

PUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 26th September 2023 At 7.30 in Putley Village Hall

1. Present: Councillors Booth, Denman, Griffin, Herbst & Webster
2. To receive apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Daly,
3. To record any Declarations of Interest and consider any Requests for Dispensations.
There were no requests
4. To receive a brief report from the County Councillor.
Councillor Lester reported that Ofsted were now looking at the 'looked after children' provision. The local plan is being updated, with the western bypass being revisited. Capital spending budget is being debated and will be announced in due course, the Revenue forecast for delivering services is £13B adrift. 4 County Councils are coming together to work on common issues.
5. Public participation: Members of the public may speak about items on the agenda.
There were no members of the public present.
6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 18th July 2023.
Resolution: The minutes were approved and signed.
7. Finance:
 - a. To consider payment of outstanding accounts:
Clerks' salary September & October
Clerks Expenses April - September
 - b. To consider the precept for the next financial year.
 - c. To note the balances at the bank.
The current account balance is £12,402.51 and reserve account £11,172.27
Resolution: Payment of outstanding accounts was approved; Clerk will contact Councillor Daly regarding the precept and balances were noted.
8. Planning:
 - a. To discuss the response to the Greytrees application.
 - b. To consider the way responses to planning applications are agreed.
Councillor Denman explained the response was based on information available at the time.
Council planning procedure to be reviewed to ensure full Councillor input.
9. To receive a report from the Footpath Officer
Councillor Denman reported that a new officer has been appointed and a group meeting with other Parishes has taken place. Solutions for repairing the broken bridge are being considered. A tree has come down on the footpath by the Fosbury.

10.To receive an update on the proposed drainage solution.

There are 3 proposed options: the original drain plan, a field drain or a ditch inside the hedge. Costings are not yet available. Advice has been taken from HALC regarding the position of the Council assisting in the repairs financially:

‘The Parish Council has a power to contribute to a service provided by Herefordshire Council and also a direct power to drain and maintain ponds and ditches to prevent harm to public health.

11.To receive a report from the Tree Warden.

Councillor Webster reported that the bare-root saplings for the wild fruit hedge will arrive in November. Changes to the way the grass is cut and maintained in the play area have been discussed with the contractor. Councillor Webster will be attending a Tree Wardens network coordinator conference in October.

12.To consider content for the Cider Press.

Councillor Booth will put a piece together.

13.To nominate a HALC Executive Board representative.

Clerk will contact a HALC representative to take forward.

19.To note the date of the next meeting, Tuesday 21st November 2023.

Signed

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Clerk to the Parish Council

08 November 2023