

LEIGH AND BRANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 27th February 2024, 7.00pm at Leigh & Bransford Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs D Fereday, P Hawkins, N Cresswell, J Sharp, N Christie,
In attendance: 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies. P Ralph, M McNally, G Jones
2. Declaration of Interests: None.
The Chair reminded councillors to ensure that they have completed their ROI forms for MHDC.
3. Public Forum. A member of the public raised the issue regarding damage to her car caused by the tree which fell out of Rectory Wood and their claim on the Parish Council insurance. The claim has been rejected on the grounds that the Parish Council had undertaken tree surveys. The Chair and Vice Chair had written to Zurick in support of the claimant and were disappointed that the claim had been rejected.

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that dogs have been attacked by a loose dog in the rear car park at the Fold. This has been reported to the owner of the Fold, the RSPCA, MHDC Dog Warden and the Police. Members of the public should be aware of the situation and take care.

4. Matters arising from previous planning minutes. None
5. Applications discussed:

Reference	Proposal	Location	PC Recommendations
Planning application: M/24/00070/FUL - Malvern Hills District Council	Change of use of land and lake for wellness and leisure activities including installation of bridge and timber frame canopy, alterations to existing building, and siting of container for office/ refreshment facilities, and mobile sauna	Riverlands Farm, Teme Lane, Leigh, Worcester, WR6 5JY	Recommend approval Proposed Cllr N. Cresswell, Seconded Cllr N. Christie (unanimous)
Planning application: M/24/00063/OUT - Malvern Hills District Council	Outline application for single dwelling with all matters reserved except for access	Sunningdale, Stocks Lane, Leigh Sinton, Malvern, WR13 5DY	Recommend approval Proposed Cllr N. Christie, Seconded Cllr P. Hawkins (unanimous)

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Planning application: M/24/00006/LB - Malvern Hills District Council	Removal of modern flat ceiling, reconfiguration of stud partition walls, and installation of bi- fold doors to bedroom	Old Byre, Dingle Road, Leigh, Worcester, WR6 5JX	Recommend approval Proposed Cllr J Sharp, Seconded Cllr N. Christie (unanimous)
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6. Planning decisions received

MHDC Ref No.	Proposal Details	Location	Decision
<u>M/23/00500/FUL</u>	Land At (Os 7681 5190) Coles Green Leigh Sinton	Erection of Workshop/Store and laying of hardstanding (retrospective).	Application Refused
<u>M/22/01880/RM</u>	Land At (Os 7794 5048) Lower Interfields Malvern	Application for Approval of Reserved Matters Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission Ref: 21/01287/OUT for development of the first phase for 33 dwellings including 18 affordable dwellings.	Application Approved
APP/J1860/W/2 3/3325897	Outline application for proposed single dwelling	Old Police Station1, Hereford Road, Leigh Sinton, Worcestershire WR13 5EA	The appeal dismissed.

7. To consider quotes for a tree survey at Rectory Wood, Leigh Hurst, Bransford
Three quotations had been received, all from qualified contractors recommended for their work. The recommendation to accept a quotation for £395.00 from David Gardner was proposed by Cllr P.Hawkins, seconded by Cllr N.Christie, carried unanimously.
8. To consider quote for planting of shrubs in Jubilee Garden.
The acceptance of a quotation from Rob Wilks for £275.00 was proposed by Cllr N.Cresswell, seconded by Cllr P.Hawkins and carried unanimously
9. The appointment of the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
The Chair introduced the new Clerk, (in attendance), to the Council. Anna Briggs has been appointed on salary scale SCP19 at £15./44 per hour and will commence duties on the 4th March 2024.

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10. Councillors reports and items for future consideration.

Chapel Hill Solar Farm. Cllr N Christie reported that a meeting of the three Parish Councils affected and RWE took place on the 20th January. At this stage it is unclear what level of funding will be available and what proportion would be allocated to each parish. The three parishes have indicated that they would prefer upfront payments rather than extended payments over the 40 year lifetime of the project. It is clear that a formal legal agreement must be in place to ensure the security of funding. It is anticipated that the formal planning application will be submitted in the spring of this year, but that actual installation work will be a number of years ahead.

The Chair announced that Cllr G Jones has stepped down from the role of Councillor after 40 years of service. The members of the Parish Council thanked him for his devoted service to the community over the past 40 years and wished him and his family well in the future. The Chair will formally write to Graham Jones on behalf of the Council.

11. Date of next meeting – Parish Council meeting Tuesday 26 March 2024.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 16 April 2024

Meeting Closed at 7:45pm

Signed

Date

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