



**Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council meeting:
19.00hrs At the Pavilion.
Tuesday 11th July 2023**

Minutes

Present: Councillors: Malcolm Watkins (in the chair), Sarah Eynon, Sally Probert, Alex Culpin, Anthony Ling, Liz Overstall and Will Lloyd.

Also: PCSO Pete Knight, Welsh Water representatives (3), People and Planet Representatives (3), Katrina Kalkwarf (Footpath Officer), and Mark Hearne (Parish Clerk)

1. **To accept apologies for absence** - None
2. **To receive declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation.**
 - 2.1 - Councillor Probert – Invoice/quotes submitted by Jamie Probert and Lengthsman issues.
 - 2.2 - Councillor Watkins – All matters relating to the football club and the invoice for toilet cleaning.
3. **Report from West Mercia Police –**
 - 3.1 - PCSO Knight took the opportunity to pay tribute to Peter Jinman whom he considered was a great source of assistance and will be sadly missed.
 - 3.2 - No reported crime this month but residents should continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.
 - 3.3 – No update on speed enforcement due to the temporary absence of PC Jeff Rouse.
4. **Presentation by Welsh Water –** The presentation covered the following key issues:
 - 4.1 Current work in the River Wye catchment area to deal with high levels of phosphorus in the river.
 - 4.2 Pontrilas Treatment Works
 - 4.3 £6.7m has been allocated to fund a programme of improvements to the Pontrilas Treatment works which are expected to be fully operational by 1 April 2025.
 - 4.4 The presentation was followed by a Q& A session during which Councillors and members of the public raised a number of issues. During the discussion, Welsh Water advised that residents who reduce the amount of surface water from the network would be eligible for a rebate. The Chairman thanked Welsh Water for attending the meeting and delivering an interesting presentation. It was agreed that Welsh Water will forward a copy of their slides to the Clerk.
5. **To consider minutes of the previous meeting –** 13th June 2023. Councillors suggested that the minutes should make it clear that the Parish Council have agreed to cover the cost of replacing the tree at the school (paragraph 10.4 refers). Subject to this amendment it was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, and these were duly signed by the Chairman.



6. **Resolution Log** – The Clerk reported that most of the substantive issues will be covered as a specific agenda item.
7. **Matters Arising Between Meetings** – None were raised.
8. **Open Forum for Public Comments** – No specific issues were raised.
9. **To receive a brief report from**
 - 9.1 **Parish Council Chairman** – The Chairman had no specific issues to raise at this time.
 - 9.2 **Footpaths Officer** – During the discussion the Footpaths Officer was advised that the Parish Council have approved the installation of two gates on EH4 and the Lengthsman has been instructed to undertake the necessary work in conjunction with the landowner. The Chairman added that the Lengthsman has submitted a quotation to repair the footpath at EH4. There was discussion on the reporting process when issues on the PROW network are discovered and it was RESOLVED that it is made clear on the website, Facebook and noticeboards that anyone can report an issue.
 - 9.3 **Tree Warden** – Councillor Overstall had no substantive issues to report.
10. **Peter Jinman** - Councillors discussed how to best mark Peter Jinman's contribution to the Parish Council and the wider community. Various options were considered but it was RESOLVED that the Chairman should seek the views of Mr Jinman's family before a final decision is reached. It was also suggested that Herefordshire Council are approached for a financial contribution towards the cost of a memorial for Peter Jinman.
11. **Kemble Centre** - The Clerk confirmed that there has been no further communication from the ACCC since the previous meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the ACCC (copied to Working Group members) seeking an update. Councillor Probert commented that some maintenance work is required at the Kemble Centre and this could be work for the Lengthsman.
12. **Planning** - To consider comments on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council.
 - 12.1 Planning Consultation 231626 – Annexe to the rear of The Furrows and The Paddocks, Ewyas Harold. Application for a variation of condition 4 following grant of planning permission 171211/F (Proposed change of use of domestic storage building to dependant relative accommodation) transpose the ancillary accommodation limitation to the new property – the Paddocks which is currently being constructed. Following discussion, Councillors voted to support the application and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk informs the LPA accordingly.
13. **Recreation ground/pavilion**
 - 13.1 Councillor Lloyd provided an update on the MUGA by confirming that the plans have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority. Conversations with the



LPA are encouraging but the inclusion of additional car parking has complicated the process as the Environment Agency required a flood plan but this is not expected to cause any particular difficulties or delays.

