WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a meeting of WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 at 7:30pm in West Felton Methodist Church Hall.**

**CHAIRED BY:** Cllr David Walker

**CLERKED BY:** Rosemary Wood

**PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** David Walker, John Thornhill, Ozcan Ozagir, David Curtis, Carole Coles, Marian Hesketh

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| **118.23** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  Apologies for absence received: Cllrs Ed Nicholas (work commitments), Chris Jones (illness), Pat Mabe (holiday), John Houghton (holiday), Kerry Grove (holiday)  Apologies also received from PCSO Charlie Iremonger |
| **119.23** | **INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS**   1. 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):   Cllr David Walker declared an interest in item 129.23 due to being a member of the Liberal Democrats and their Constituency Executive.   1. Declaration of any Non-Registerable Interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. **None** 2. Any applications for dispensation delivered to the Clerk prior to the meeting:   An application from Cllr Walker for dispensation to remain in the meeting and participate in any vote or further vote taken on business relating to item 129.23 until his end of term was considered and granted. (Cllr David Curtis wished it to be recorded in the minutes that he voted against the resolution.) |
| **120.23** | **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2024**  It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such. |
| **121.23** | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**  No members of the public present |
| **122.23** | **REPORTS RECEIVED**   1. **Police** – a written report from PCSO Iremonger was **NOTED**. 2. **Shropshire Council** – not present and no report received. 3. **Clerk** – written report **NOTED.** 4. **Other Reports:**   Cllr Thornhill reported that the OPCC Safer Roads Grant had been submitted by the deadline but with Shropshire Council having failed to honour the commitment made previously by the leader of the council, Lezley Picton, to confirm their authorisation of the proposals. He reported on his further engagement with Shropshire Council officers, and sought and was given support from members to continue pursuing the matter with Shropshire Council. |
| **123.23** | **FINANCE**   1. **Income received** - **NOTED:** 2. Nationwide, interest 1-31 Jan (£184.69) 3. David Davies, SL Jennings (non-resident) grant (£240), interment of cremated remains (£90) (total £330) 4. Jones & Hughes, monument registration fee for SL Jennings (non-resident) (£120) 5. **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: 6. Rosemary Wood, Clerk’s net pay January 2024 (£790.12) 7. HMRC, income tax (£0.80), employer NICs (£4.54) (total: £5.34) 8. Mr A Dawson, mole removal at burial ground (£100) 9. H20 Clear, pressurised exterior x3 (£150), window x3 (£45) (total £195) 10. Astutium, domain renewal 8/3/24 to 7/3/25 (£9.59) (incl VAT £1.60) 11. Ellesmere Town Council, Neighbourhood Planning course (Clerk) (£30) 12. **Other income/invoices received after agenda sent out -** none |
| **124.23** | **PLANNING MATTERS**   1. **Planning Applications notified by Shropshire Council** – the following was considered:   **Ref**: 24/00045/LBC (validated 15 January 2024)  **Address**: Goose Cottage, Sandford, West Felton, Oswestry **Proposal:** Replacement windows  **RESOLVED** to support the application   1. **Planning Application submissions under delegated power** – the following submission was **NOTED:**   **Ref:** 24/00109/TCA (validated 3 January 2024)  **Address:** Avenue House/Rose Cottage, The Avenue, West Felton SY11 4LF  **Proposal:** To fell 1no. Norway Spruce and 2no. Leylandii within West Felton Conservation Area  **Submission:** No objection to the application.   1. **Planning Decisions notified by Shropshire Council** – the following were **NOTED:** 2. **Ref**: 23/05485/TPO (validated 12 December 2023)   **Address**: Wellingtonia, 6 Dovaston Court, West Felton, Oswestry SY11 4EQ **Proposal:** To lightly prune crown by removing branches no bigger than 80mm diameter and to reduce height by 1.5 metres of 1no. Wellingtonia protected by the Shropshire Council (Land at 5-7 Dovaston Court, West Felton TPO 2012 (ref SC/00086/12)  **Decision**: Grant Permission   1. **Ref:** 23/04605/FUL (validated 22 November 2023)   **Address:** Red House, Woolston Road, West Felton SY11 4LB  **Proposal:** Construction of a passing place  **Decision:** Grant Permission   1. **Planning correspondence or decisions received after agenda sent out** – none |
| **125.23** | **CONSULTATIONS**  **Green Gen Vynwy Frankton Project** – an invitation was considered to submit comments to the Planning Inspectorate regarding environmental impacts of the proposed project for consideration for the Scoping Opinion to be given by the Planning Inspectorate to inform the applicant’s Environmental Statement. **RESOLVED** to make no submission at this stage but to consider at the Second Consultation. |
| **126.23** | **HIGHWAYS**  The following road closure (as reported at January 2024 meeting) was **NOTED**:  **Unnamed road off Grimpo Road, Grimpo, Rednal** Start Date: 5 Mar 2024; End Date: 5 Mar 2024; Purpose: Working on high voltage power lines; Works Promoter: Scottish Power Renewable Energy; Enforcement pattern: 08:00 – 17:00hrs; Closure and diversion route: https://one.network/?tm=135987978 |
| **127.23** | **PARISH GROUNDS & ASSETS**  **Grounds safety report** – considered and **NOTED** |
| **128.23** | **PARISH PROJECTS**  **Inclusive play equipment** – quotes from local contractors for grounds work to create an accessible path to the planned new equipment were considered. **RESOLVED** to accept a quote from Tim Simmons of Shropshire Council, with spoil to be left on site (to be used to bund the pond or for other landscaping) and the surface type to be considered again pending further information regarding the likely bearing capacity and maintenance schedule of each surface type. |
| **129.23** | **RALPHS DRIVE FLOODING**  Correspondence received from Helen Morgan MP requesting the council’s view on flooding at Ralph’s Drive was considered and a letter in response drafted by the Clerk was approved. |
| **130.23** | **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024**  It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would organise the Annual Parish Meeting 2024, with the meeting to be held in April, subject to availability of a venue and possible speaker. |
| **131.23** | **NEXT MEETING**  It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7:30pm in West Felton Methodist Church Hall. |

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9:05pm.

Chairman’s Signature D Walker Dated 12 March 2024