

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT CHURCH EATON**  
**VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Mrs S. Dodd (Vice Chair) and Mrs K. Reeves, Messrs P. Bailey, A. Brown, D. Massie, S. Moore (Chairman) and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

**APOLOGIES:** These were received from Parish Councillor J. Gibbs.

A minutes silence was held in memory of Sir David Amess MP who was killed while serving his community.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October were proposed for approval by the Chairman Councillor Moore and seconded by the Vice Chairman Councillor Dodd. All were in favour.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Vice Chair Councillor S. Dodd expressed concerns over children crossing the High Street on the blind bend by the church and was to mention this to the school governors. Chairman Councillor S. Moore was to attend the forthcoming Borough wreath laying service on Remembrance Sunday. Any other matters arising from the previous meeting were taken as current agenda items.

**LATE ITEMS:** The new trough to commemorate former Councillor and Chairman Peter Harriman's long service on the Parish Council had been made by Nigel Bickley and had been installed at Aquamoor, Marston. Thanks were expressed to Councillor D. Massie for collecting and delivering the trough to its location. Arrangements had been made to present the trough to Peter on his return from holiday.

It was agreed that the traditional paper version of the Welcome Pack would be discontinued and that the information would become available on the Parish website which Councillor J Gibbs produces and maintains. Councillor Gibbs had also created a diary for village events and was encouraging parishioners to use this to publicise events and activities. The Clerk was asked to include this in the next parish magazine report. Information about the change to the Welcome Pack format and diary were to be publicised on the village notice board.

In response to the Queen's Green Canopy project as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Parish Council agreed to look at planting a tree and are to scope out a suitable location.

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

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Mr John Edwards had contacted the Clerk regarding arrangements for the proposed public meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and collaboration with other interested parties within the Parish, with the aim of focusing local crime reports more effectively. The meeting was to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 in the Village Institute at 7.30 pm. The Clerk was to contact PCSO Pat Wright to see if he was able to attend or if not, if he could provide any relevant information which might be of use to the meeting. The Parish Council had agreed to cover the costs for hiring the Institute for the meeting.

**CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND:** The Chairman returned the inspection book and reported that the playground was in good condition with the grass having been cut and some of the hedging cut back. Councillor K. Reeves took the inspection book for the forthcoming month. Painting of the entrance rails was discussed and how to best to proceed in terms of removing the old paint. The Chairman also reported that the tyres on the balancing trail were to be replaced and thanks were given Matt and team at Kwik Fit, Stafford who had donated the replacement tyres.

**PLANNING:** There had been no new planning applications since the last meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she had sent previous planning application comments from October's meeting to the Borough Planning Department.

**HIGHWAYS:** The missing 30mph sign on the Gnosall Road, which had been previously reported to Staffordshire County Council's Highways Department, had still not been replaced and the opposite sign was partially obscured by the hedge. This matter was to be taken up again with the County Council by the Chairman. The 30mph sign opposite the play ground also needed cleaning.

The Clerk reported that there had still not been a response to her letter to the owners of the bio energy plant at Lower Reule raising concerns over the route of waste tankers visiting the site and the setting up of a liaison committee with local residents, as required as part of the granting of planning permissions..

**FLOODING ISSUES HIGH STREET:** There had been no progress made relating to Severn Trent Water's plans to undertake another CCTV survey and cleansing of the sewers. As a result, the Chairman has drafted another letter to Severn Trent Water requesting an update on this matter, and requesting more detailed information about the village sewerage system especially whether the current pumping station capacity was adequate given the changes that the village had experienced over the years.

The Chairman has also recently met with a local landowner to walk one of the main watercourses with discussions and investigations being carried out in an attempt to try and improve the situation.

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING:** The Clerk had been in contact with defibrillator trainer Martin Watson and due to his prior commitments, training was likely to take place in the New Year. This would be advertised nearer to the time.

**FINANCE:** Payments were approved for the following:

- Grass cutting by JWH for September £100
- Hire of Institute £20.00
- Gardening vouchers (hanging basket/tubs competition) £20.00

These were proposed for payment by Councillor K. Reeves, seconded by the Vice Chairman S. Dodd. All were in favour. It was also agreed that a budget of £25.00 be set for the village Christmas tree.

The Clerk was to prepare a budget for the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All items of correspondence had been forwarded to members as it had arrived.

Councillor A.Brown reported he had drawn up some plans in relation to strengthening the village notice board legs. It was agreed to investigate this matter further as to whether concreted spikes could be used.

There had been a request received from Church Eaton Cricket Club for a financial donation to help with plans to improve the cricket pavilion. It was agreed to discuss this request at the next meeting following receipt of more detailed information from the Cricket Club.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.