**Mainstone with Colebatch Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes 13 March 2025**

1. **Apologies**: None.

**2.0 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 30/1/24 were confirmed as a true and accurate record by all. Signed by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Hudson.

**4.0 Finances**

4.1. Current account balance was confirmed from agenda as £6208.44. Chairman

signed as accurate.

4.2 Two new invoices were presented. 1) The hire of the village hall in 2024.

£125.00 to be paid by bank transfer and 2) Green bin for Colebatch Green,

£56.00 – cheque written.

4.3 Clerk collected bank statements from the Chair for checking/filing.

**5.0 Elections**

5.1 Clerk set out the timetable of dates for the elections on 1st May.

5.2 Nomination packs were distributed to councillors who wished to stand in the

election.

5.3 Clerk offered to take all nomination papers to the Guildhall in Shrewsbury

before the deadline.

**6.0 Audit**

6.1 It was noted that Lesley, the Clerk at Myndtown has kindly agreed to carry out

the internal audit for Mainstone with Colebatch and visa versa.

**7.0 Planning**

7.1Planning application 25/00256/FUL has been granted. No new applications received.

**8.0 Policing Matters**

8.1 The latest policing report was discussed and noted.

**9.0 Roads**

9.1 Clerk to add road closure information for Cefn Einion in June to website and social media.

10.0 **Councillor Ruth Houghton Updates**

10.1 Ruth updated the councillors regarding the SpArc pool appeal which has exceeded the £250K needed and on the meeting regarding the river Onny.

11.0 **Matters Arising (as per agenda)**

11.1 Chair spoke about the decrease in wildlife, particularly birds and how the parish could help out. The suggestion was to provide increased nesting places through the purchase/making of nest boxes. All councillors agreed and any campaign could involve the whole community. Chair Councillor Haighway to take this forward and contact Bernard Edwards/Dan Thomas at Enterprise House as recommended by Ruth Houghton. To be progressed at the next meeting.

10.4 Clerk noted that she had received some information regarding Beacon lighting to mark VE Day on 8th May. Discussions to be had a next village hall meeting regarding event and suitable location.

12.0 **Date of next meetings:**

May 15

July 17

September 18

November 20

**13.0 Matters for the Next Agenda:** None

**13.0 Meeting Closed at 8.45pm**