

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE
7TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT CHURCH EATON
VILLAGE INSTITUTE

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Mrs S. Dodd (Vice Chair) and Mrs K. Reeves, Messrs P. Bailey, A. Brown, J. Gibbs, S. Moore (Chairman), Staffs County and Stafford Borough Councillor M. Winnington one member of the public and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Parish Councillor D. Massie and Stafford Borough Councillor Mr R. Sutherland.

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on the 3rd of August were slightly amended to reflect that two members of the public were in attendance and were then proposed for approval by the Chairman Councillor Moore and seconded by the Vice Chairman Councillor Dodd. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING: Any matters arising from the previous meeting were taken as current agenda items.

Newly co-opted Councillor Jon Gibbs signed the declaration of office ledger and returned to the Clerk his signed model code of conduct form.

LATE ITEMS: Councillor Gibbs requested that the Parish Council look into providing some defibrillator training for parishioners as either a refresher course for those previously trained or as introduction to those who had not undertaken any training in defibrillator usage. The Clerk was to provide Councillor Gibbs with contact details of the previous defibrillator trainer.

Councillor Bailey had inspected the notice board and had carried out a repair to the small hole in the notice board glass.

OPEN FORUM: Mr John Edwards confirmed that the village map had now been installed in the map notice board.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mr John Edwards reported that he was hoping to arrange a public meeting in October/November 2021 to discuss the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and collaboration with other interested parties within the Parish with an aim of focusing local crime reports more effectively. The Parish Council agreed to pay for any hiring costs that might be incurred such as hosting the meeting in the Village Institute.

The Clerk had responded to an email from Karl Green the Community Engagement Officer from Staffordshire Police who had asked for details about an officer attending a future Parish Council meeting to discuss any crime related issues. The Clerk had sent information relating to when and where the Parish Council meetings were held.

CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND: The Chairman reported that an inspection had been carried out on the playground and equipment on the 19th August 2021 by Sportsafe UK Limited. Although the playground had successfully passed the inspection it did highlight a few minor maintenance matters. The Clerk was to scan a copy of the safety certificate and to send this to Councillor Gibbs to post on the parish web site.

In his absence it was assumed that Council Massie would continue undertaking the weekly playground inspections for the forthcoming month.

PLANNING: The contract from BT to allow the Council to adopt the de-commissioned telephone kiosk at Marston had now been signed and returned to them.

Several planning applications had been received since the August meeting including:

Application reference 21/34405/COU Land at Red House Farm, Little Onn Lane, Little Onn. The proposed development was described as 'Variation of condition 4 on previous application reference 04/03077/COU. There were no objections made to this proposal.

Application reference 21/34391/HOU for a proposed triple garage at High Onn Manor, High Onn Church Eaton. This did raise some concerns as to whether this proposal would contribute to further over development of the site especially given the traditional barns and rural setting. The Clerk was asked to relay these concerns to the planning department.

Application reference 21/34675/FUL for Barn 3 at High Onn Manor Barns proposing a retrospective application for change of use from former agricultural building to four bed residential dwelling. There were no objections to this proposal.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE: A pre-planning application email had been received from BT in regards to installing a telephone mast and cabinet at Woollaston. It was hoped that this might lead to a better phone service within the Parish but the Council would await the actual planning application before making a formal response. The Clerk reported she had received replies from both Sir William Cash MP and Staffordshire County Council Chief Executive John Henderson following the correspondence she had sent to them detailing the Parish Council's progress with contacting O2 and EE - both of whom who had referred the enquiry to their respective technical departments. There had as yet been no contact from Three or Vodafone

HIGHWAYS: The Clerk had received several reports from Mr and Mrs Skelton at Marston, that they had experienced aggressive encounters with motorists objecting to the road cones that the Skeltons had placed on their private drive. This matter was discussed for some time with several suggestions made including the County Council purchasing a strip of land from the Skeltons in order that maintenance could be carried out more effectively or making a clearer de-markation between the highway and Mr and Mrs Skelton's land. The Chairman was to update Mr and Mrs Skelton following the meeting to discuss these suggestions.

As yet there had been no response from the owners of the bio energy plant at Lower Reule to the letter raising concerns over the route of waste tankers visiting the site and also asking what progress had been made with the setting up of a liaison committee, which would to include local residents, as required as part of the granting of extra permissions.

Speeding traffic in the High Street was also discussed and County Councillor Winnington said he was discussing with the Safer Roads Partnership whether the Parish Council might share speed activated vehicle signs with other parishes. The Clerk reported that she had not yet received confirmation from the County Council's Footpaths Team that any repairs had been carried out to the broken stiles

along Footpath 10 and Footpath 14. However at the time of reporting the styles it was suggested that necessary repair work would be undertaken within twenty weeks, and that this time period had not yet expired.

Councillor Gibbs reported that he had notified the County Council that the route of Footpath 18 on the on definitive map was not correct.

FLOODING ISSUES HIGH STREET: The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Severn Trent Water requesting more action and involvement with residents, especially those who had been affected by sewage leaks at their properties. The Chairman had also contacted several consultancy firms who specialise in water course surveys and was awaiting responses and quotations for undertaking such work. Amey, Staffordshire County Council's Highway contractors, were to be chased up in relation to their promise to undertake more jetting and clearing of any blocked highways gulleys.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

This matter was discussed and it was agreed that in order to accommodate any potential requests relevant correspondence or email would be forwarded to a specific archive email address where information could be readily accessed if required. Emails between members of the Parish Council were to go to a new email address which was to be arranged by Councillor Gibbs.

FINANCE: Payments were approved for the following:

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| • Sportsafe Safety Inspection | £180 |
| • Grass cutting by JWH for July | £100 |
| • Insurance Renewal Zurich | £585.69 |
| • Hire of Institute | £20.00 |

These were proposed for payment by Vice Chairman Councillor Dodd, seconded by the Councillor Reeves. All were in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE: All items of correspondence had been forwarded to members as it had arrived. Of note was information relating to the forthcoming Parish Forum which was to be held on Zoom. The Clerk had created a poster to advertise when the mobile library van was to visit the village.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.