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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD on 11th March 2025 HILLSIDE MEETING ROOM, LILLESHELL, 6:30PM

Members present Cllrs: Taylor (Chairman), Parker, Hoof, Challenor, Harvey, Binnington and Clayton.

In attendance: Mrs W Tonge (Parish Clerk) Cllr Andrew Eade (T&WC Borough Councillor).

198/24 Apologies and declarations of Interest

No apologies received. No declarations of interest were declared.

199/24 Public Session

4 members of the public were present. The Chairman invited members of the public to raise any items of concern.

A resident raised concerns for the number of rocks and posts owners have placed or installed along the grass verges, mainly to the front of properties on Hillside. In their view, this was restricting access for passing vehicles, which recently resulted in an incident where a fire engine was unable to access the road, when attending a callout to a fire in a neighbouring property. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with T&WC Highways Department.

A resident raised concern for the placement of rocks being used as drainage system to the front of a new build property along Hillside. In their view, this was causing an excessive amount of water being directed along the road creating mud, debris and further drainage problems along Hillside. Cllr Taylor (Chairman) confirmed the matter has been reported to the Local Authority and is being investigated by T&WC Planning Enforcement Department.

A resident requested that details of all planning applications received from T&WC be present on the parish council's agenda. The Clerk explained this is only possible if the notifications are received before the agenda is sent out, which in accordance by law states that a Parish Council agenda must be posted in a public place three clear days prior of the meeting date, similarly Councillors require three clear days notice, so it must be sent out the week before.

100/24 Minutes of the last Council meeting held 11th February 2025

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th of February 2025 had been previously circulated and were **RESOLVED** to be accepted as a true record.

101/24 Matters arising, for information, from the minutes

The Clerk briefed members on the matter raised at the previous meeting regarding concern for drivers being in danger when pulling out of the exit to Old Ben Homes, due to oncoming traffic being in the middle of the road. Following a lengthy discussion with the Manager of Old Ben Homes and further engagement with residents, the Clerk confirmed no reports of concern have been raised. Members agreed to continue to review the issue.

The Clerk confirmed 4 x 'Frogs are crossing' safety signs have been purchased by the parish council and are in place, thanks to a local volunteer.

102/24 Correspondence

The following correspondence was shared with members:

- a) T&WC Play Strategy Survey.

The consultation ends on the 28th of March 2025.

- b) T&WC Scrutiny Work Programme.

Should members wish to propose any areas they would like to request the Scrutiny Committee to conduct, details were circulated to members.

- c) Keep Britain Tidy – Local campaign

Details of the planned T&WC Tidy-up initiative planned to run between 21st March to 6th April was shared. Members were invited to organise any local events or encourage local community groups to get involved.

103/24 Reports from West Mercia Police

No report received.

104/24 Reports from Parish Councillors and Ward Member present

Following a number of complaints, Cllr Eade updated members he had recently dealt with reports of effluence being present along The Abbey Road, he hoped the matter was now resolved.

105/24 Clerks Reports

The Clerk provided members with a brief insight into local issues parish staff have reported and dealt with recently. This included blocked drains on highways, fly-tipping, parking along double yellow lines outside the school. Staff are focusing on the organisation of parish events and preparing the relevant publicity ready for distribution in April.

106/24 T&WC Local Plan Review

Members were provided with the following information. Subject to T&WC Full Council approval, the Local Plan will be published to allow the public and stakeholders to make final comments, still awaiting confirmation of the exact timescale and Infrastructure Plan. Members discussed the need to form a Working Group to oppose the housing developments in the parish. The Parish Council agreed to formally appoint and ratify a Working Group at the next parish meeting in April 2025.

107/24 T&WC Community Governance Review

A draft copy of the parish council's response to the Community Governance Review 2025, had been previously circulated to all members for comments and approval. Cllr Taylor proposed the document was an accurate reflection of the parish council's view to remain independent and it be accepted as the final response. This was seconded by Cllr Harvey with all members present voting in support of the proposal. Cllr Binnington confirmed that herself and Kathryn would be attending the CGR meeting organised by T&WC at Southwater on Thursday evening.

Resolved: that the Clerk be granted permission to formally submit the response on behalf of Lilleshall Parish Council, before the deadline of the 24th March 2025.

108/24 Road Safety Scheme

Cllr Eade expressed his continued disappointment that the new Brockton Leasows sign on the A518 had not been installed, he added how frustrating the lack of progress was to local residents. The Clerk agreed to write to Highways Department requesting the signs be installed urgently. Cllr Hoof reiterated the parish council had still received no update on the results of a Road Traffic Survey on the A518, the Clerk agreed to pursue the request for the information.

109/24 Events

Members were provided with the following update:

VE Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon Tea: Tuesday 7th May 12pm – 3pm at the Parish Office.

Summer Trip: Friday 27th June trip to Llandudno. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday 29th April at the Parish Office.

Summer Sizzler: Saturday 5th July to be held on the grounds of Lilleshall Cricket Club and the Playing Fields.

Parish Newsletter: The next edition will be ready for distribution mid-April. Preparation for the distribution of the newsletter was discussed, the Clerk agreed to explore options for a potential distributor.

110/24 Planning

TWC/2025/0126 Application for -Erection of a single storey rear extension Rock House, Barrack Lane, Lilleshall, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9ER

Resolved: No Objection

111/24 Financial Reports

a). Members reviewed the latest bank reconciliation up to 28th February 2025, bringing the accounts to a balance of £46,285.91p and the payments made since the last meeting and their corresponding invoices/receipts. All reports were signed by Cllr Taylor & Cllr Clayton, all invoices were signed by Cllr Binnington.

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliation as an accurate report and approved the list of payments made since the last meeting:

Payments made during February since the last meeting

Paid to	Amount
Nobridge Nursery	£670.00
K Goodwin	£84.00
Midland Computers	£119.76

Hugo Fox	£11.99
G Parkman	£120.00
G Parkman	£150.00
W Tonge	£4.55
A Baker	£27.90
W Tonge	£27.90
K Goodwin	£410.46
W Tonge	£867.40
HMRC	£285.87

112/24 Parish Assets

- a) **Allotments:** A quote for the urgent cutting- back of overhanging branches at the allotments was shared with members.
Resolved: that the quote from Nobridge Ltd for £75.00 be accepted and the Clerk be granted permission for the work to commence.
- b) **Lilleshall Tennis Club/ Talbot Centre:** Cllr Clayton confirmed his attendance at a recent LTC committee meeting. On behalf of the parish council, he provided members with clarification on the recent decision to increase the annual rent. He also confirmed the tariff for the solar panels is now with British Gas and the administration of it is now the responsibility of the parish council. The Tennis Club were pleased to confirm they would like to be part of this years Summer Sizzler event on the 5th July, plans to provide tennis related activities for the event will be confirmed.
- c) **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk agreed to contact The Handyman Services, regarding moss on the roof of the bus shelter on Lilyhurst Road.
- d) **Churchyard:** The Clerk confirmed the work to remove trees in the Churchyard will commence in early May.
- e) **Planters:** Members granted the Clerk permission to obtain quotes for the planting and watering of the planters for summer 2025. The Clerk agreed to feature a request in the next parish newsletter for any local businesses to sponsor a planter.
- f) **Speed Indicator Devices:** Members commented the new contractor appeared to be very vigilant, it was noted how much quicker the response is for battery replacements.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall Office, Hillside, Lilleshall.

This meeting closed at 8.20 pm

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....