <p>d) Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out – the following income was NOTED: (i) David Davies, resident burial plot 162 and interment fee (£215) (ii) EJ Edgerton & Son, memorial fee plot 162 (£40)</p> <p>e) Correspondence from banks – NOTED: (i) Unity Bank – bank charges now deducted monthly instead of quarterly. (ii) Nationwide – from 1 November 2024, the interest rate was reduced from 3.30% to 3.15%.</p> <p>f) Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 – considered and NOTED back pay due to Clerk from April 2024 to date due to implementation of Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25</p>
89.24	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council – the following were considered:</p> <p>(i) Ref: 24/03953/TPO (validated 14 October 2024) Address: <u>2 Courtlands, Threadneedle Street, West Felton</u> Proposal: Remove and replace 1no. Ash (T17) protected by the Shropshire Council (Land North and South of Woolston Road, West Felton) TPO 2012 (SC/00089/12) RESOLVED to submit a representation that the Parish Council has no objection to the application.</p> <p>(ii) Ref: 24/04019/TCA (validated 18 October 2024) Address: <u>Old Plough Cottage, The Cross, West Felton</u> Proposal: Reduce crown by 20-30%, reshape, reduce remaining branches over Holyhead Road and remove lower limbs from 1no Birch (T1) and reshape and remove longer branches of 1no. Cercis (T2) within West Felton Conservation Area RESOLVED to submit a representation that the Parish Council has no objection to the application.</p> <p>(iii) Ref: 24/03857/VRA106 (validated 24 October 2024) Address: <u>Proposed Residential Development South of Clifton Villas, Queens Head</u> Proposal: Modification of Section 106 Agreement dated 15th March 2019 attached to Planning Permission 17/06047/FUL RESOLVED to submit a representation commenting that there is concern that the property will in the future revert to market value, and if permission is granted then it should be made conditional upon the property being affordable or below market rate in perpetuity.</p> <p>(iv) Ref: 24/04144/FUL (validated 1 November 2024) Address: <u>Proposed Barn Conversions at Lower Lees Farm, Rednal, West Felton</u> Proposal: Conversion of traditional buildings into 2No. dwellings, and annex with proposed garaging RESOLVED to submit a representation that the Parish Council has no objections to the application.</p> <p>b) Planning Decisions notified by Shropshire Council – the following was NOTED: Ref: 24/03066/LBC (validated 20 August 2024) Address: <u>Goose Cottage, Sandford, West Felton</u> Proposal: Timber frame repairs and gable end wall stabilisation Decision: Grant Permission</p> <p>c) Planning correspondence or decisions received after agenda sent out - none</p>

90.24	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>The following road closure was NOTED: <u>Unnamed road Rednal Mill Rail Bridge, Queens Head</u> Start Date: 12 Feb 2025; End Date: 13 Feb 2025; Purpose: Road Closure - Detail examination of underbridge; Promoter: Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd; Enforcement pattern: 23.00 - 06.00hrs; Closure and diversion route: https://one.network/?tm=140996181</p>
91.24	<p>PARISH GROUNDS & ASSETS</p> <p>a) Grounds safety and maintenance reports – considered and NOTED b) Gov.uk domain names – agreed to defer</p>
92.24	<p>PARISH PROJECTS/ISSUES</p> <p>a) Community engagement –to be considered as part of the Action Plan at item 93.24(a). b) Neighbourhood Plan – considered in light of the current political climate. Agreed to investigate availability of grants and consultants and speak to David Ward about viability in current climate. c) Community Speed Watch – NOTED that the required minimum number of volunteers has now been recruited and the project can therefore proceed. Agreed to keep including in magazine for further volunteers as a higher number would give more long term security of the project and ease the workload on volunteers.</p>
93.24	<p>POLICIES & PROCEDURES</p> <p>The following were reviewed:</p> <p>a) Action Plan – RESOLVED to approve agreed amendments b) Defibrillator Policy – RESOLVED no amendments required</p>
94.24	<p>PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES</p> <p>NOTED receipt of a notice from Shropshire Council stating that no requests have been received to hold an election following the resignation of Cllr Sonja D’Arcy and that the Parish Council is now requested to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable by the co-option of an eligible person.</p>
95.24	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 7:30pm in West Felton CE Primary School.</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9:20pm.

Chairman’s Signature *J Thornhill*

Dated *10 December 2024*