

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THE 4th APRIL 2023
AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Mrs S. Dodd (Vice Chair), Messrs P. Bailey, J. Gibbs, A. Lloyd, D. Massie, S. Moore (Chairman), Stafford Borough Ray Sutherland and five members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Parish Councillor A.Brown, Stafford Borough Councillor and Staffs County Councillor, M.Winnington,.

MINUTES: Councillor J.Gibbs expanded on the planning section whereby Mr Giles who had attended the April meeting had thanked Councillor Mark Winnington for his assistance with the recent planning application for Rose Cottage. The minutes were then proposed for approval by Councillor A.Lloyd, seconded by the Vice Chairman S.Dodd. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING: Any matters arising were to be taken as they appeared under the relevant agenda items.

LATE ITEMS: The Chairman reported that he had now agreed a maintenance programme with Adrian from Gnosall First Responders in relation to the replacement of pads. Adrian confirmed that he always had spare pads in stock should the pads need to be replaced.

OPEN FORUM: Mr Steven Caplan was in attendance and brought to the Parish Council's attention some concerns he had over the recent planning application for an increase from two to three lane cricket practice nets (22/36899/FUL) at the Glebelands sports ground. Mr Caplan said that while he was not objecting to this application he had concerns that Parish Council had not fully assessed the application in three areas: Highways, Conservation Area and Appropriateness. Councillor Gibbs stated that the Parish Council had not received any comments or objections to the application. On the specific points, Councillor Gibbs explained that traffic is a matter for Highways Agency, but any increase in traffic is hardly comparable to the existing traffic on a match day; the Conservation Area assessment was again for the relevant authority. The general appropriateness had been discussed at length, the Parish Council were split, and it went to a vote. The conclusions of planning discussions are recorded and not every detailed point. The Parish Council agreed to discuss this application further under the planning agenda item.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME (CSW): Chris and Bee Byford had reported that the first CSW session had taken place on the 31st March 2023 outside Swan House on the High Street. 144 cars had gone through between 8.00 -9.00am with only one car speeding at 36mph. Most slowed down because of all the hi-vis clothing. Chris concluded that this had been a very successful first session. More volunteers were required and the Clerk was to report on this in the forthcoming Parish Magazine.

CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND: Councillor Lloyd reported that he had inspected the playground and it continued to be in good condition albeit with some minor littering. Councillor Lloyd also reported that the new trees were looking in good condition and that he had checked the playground fencing and the equipment some of which would

require some re-painting when the weather was suitable. The Chairman thanked Councillor Lloyd for continuing the weekly inspections of the playground.

HIGHWAYS: The Chairman reported he had inspected some flooding on the Little Onn Road adjacent to Meadow View which appeared to be due to a blocked drain. The Chairman was to investigate further once the standing water subsided.

PLANNING: The Clerk had received an email from the applicant of 16 The Oaklands, Church Eaton - application (22/36837/HOU) for single storey extensions to the front and rear. The applicant confirmed that the new extensions would not have any impact on the car parking availability. The Chairman had responded to thank the applicant for this information and had advised clarifying this with the planning case officer.

The Clerk had received several emails from the applicant concerning the application (22/36871/FUL) - land to the east of The Oaklands, Lapley Road for the proposed change of use from paddock/grazing to domestic curtilage and the erection of a timber single storey two bed dwelling lodge. The Clerk reported she had forwarded these emails to the Chairman who had responded to the applicant over the Parish Council's decision to object to the proposal on the grounds that they considered it inappropriate development outside the Borough Development plan and did not consider there was justification for a dwelling to be required on the site.

The retention of the increased cricket practice net lanes was further discussed. Councillor Lloyd felt that the structure for the nets was a lot bigger than he originally thought. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Gibbs and Councillor Massie would carry out a site inspection and report back to the Council accordingly.

The Parish Council agreed to add some general planning information to the web site. The Chairman was to draft up some wording.

CIVIC AMENITY VISIT: Following a mix up in the transport office for the March visit, the Borough Council have now offered a free of charge visit from the Council's refuse lorry to collect larger unwanted household items on Saturday the 20th May between the hours of 9.00am -10.00am.

FINANCE: The Clerk issued a copy of the bank reconciliation accounts to the members to inspect ahead of the internal audit which Helen Bellamy had agreed to undertake. The Clerk was to forward Councillor Brown a copy. The appropriate audit forms were to be inspected and signed at the next meeting. The exemption certificate for smaller councils needed to be completed and returned by the end of June 2023.

The Clerk had received a membership renewal invoice from Staffordshire Parish Councils Associations in the amount of £195.63.

This was proposed for payment by Councillor J.Gibbs, seconded by Councillor P.Bailey. All were in favour.

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

The Clerk had received an email from Mandy Corser in relation The Prince's Countryside Fund inviting applications for grants of up to £25,000 from community projects across the UK and for applications that would make a difference in rural communities across the UK.. The Chairman and Councillor Gibbs were to investigate this.

The Borough Council had emailed to announce that the event Stafford in the World due to be held on Saturday 3 June 2023 in Victoria Park was being postponed until next year.

Due to the forthcoming Borough and Parish Council elections on May 4th 2023, it was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. This was due to the requirement for the Parish Council to meet within 14 days after the election. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.