13.2 The Chairman commented that the Lengthsman has been instructed to undertake the maintenance work required in the recreation ground. The Chairman added that a tree surgeon has assessed the trees that were raised as a concern by a resident at a previous meeting. The tree surgeon identified an ash tree with die back and this would cost £620 (ex VAT) to remove. Councillors recognised the urgency of this work given the health and safety concerns in leaving the tree in situ. Some remedial work is required on the conifer trees (£260) and the cost of removing a tree which is leaning into the river would cost £240. Councillors voted to approve all the work discussed. Councillors also agreed to instruct Ray Pritchard to cut back the hedges.

13.3 The Chairman is meeting a representative from Paragon on the 20th July 2023 at 15.00hrs to discuss the work to renovate the toilet block. It is not expected that the contractor will be able to commence work until September 2023.

14 Lengthsman

14.1 The Clerk referenced the latest work schedule which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting which include some outstanding issues which require input from Balfour Beatty. The Chairman commented that the Lengthsman has made a difference to the look and feel of the village. It was agreed that the Lengthsman is invited to submit a quote for tidying up the railings in the centre of the village.

14.2 The Lengthsman has provided a quotation (£852) for much needed remedial work on EH4 and Councillors voted to approve the quotation and instruct the Lengthsman to proceed.

15 Finance

15.1 The current balance is £117,603.95.

15.2 It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments which total £2,316.89.

The Clerk reported that there are no uncashed cheques resulting in a net bank balance of £115,285.06. The Chairman duly signed the payments schedule and bank reconciliation statement.

15.2.1 Clerk's salary (June 2023) in accordance with his employment contract.

15.2.2 Clerk's travel costs - £44.00

15.2.3 Defibrillator parts - £77.94

15.2.4 PAYE (June 2023) - £148.20

15.2.5 CT Groundcare - £535.00

15.2.6 J M Probert (Lengthsman) - £400.00

15.2.7 J M Probert (Bin Emptying) - £100.00

15.2.8 Brian Chance (Toilet Cleaning) - £418.95

15.3 To confirm monies received: £581.03 which includes a grant for one of the bike racks.

15.4 Grant requests for consideration: None.



16 **Roads** – Councillor Lloyd provided a response from Balfour Beatty regarding the Parish Council's plans for traffic calming measures in the village in which Councillors were advised to raise safety concerns with the Locality Steward. The Parish Council were also encouraged to raise the potential safety concerns at Trappe House with the LPA. The Clerk suggested that there would be value in raising these issues with Barry Durkin (Cabinet Member for Roads and Regulatory Services) and the Locality Steward and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Lloyd writes accordingly. Councillors also agreed that local people should be encouraged to raise their concerns direct to Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty.

17 **Clerk Correspondence**

- 17.1 A resident has written requesting 20 mph stickers for their bins. Councillor Probert agreed to contact the local police to see if they can provide some stickers.
- 17.2 Hereford City Rotary Club have asked to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss improvement plans for the River Wye and Lugg also covering the River Dore and Dulas Brook. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the group to establish their objectives for attending the meeting.

18 **Informing parishioners** of the work of the GPC including social media.

- 18.1 To publicise works completed in the parish.
- 18.2 Surface water rebate.
- 18.3 Presentation from Welsh Water and their contact details.

19 **To raise matters for the next agenda:**

- 19.1 New website
- 19.2 Wildplay

20 **To note the date of the next scheduled meeting:** 8th August 2023 at the Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 20.55 hrs

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Future parish council meeting dates for 2023:

8 th August 2023		
12 th September 2023		
10 th October 2023		
14 th November 2023		
12 th December 2023		

