

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON the 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**AT CHURCH EATONVILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Mrs S. Dodd (Vice Chair) Messrs A. Brown, J. Gibbs, A.Lloyd, D. Massie,S. Moore (Chairman), Stafford Borough Councillor, Mr R.Sutherland, 12 members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

**APOLOGIES:** These were received from Councillor P. Bailey, Stafford Borough Councillor and Staffordshire County Councillor Mr M.Winnington.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 were proposed for approval by the Chairman Councillor S. Moore and seconded by the Vice Chair Councillor Dodd. All were in favour.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Matters arising from the previous meeting were to be taken as current agenda items.

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

**OPEN FORUM:** A resident from Goosemoor addressed the meeting on behalf of the majority of residents from Goosemoor who had concerns over the proposed change of use of land adjacent to 7 Goosemoor, Goosemoor Lane (application reference 22/36122/COU) from that of domestic curtilage (C3) to private land for storage (B8). These concerns included work that had already taken place regarding the removal of hedges, landscaping, the creation of a bund. The resident also expressed concerns over possible problems with overspill car parking plus the generation of extra traffic that could be created should the site become more commercial. Stafford Borough Councillor Mr R.Sutherland advised that the application had been called in by Stafford Borough Councillor Mr M.Winnington and that the Borough Council's Planning Enforcement Officer should be informed of the current works.

**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME:** The Chairman had recently spoken with Mr Chris Byford who was actively looking for volunteers to become involved with the proposed Community Speedwatch Scheme. Stafford Borough Councillor Mr R.Sutherland was very positive about the setting up of the Scheme and mention that the Deputy Crime Commissioner Helen Fisher was looking to encourage more local communities to become involved in these schemes. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the meeting in October.

**CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND:** Councillor Lloyd had undertaken the inspection of the playground for the previous month, and reported that everything was in good order. The new trees had been continuously watered.

Following the recent Sportsafe Safety Inspection Audit, the basketball hoop had been removed and the goal post painted. Handles on some of the equipment were to be replaced. It was agreed that, depending on cost, the balancing trail would either be replaced at some point or removed. Quotes for concreting around one of the pieces of gym equipment would be obtained.

**PLANNING:** Two planning applications had been received since the last meeting.. The first - Reference 22/35738/HOU - A proposed patio door to the rear of the property at The Beeches, 2 New Road Little Onn. There were no objections made to

this proposal. The second - Reference 22/36122/COU - Change of use from domestic curtilage (C3) to private land for storage (B8) at land adjacent to 7 Goosemoor, Goosemoor Lane. The Parish Council unanimously objected to this proposal as it was considered that the site was not suitable for such a change of use given the current inadequate infra structure and rural setting .

**HIGHWAYS:** The Chairman reported that a pot hole in Sweet Place Lane had been reported to Staffordshire County Council's Highways Department. This had been marked urgent for repair.

Two fly tipping incidents at Church Eaton and Little Onn had been reported, and Stafford Borough Council's Streetscene were hopeful that a conviction would be made.

The Chairman had inspected the tarmac on High Onn Road adjacent to the playground following reports that it was breaking up and had now reported this to Staffordshire County Council's Highways Department.

**DEFIBRILLATOR RECALL:** The first defibrillator (located at Marston) had been booked in for an upgrade of software with a replacement due to arrive. The Chairman had also been in touch with Gnosall First Responders to see whether they could assist with a defibrillator maintenance schedule. It was proposed to ear mark £200 for a new battery for the Marston defibrillator should one be required. This was proposed by the Chairman Councillor S. Moore and seconded by the Vice Chair Councillor Dodd. All were in favour.

The Clerk reported she had received a thank you letter from Eccleshall Community First Responders who had provided the recent awareness training session and who the Parish Council had thanked with a donation of £50.

**HANGING BASKETS & TUBS COMPETITION:** Since the last meeting judging had taken place of the annual Parish Council Hanging Baskets and Tubs competition. The judge was Mr Fred Waterfall. The winners were as follows:

- First Place – Cherry Tree Cottage
- Runner Up –7 Parkers Close
- Runner Up – Malt Shovel Farm

Highly commended was the Old School House, Wood Eaton Road. The Parish Council thanked Mr Waterfall for judging this year's competition. The winners and two runners up will each receive a National Gardening Voucher.

#### **FINANCE:**

Payment was approved for the following:

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| • Hire of Institute – September | £20.00  |
| • JWH Grass Cutting             | £110.00 |

These were proposed for payment by the Vice Chair Councillor Dodd and seconded by Councillor J. Gibbs. All were in favour.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.