

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
Heywood Parish Council
at 7:00 pm, Wednesday 23rd October 2019
at Heywood and Hawkeridge Village Hall**

Members present: Cllr J Masson Cllr K Youngs Cllr F Morland
 Cllr S Heron Cllr E Lock

65. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Thompson

66. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr F Morland is a member of Westbury Town Council.

67. **Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 2019:** the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

68. **Updates on items outstanding from last meeting:**

68.1 WR2 to comply with requests for Waiting Parking Restrictions completed. Parish Clerk forward it to Wilts CC.

68.2 The Parish Council's response to the request from Wiltshire Council for expressions of interest regarding The Community Governance Review are as follows: -

Heywood Parish Council objects to the proposal put forward by Westbury Town Council for the northern expansion of Westbury for the following reasons:-

1. Heywood PC is a warded parish with two wards, Hawkeridge Village and Storridge, and has seven parish Councillors. Hawkeridge Village has four parish councillors and Storridge three councillors. The proposal would incorporate the Storridge ward and part of the Hawkeridge Village ward into Westbury leaving the remainder of the Hawkeridge Village ward to form a new Heywood Parish with four parish councillors. Administratively, it would be very difficult for the parish to continue with just four councillors as there will be occasions when not all of them will be able to attend meetings and with only four councillors the quorum principle could not be applied.
2. At present there are approximately 350 houses in Heywood parish and Westbury Town Council's proposal would see 157 of those incorporated into Westbury. This would have a major effect on the finances of Heywood Parish Council which has a small budget. It has a number of annual expenses which cannot be reduced, and the Parish Council would have to seek to substantially increase the council tax paid by the remaining houses in order to maintain its budget.
3. There is no mention in the Westbury proposal of the children's playground in Hawkeridge Park which is owned by the Parish Council and would be incorporated into Westbury if the proposal was adopted.

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4. The recent electoral boundary review carried out by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England recognised the rural nature of the Ethandune division, which Heywood Parish is a part of, and stated that this should continue in the future. The proposed expansion of Westbury northwards into Heywood Parish would change the division's nature as there be pressure for more housing to be built between the present northern boundary of Westbury and the West Wilts Industrial Estate and the Hawke Ridge Business Park.
5. The whole of the Parish of Heywood was designated a Neighbourhood Area by Wiltshire Council in 2016 in accordance with the section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning and Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended 2016 and the Parish Council is currently preparing a draft Neighbourhood Plan for the Area.
6. The suggestion that areas should be included in Westbury simply because Westbury forms part of their postal address does not hold water as there are plenty of areas nationally where the postal address does not coincide with the administrative area. Examples of this are Kingston, Sutton and Croydon whose postal address is Surrey and Bromley and Bexley whose postal address is Kent and yet all are part of Greater London administrative area.

68.3 **The Glebe Playing Field** – Tracey Griffin updated the Parish Council of fund raising to date and proposals for the playing field, noting it will take some 12/18 months before there would be sufficient funds to commence purchasing play equipment. The Parish Clerk is to share TG proposals with Salisbury Diocese seeking their approval of the proposed plans

69. **Planning Applications and Issues:**

- 69.1 **19/08838/FUL Land adjoining Bereburne, 34 Dursley Road Heywood BA13 4LG** – Erection of two 3 bedroom chalet dwellings and associated works

It was resolved to object to this application because:

In this application the Parish Council find nothing to overcome the objections in the previous application 19/02186/FUL and therefore object on the same grounds as previously.

Heywood Parish Council support Wiltshire County Council's refusal of the previous application

- 69.2 **19/08997/VAR Variation of Condition** – Variation of condition 1 for application 17/0143/REM – "Development of 300 dwellings with associated infrastructure"

No Comments

70. **Clerk and RFO's Report:**

70.1 The clerk updated the Parish Council on "The Clerks Year" course attended on 25th September 2019.

70.2 The Council noted the current year's financial statement to date.

70.3 The Council approved invoices and authorised payments as listed on the payments schedule (see annex to these minutes)

70.4 The Council will consider a specialist for future PC laptop IT and repairs as required.

70.5 The Parish Council approved the revised £76 payment to SLCC for the annual renewal of the Parish Clerks membership.

71. Results of the Electoral Review for Wiltshire were discussed and noted.

72. Correspondence: one item of correspondence was received by the Clerk to be considered and has been referred to Suzanne Wickham, Wiltshire Councilor for Ethandune

73. **Date of next meeting:** it was confirmed that the next meeting of Heywood Parish Council will be on Monday 11th November 2019, at 7:00 pm.

50. **Matters for future consideration:** - none

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	Payee	Details	Invoice no	Cheque/ BACS	Chq no	Amount
1	Mrs H Bardsley	Admin to Parish Council	Aug & Sep 19	CQ	866	509.60
2	Mrs H Bardsley	Admin to Parish Council	Oct-19	CQ	867	297.78
3	Salisbury DBF	Glebe Field Rent	12/09/2019	CQ	868	100.00
4	SLCC	Membership renewal	Oct-19	CQ	869	76.00
5	21st Century Bus Mach	Computer repair	8811	CQ	871	240.00
		Total payments				1,223.38

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