

Minutes of Pipe and Lyde Parish Council

on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7pm in Lyde Church

Present: Alan Paske (chair), Sally Robertson, Ron Davies, Maurice Taylor, Phil Meadwell

In attendance: Parish Clerk (Emma Noble) Ward Cllr Crockett

- 1. Apologies for absence** – all in attendance
- 2. Declarations of interest** and written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations - none
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** 23rd October, proposed by AD and seconded by MT. All accepted and minutes adopted.
- 4. Public participation:** - no members present
- 5. Planning** – P194064 – This PC are aware of the application. It was discussed and no objections were raised.
- 6. Highways and roads update** – A thank you from a member of the public had received in regard to the blocked gully being cleared by Balfour Beatty.
- 7. Footpaths, stiles and gates – footpath closure (David Hunter) footpath– (PR 9)** the footpath closure has gone over its proposed date. The clerk will look into this. **Action** Clerk

Two gates have been implemented and SR had received compliments about the ease of use and workmanship. The Clerk received the invoice for materials.

8. Report by Herefordshire Council Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett

December Report.

This monthly update provides an overview of the key activities that the Leader of Herefordshire Council and your Ward Member have been involved with.

Cllr David Hitchiner.

The November Cabinet meeting was held in the Council owned library in Leominster. Measured by the number of members of the public who attended it was a great success. I'm told there were between 40 and 50. It was less popular with Councillors.

Ian Baker is the Council's Officer to turn to if a major incident occurs. I have asked him for guidance in connection with the recent floods. He tells me that Herefordshire Council has an Emergency Planning Duty Officer on call 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Should there be an incident in your Ward you can call this officer via 01432 260000 and ask for the Emergency Planning Duty Officer (EPDO). This contact should be for emergency incidents only where the council has a statutory obligation to take action. Herefordshire Council is not a blue light service therefore any threat to life type incident should continue to be called through to 999/112. Ian explained that prior to the flood events of October, he had started to produce a Herefordshire Council guidance document for Elected Members. This is currently in draft version.

The very good news is that the LEP have approved £5.66m of New Model in Technology and Engineering (NMiTE) Growth Deal Funding which will allow NMiTE to develop a Centre for Advanced Timber Technology, Centre for Automated Manufacturing, and a Centre for Future Skills on the Hereford Enterprise Zone. The complication is that the LEP require NMiTE to provide an indemnity. I am looking, with officers and the Cabinet, at how the Council might be able to help NMiTE. Time is extremely tight for NMiTE to spend the money – they have until 31 March 2021 so a quick decision is required so they can get on with designing and construction.

The less good news is that the LEP rejected our proposal to revise the funding agreement for the South Wye Transport Package. Details in the public domain are on the Marches LEP website.

Veteran Support Centre Opens in Herefordshire

Herefordshire's Veteran Support Centre (VSC) opened its doors on Monday 11th November, ahead of an official launch in the New Year. Located in the city centre, it offers a friendly one-stop shop for anyone in the armed forces community needing guidance, with flexible and accessible spaces for meetings and group workshops, along with employment and volunteering opportunities. The VSC has been established thanks to a successful grant application by Herefordshire Council to the Ministry of Defence to pilot a veteran hub project. Herefordshire's Armed Forces Covenant Partnership will continue to oversee the centre for the next year whilst a new team of trustee's forms and achieves its own independent charitable status.

Herefordshire Now

The latest edition of our residents' magazine, Herefordshire Now, has the theme 'Stay well this winter' and has been distributed across council and partner sites.

Health and adult wellbeing – Cllr Pauline Crockett

Adults and Communities continue to maintain their strong financial position, reporting an underspend of just over £1m at October 2019. This is enabling the Directorate to bring forward savings initiatives and investment programmes in order to achieve a full year saving from April 2020.

Hillside

There are currently two options for Hillside- the original, complex beds proposal and the new GP Super Hub proposal. Current view is a preference to pursue the GP hub. However, we have agreed that we still undertake an Options Workshop, which will ensure we don't miss any opportunities and provide an audit trail for the GP hub preference. NHSE

are in agreement with both remaining options and have committed to finally come back to us to outline the commercial and financial implications of both options.

The NHS 5yr long term plan

The NHS are working with partners including local authorities. The plan sets out how the integrated care system will be developed and how the NHS are working to improve health and tackle health inequalities. Herefordshire and Worcestershire Councils have expressed support for the plan, but also identifies that this is an NHS and not a system wide plan. The final draft was submitted to the NHSE and NHSI on the 15th November.

Shared Lives CQC rating

The Care Quality Commission visited Shared Lives on Thursday 31st October. Shared lives have received a rating of 'Good' in all areas. The inspection went well with very positive feedback from the carers that attended on the day and Service Users who were contacted following the inspection day. There are developments within the Shared Lives Plus Scheme that could bring impacts onto the service including a respite option. Consideration will be needed about how this service is to develop and what is needed from it by the Council.

Locally, I have been asked to review the speeding traffic issue on Church Road, I have asked the adjoining ward member to consider working with us on their ongoing 30mph TRO, with a view to extending it to the area of concern.

9. Community Led Plan – Action Plan update – SR will look into this shortly. There are a few members of the public that are willing to help with this and SR will contact them in due course.

10. Finance

a) Consider Payment to Eyelid Productions for annual website support, domain name and website hosting - £160 – Actioned

b) Budget/Precept – The clerk provided the budget and precept sheet from the previous year. It was agreed by all those present that this year the precept should would increase in the following areas, £300 to Friends of Lyde (up from £0 last year), £150 for Lyde Trumpet (£0 last year) and £200 for safety projects (up from £100 last year). This brings the total precept to £3,780 (last year £3,230.00)

11. Clerk's update and correspondence, it was agreed all incoming correspondence to be emailed out to the councillors prior to the meeting. No correspondence had been received to date.

12. Items for next agenda

13. Date of next meeting 27th February 7pm. Lyde Church.