LEEBOTWOOD AND LONGNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the regular Meeting of Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council held at Leebotwood Village Hall on 24th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

Cllr. C. Baker	Cllr. S. Willocks
Cllr. P. Pardoe	Cllr. T. Crook
Cllr. R. Reynolds	Cllr. C. King

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

Cllr. Dan Morris

	Agenda item		Actions	
153-21	1.	TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Pleas see above.		
154-21	2.	DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS		
		Name Item Personal Prejudicial		
155-21	3.	DISPENSATION – None required.		
	4.	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS There were no applications to join the Council		
156-21	5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – There were no members of the public present		
157-21	6.	MINUTES - To approve and sign the minutes dated 22 nd November 2021. RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd November 2021 were signed and approved following a minor amendment.		
158-21	7.	INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES There was nothing to report under this heading.		
159-21	8.	REPORTS a) Shropshire Councillor Dan Morris 'Grab a Jab' campaign		

Vaccination sites across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin are opening their doors to all adults this weekend as part of the national 'Grab a Jab' campaign. NHS COVID-19 vaccination sites will be operating across the region, with anyone aged 18 or over able to turn up and 'grab a jab' without needing to book an appointment in advance. Sites offering walk in vaccinations can be found easily on the Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care System website. The 'Grab a Jab' campaign coincides with a major drive by the NHS in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to encourage young people to "Get Vaccinated." The initiative features young people across the region sharing their experiences and views of the vaccination. This weekend's walk-in clinics come as figures from 15 July 2021 show that more than 67.9% of 18 to 24-year-olds and more than 69.4% of 25 to 29-year-olds across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin have already had their first vaccine. People who attend a walk-in clinic for their first dose will have their vaccination record updated online, and will then be able to book in their second dose appointment using the national booking system.

People of any age who had their first dose of the vaccine over eight weeks ago will also be able to get their second dose this weekend. All adults can still book at one of the 1,600 vaccination centres, pharmacy or general practice sites across the country that are available through the national booking service. Vaccination centres are also available in convenient locations.

Children to benefit from free school meals and new warm clothes fund

Shropshire Council is committed to help keep children and young people from low income homes fed and warm over the coming winter. More than £800,000 will be spent on extending the provision of free school meals into the holidays, and setting up a new warm clothes initiative through the county's schools. The money allocated from the Government will help to keep children fed and warm, and alleviate some of the financial concerns and pressures which many are expected to experience after the closure of the furlough scheme and the Universal Credit uplift ending this autumn. Children in Shropshire who receive free school meals or are from disadvantaged families will continue to benefit from support with food costs during holiday periods, as they did last Christmas, spring half-term, Easter, Whitsun half-term and in the summer holidays. Around 8,000 children in schools and pre-school settings will receive support with food costs equivalent of £15 per week during October 2021 half-term, the Christmas holiday, and spring half-term 2022.

Food Insecurity Project:

As part of a pilot project, funded by Shaping Places for Healthier Lives programme, we worked with Shropshire Council Public Health, Citizens Advice Shropshire and the Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance members to hear from individuals and families with lived experience of food insecurity and those who work to support them. Between February and April 2021 we ran the public and organisational engagement for the Shaping Places for Healthier Lives Food Insecurity Project focused on South-West rural Shropshire. The aim being to understand people's experiences of living with food poverty and gather insight from the organisations working with or supporting them from the public and voluntary sector, e.g. food banks.

The main recommendations based on the findings of our engagement activities:

Whole system working – A system-wide approach is needed to address the issues that lead to food insecurity and its impact on people's health and wellbeing. The public and voluntary sector need to work in partnership to create services which are accessible and easy to navigate, one way to do this is to improve relationships with food banks and other community organisations. Improved communication across the system to support more joined up working across the community and public sector, including direct telephone numbers available to foodbank volunteers to enable them to refer directly to specific service teams/workers.

Needs assessments across health and social care need to include the impact of food insecurity. Review the language used to decrease social stigma associated with seeking help. Ensure that information is presented clearly and meets each person's information and communication support needs in line with the NHS Accessible Information Standards

Referral pathways to be streamlined to make sure people are able to access the right support at the right time, e.g. GPs and Social prescribers able to refer to foodbanks, debt advice, sources of mental health support. Ensure people in need are treated with compassion and empathy to that they receive the information and support they need.

Develop 'wrap around' support for people who are in financial need to prevent them reaching crisis, e.g. Advice First Aid training for frontline Health staff.

Keep people well this winter

Shropshire Council is working alongside the British Red Cross, Age UK Shropshire Telford and Wrekin and the wider Wellbeing and Independence Partnership to ensure that residents have easy access to support where needed. The Winter Support Service is part of our '5 Ways to Winter Wellness' campaign which highlights the ways in which people can remain both physically and mentally well. In addition to wellbeing, this campaign will focus on the role and importance of vaccinations and the things we can all do to protect ourselves again winter illnesses. The service can offer assessment and ongoing support to people identified as needing help, including:

Transport returning home from hospital

Settling people in at home following discharge from hospital Fitting of low-level equipment such as key safes and pendant alarms

Collecting and delivering medications

Shopping and delivery

Wellbeing home visits

Companionship for isolated or lonely people

b) Clerks Report.

The Clerk reported that all relevant emails had been sent to members. He also reported that he was in possession of a number of 'Smartwater' stickers.

9. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL.

To discuss and decide on the following: -

A email had been received in relation to Leebotwood Village Hall requesting financial assistance to refurbish the fire doors.

Agenda item for January

161-21 10. PLANNING MATTERS –

1. 21/05079/FUL

Application for the erection of first floor extension to include terrace and erection of a car port | Hergest Croft Longnor Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7QF

This application was discussed

RESOLVED

The Council supported this application, stating that it was an improvement.

2. 21/05084/FUL

Application for change of use of an agricultural storage building to a cold store, sorting area and collecting area for Highland beef boxes | Blackhurst Farm Lawley.

This application was discussed

RESOLVED

The Council supported this application, as this was a local business.

162-21 11. FINANCE –

25.11.2020			
Payment			
method	Company	Description	amount
Bacs	Mr. G. Rippon	Oct-Nov Salary	438.36
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE	292.24
Bacs	Mr. G. Rippon	Expenses	75.00
Bacs	PKF littlejohn	Audit	96.00
Bacs	TTS	Chimes	346.50
		Total	1248.10

- a) To approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation
 This was agreed
- b) To consider the budget/precept for 2022/2023
 This was agreed. The budget to be £10720 with a £9000 precept demand.
- c) To approve the invoices for payment
 These were agreed. The Clerk was instructed to pay the
 above invoices

163-21 12. HIGHWAYS

> There Was nothing to report

164-21 13. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE TASKS

The first Longnor bus shelter been completely refurbished The following tasks had been identified: -

- The second bus shelter in Longnor also need refurbishment and refixing to the ground.
- There were amounts of leaves to be removed from drains.
- There was also a notice board to receive a coat of preservative.

165-21 14. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

One member requested that the agenda be sent earlier so that it could be placed on the notice board in time.

The clerk responded that the agendas were sent out within the legislation.

166-21 15. CORRESPONDENCE: EMAILS

The Clerk reported that all emails had been sent to members

167-21 16. **NEXT MEETING – 26th January 2021**

Wednesday 26 January 2022	Leebotwood Village Hall
Wednesday 23 March 2022	Leebotwood Village Hall
Wednesday 25 May 2022	Leebotwood Village Hall **