

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE
4TH JANUARY 2022 AT CHURCH EATON
VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr John Edwards – Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on the 7th December 2021 were deemed as a true record and were duly 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 were taken as current agenda items.

LATE ITEMS: There were no late items.

OPEN FORUM: This was not required on this occasion.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mr John Edwards had sent his apologies for the meeting but had added in his email that he had not yet set up the proposed Whatsapp group. He also reported that there seemed to be an issue with finding Church Eaton in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, when using his postcode which showed that no such scheme existed, however, when logging into Neighbourhood Watch it did find Church Eaton giving the relevant details which John thought was odd.

CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND: Councillor Bailey returned the inspection book, which was then taken by Councillor Brown to undertake inspections for the forthcoming month.

The hawthorn tree which had been blown over by high winds had not been completely removed but work was in progress to remove it.

The Chairman reported that he had, as an experiment, stripped some of the paint from the entrance railings and was optimistic with the result. He planned to both continue stripping the paint and also replace the tyres in the balancing trail when the weather improved.

PLANNING: A planning application (21/34761/HOU) has been received for proposed alterations and extensions to Tedeswell House, Little Onn. There were no objections made to this application.

HIGHWAYS: The possible purchase of speed activated signs for the parish was further discussed and Councillor Gibbs had looked into possible costs which were in the region of around £2,000 plus fitting costs. Obtaining necessary permissions to install the signs was discussed and it was likely that permission would need to be obtained from Staffordshire County Council Highways Department. Councillor Brown enquired about the impact the signs may have on the Church Eaton

Conservation Area. It was agreed that more investigation were needed as to the purchase, installation and other issues that might arise.

The Parish Council discussed the setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme and asked the Clerk to include an appeal for volunteers this in her next report for the parish magazine. Any volunteers would be asked to contact the Clerk. Borough Councillor Mr R.Sutherland provided some useful information and insight into the setting up of such a scheme, speaking from his own experience with the Community Speed Watch scheme in Derrington. Councillor Sutherland suggested contacting Michelle Smith at the Borough for more information.

Councillor Massie expressed some concern over cars parking near to the road junction by the Royal Oak which were obscuring the vision of motorists accessing the junction. The Chairman and Councillor Gibbs stated that they would look into this matter.

FLOODING ISSUES HIGH STREET: The Chairman reported that there had been a visit to the High Street on December 17th by Amey, Staffordshire County Council's Highway contractors, who had carried out sucking out and clearing of some of the blocked gulleys etc. It was reported that some jetting works would be carried out in January.

It was reported that a response had now been received from Severn Trent Water who had apologised for their delay in not responding to the Parish Council's recent enquiries. This letter stated that the Waste Team had not been able to carry out the last CCTV survey but that another CCTV survey had been raised along with a proposed cleansing of the sewers. Another letter had been raised by the Chairman to press Severn Trent Water into progressing this as a matter of urgency as well as requesting more information on the current pumping station's capacity.

The Chairman and Councillor Gibbs had cleared some vegetation from the ditches by Mr and Mrs Latham's property. The Chairman was to chase up the River and Canals Trust for more information about canal water discharging into the area.

TELEPHONE KIOSK MARSTON: The Clerk had again emailed BT about the process of adopting the decommissioned Marston Kiosk but had still not received any response. She was asked to chase this matter up again.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING: The Clerk would contact trainer Martin Watson to further discuss training in the New Year.

FINANCE: Payments were approved for the following:

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| • Clerk's Fee | £466.54 |
| • HMRC Clerk's Tax | £116.60 |

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

The Parish Council also unanimously agreed not to request a rise in the Parish Precept for 2022 – 2023.

It was further agreed that the request from the Cricket Club for a donation towards refurbishment of the sports pavilion would be discussed formally at the February meeting and to invite representatives from the Cricket Club to this meeting to discuss this request more fully.

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

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.