

PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2015 AT CANON PYON PARISH HALL

Present: Mr H. Ray (Chairman)

Mr. G.R. Vaughan (Vice Chairman), Mrs S. Bagnall, Mrs J. Carr, Mrs. L. Pugh, Mrs G. Dickson, Mr N.C. Davies, Mr D. Spooner, Mr D. Bowen-Jones and Mr B. Thomas.

In attendance: Mr R Hewitt, Clerk to the Parish Council.

2016/96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies accepted from Mrs L. Evans.

2016/97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION. None.

2016/98 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Meeting of 6 October 2015 were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record.

2016/99 CO-OPT NEW MEMBER

There was no co-option. Suggested members of the public to be approached, and review the matter at the next meeting.

2016/100 FOOTPATHS

There was no report from the footpath officer. The Chairman said the circular walk marked out by the footpaths officer is now on the website, www.pyonsgroup.co.uk.

2016/101 REPORT OF THE WEOBLEY WARD COUNCILLOR

The Clerk read out a report from Ward Cllr. Cooper.

2016/102 VIEWS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS

There were no matters raised.

2016/103 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The working groups formed to consider a boundary for each settlement in the group parish reported on their proposals. Marked up maps for the settlements of Canon Pyon, Westhope, Kings Pyon and Ledgemoor were reviewed and will be given to the chairman of the steering group. People living in each settlement will have the opportunity to comment on the suggested boundaries. Cllr. Bowen-Jones proposed questions to help with the consultation process.

The meeting noted that Wellington's Neighbourhood Development Plan is at the stage of Regulation 16 consultation, and comments on the proposed neighbourhood plan can be made via Herefordshire Council.

2016/104 CLERKS REPORT

The latest West Mercia Police newsletter highlighted an incident of theft from an agricultural premises at Canon Pyon. A member of the public asking about office premises was asked to put a note in The Pyonear. A neighbourhood plan submission and examination workshop on 18 November will be attended by Cllr. Spooner. The agreed transparency fund application to fund a laptop has been submitted to HALC.

2016/105 FINANCE

The following invoices were passed for payment: R Mills, maintenance of war memorial and area (£340.00); Hoople Ltd., settlement area maps for neighbourhood plan (£110.40).

The parish council considered the draft precept proposed by the finance working group for 2016-17. It was agreed to increase the sum available for SID hire to £1,200.00, and to make a £2,000 provision for lengthsman work in the group parish. The £9,130.00 precept proposed for 2016-17 was agreed unanimously. The finance working group reported the risk schedule was reviewed.

2016/106 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Vice Chairman reported that the lengthsman has recently repaired 70 potholes. It was agreed to review the annual maintenance budget at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the lengthsman did not require additional sandbags from Balfour Beatty. The grit supplied in previous years for the Winter Self Help Scheme can be topped up if required. A faulty streetlight opposite the Nags Head has been reported to Balfour Beatty.

2016/107 BOUNDARY HEDGE AT WAR MEMORIAL, CANON PYON

The parish council agreed to remove the boundary hedge and gates at the war memorial, Canon Pyon, subject to consultation via a note in The Pyonear. The Chairman will highlight this in the monthly report on the parish council.

2016/108 PARISH PLAN

Parish plan leads provided relevant updates on their areas, and the status report document will be amended by Cllr. Pugh to reflect these reports. The parish plan status report is available on the website.

2016/109 PLANNING

The parish council noted planning permission has been granted by Herefordshire Council for 152472/O Land adjacent to Dove Cottage, Westhope; and that planning application 152273 Field adjacent to Dower Cottage, Kings Pyon has been refused. The Chairman said he has spoken to planning services about the maps drawn for 151690 Mytleford Cottage, and does not believe there is any cause for concern.

2016/110 GIFT OF LAND AT WESTHOPE

The Clerk reported that the parish council will need to appoint a solicitor in order to accept the gift of land as this is a requirement of the solicitor of the person donating the land. The meeting agreed to appoint Norris & Miles Solicitors of Tenbury Wells, subject to a ceiling on costs of £100.00. Should the costs of the transaction exceed £100.00, the additional cost will need to be met by the Friends of Westhope on a match funding basis.

2016/111 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT

The parish council considered new local community grants from Tesco to support local green space projects. It was agreed to provide the information to the Playing Field management committee, Canon Pyon.

2016/112 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Lengthsman annual maintenance budget and projects; and newsletter.

2016/113 INFORMATION ITEMS

The parish council noted the information items on the agenda.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 5 January 2016, Canon Pyon Parish Hall.
The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed:

Date:

