

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE** **4th FEBRUARY 2020**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Mrs S. Dodd and Messrs P. Bailey, P. Harriman, D. Massie, S. Moore, Stafford Borough Councillor and Staffs County Councillor Mr M. Winnington and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

**APOLOGIES:** These were received from Parish Councillors Mrs K. Reeves and Mr A. Brown.

**MINUTES:** The minutes were deemed as a true record by those present and were duly signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mr P. Harriman.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Any matters arising from the last meeting would be taken as agenda items.

**LATE ITEMS:** There were no late items.

**OPEN FORUM:** Was not required on this occasion.

**GLEBELANDS SPORTS ASSOCIATION:** Following Michael Faarup's address during the January meeting in relation to his request for the Parish Council to consider taking some responsibility for the management of the Association under certain conditions, the Chairman reported that the Parish Council were largely not in favour of acting in this role. Mr Harriman further added that the Parish Council was however prepared to include quarterly reports during Parish Council meetings as an agenda item following the Glebelands Sports Association meetings. Mr Harriman had informed Mr Faarup of this decision.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** It was reported that John Edwards would now be taking over as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator from Mandy Corser who had recently stepped down from that role. Mandy recently reported that Staffordshire Police were upgrading Staffordshire Smart Alert to the new Neighbourhood Alert Platform which would include Neighbourhood Watch. As a result of this John had contacted the Clerk and stated that he was currently undertaking the registration of Church Eaton into the scheme and would have more updates shortly. Mandy had also contacted the Clerk as she had some Neighbourhood Watch signs that John might be able to use. The Parish Council was very appreciative of John volunteering to take on this role on behalf of the Parish.

**CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND:** Councillor Mr D. Massie returned the inspection book and reported that, while the playground was very wet and muddy, it all seemed in good order. It was noted that the proposed cleaning of the play equipment would probably have to wait until the weather became drier. Councillor Mr S. Moore took the inspection book for the forthcoming month.

**PLANNING:** The Clerk had received two new planning applications. Firstly, application number 19/31646/HOU for Park Hall Farm, Lapley Road. This application was for the demolition of an existing conservatory and replacement with a single storey oak framed orangery extension to the rear. There were no objections made to this proposal.

The second application number 20/31792/HOU, was for The Beeches, 2 New Road, High Onn for a roller shutter door to be installed to an existing car port. The Parish Council in principle had no objections to this proposal but would rather see doors in keeping with the building rather than an industrial style metal roller shutter door. The Clerk was asked to forward these comments to the Planning Department.

**HIGHWAYS:** The Chairman reported that he had notified County Highways of several pot holes in the Marston area especially on the Marston to Wheaton Aston Road which needed immediate attention and that there were severe concerns over the condition of Slab Lane. The Chairman had also reported pot hole problems in Birchmoor Lane and Sweet Place Lane and a broken rail on the bridge on Birchmoor Lane.

With regards to the ongoing problems with parking on the High Street at the beginning and end of school hours, the Clerk had spoken with the local PCSO who was to contact the Chairman to discuss this matter.

With regards to speeding motorists in the High Street, Staffs County Councillor and Stafford Borough Councillor Mr M. Winnington agreed to supply the Clerk with information relating to the possible purchase of wheelie bin speed limit stickers which the Parish Council could make available to any interested parishioners.

**FINANCE:** The Clerk reported she had received an invoice from the Village Institute for the hire of the hall for the February's meeting amounting to £20.00. This was proposed for payment by the Chairman Mr P. Harriman and seconded by Vice Chairman Mrs S. Dodd. All were in favour.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A Stafford Borough Council Members Digest had been received. The Clerk had also received an invitation from the Borough Council for members to attend the forthcoming Mayoral Racing Night. All other items of correspondence had been forwarded to members including Stafford Borough Council's Local Plan 2020-2040 consultation. The Clerk was also to respond to the Borough Council regarding an email concerning civic amenity visits for 2020 and request two visits.

Mr Chris Byford has approached the Parish Council to see whether there would be a volunteer within the Parish to undertake his role as correspondent to the Staffordshire Newsletter.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.