

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON the 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**  
**AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Mrs S. Dodd (Vice Chair), Messrs A. Brown, J. Gibbs, A. Lloyd, D. Massie, P. Bailey, S. Moore (Chairman).

**APOLOGIES:** These were received from Stafford Borough Councillor and Staffordshire County Councillor Mr M. Winnington, Stafford Borough Councillor, Mr. R. Sutherland. Apologies were also received from the Clerk, Mrs D. Key, to whom the councillors sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery. Councillor Gibbs volunteered to record the meeting minutes.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 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:** The Chairman had contacted the organisers of Camp Bestival Shropshire held at Weston Park regarding support for local community activities. No funding was available for the current year but this will be followed up when next year's event is announced.

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

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

**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME:** The Chairman had recently spoken with Mr Chris Byford who was about to arrange Community Speedwatch training for the volunteers that have contacted him. Additional training can be arranged, should more volunteers come forward.

**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.

Councillor Gibbs had sourced and fitted replacement handles to the Adult Exercise Equipment, as specified in the Sportsafe inspection report.

A working party of Parish Councillors Lloyd, Bailey, Gibbs and Moore met in the playpark on 4<sup>th</sup> October to undertake remedial works, as specified at the Sportsafe inspection. The concrete base to the Pull-up Challenger equipment was excavated and reset with new concrete. The tall post on the Trim Trail was extracted, cut back to sound wood and reset in new concrete. The rotten balance beam in the Trim Train was removed and the mounting post tops cut flat. The two, short rotten posts were extracted and back-filled. Topsoil and grass seed was applied to all disturbed areas. Pictures were taken to use when applying for the Sportsafe inspection certificate.

The remaining action is for the Chairman to source and fit a bolt cap for the Trim Trail.

**PLANNING:** The planning application Reference 22/36116/FUL – Installation of biomass boilers and flues for kiln drying of logs at Land at Woodville, Church Eaton Road as discussed. There were no objections made to this proposal but the Parish



The Parish Council is in receipt of a donation from Bradford Estates, for which we are grateful. The use of these additional funds will be discussed at the November Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Brown presented his financial analysis of the Parish Council funds and expenditure. The figures show that the Parish Council is operating with a £400 per year surplus above regular, forecast expenditure. This amount is to cover ad-hoc items of expense that may arise in the year. The next step is for Councillor Brown to analyse the position of funds reserved for known periodic expenditure such as defibrillator battery replacement. It was anticipated that this will be completed in time for setting the 2023 precept. The Chairman thanked Councillor Brown for his excellent work on this initiative.

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

The “Warm Spaces” initiative was discussed and details will be forwarded by Councillors Gibbs and Lloyd, to the Institute Committee, Cricket Club, Royal Oak Public House and the Church for consideration.

The Chairman will represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade, on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.