

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THE 9th MAY 2023
AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Mrs S.Dodd, Messrs P. Bailey, J. Gibbs, A. Lloyd, D. Massie, S. Moore, PCSO Mr Patrick Wright, three members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

APOLOGIES: None were received.

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on the 4th April 2023 were proposed for approval by Councillor J.Gibbs, seconded by the Councillor S.Dodd. All were in favour.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

Councillor Simon Moore was proposed for re-election as Chairman by Councillor S.Dodd and seconded by Councillor P.Bailey. All were in favour. There were no other nominations so Councillor Simon Moore was duly re-elected as Chairman. Councillor Dodd nominated Councillor A.Lloyd for the post of Vice Chairman which was seconded by Councillor Gibbs. All were in favour. Councillor A.Lloyd was duly elected as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

LATE ITEMS: There were no late items.

OPEN FORUM: Mrs Helen Caplan was in attendance and asked if she, along with two other local residents, could bring to the attention of the Parish Council several matters pertaining to the Glebelands Sports Field. Mrs Caplan was attending the meeting on behalf of her husband Steven who had originally queried the impact of the new cricket nets on the local Conservation Area. Mrs Caplan wanted to stress that they were not objecting to the recent planning application for an increase from two to three lane cricket practice nets (22/36899/FUL but were concerned over the non compliance of the planning condition on colour. The Parish Council were still looking into this matter but were satisfied that other conditions were being met and in compliance following a site visit.

There were concerns raised over the recent application by the Cricket Club for a club licence for the selling of alcohol. Several residents attending the meeting had experienced anti social behaviour arising from some users of the Glebelands Sports Field during cricket matches. The Chairman suggested that some of these issues should certainly be reported to the local PCSO. PCSO Mr Patrick Wright was in attendance and encouraged local residents to report any incidents and to also log any events of concern. It was further that concerned residents should write with their concerns to the licencing authority, Stafford Borough Council. The residents were all keen to stress that they had no problems with cricket being played on the field but were just simply asking for some consideration and respect. Mrs Caplan also asked about the advertising hoardings on the cricket field and whether they met with required consents. The Chairman said that members would inspect these after the meeting and look into whether they were in compliance. The Chairman further added that while the Parish

Council had no direct powers over these matters they would try to assist wherever appropriate.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME (CSW): The Chairman reported that another CSW session had taken place but had not heard anything of concern back from Mr Chris Byford. PCSO Mr Patrick Wright asked the Clerk for Mr Byford's contact details as he was hoping to attend one of the future CSW sessions.

CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND: The Vice Chairman, Councillor A.Lloyd reported that he had inspected the playground over the last month and it continued to be in good condition although the grass had not yet been cut. The Clerk was to chase this matter up urgently with the contractor.

HIGHWAYS: The Chairman was still to investigate further a blocked drain on the Little Onn Road near to Meadow View which was causing flooding on the road. It was also reported by the Chairman that pot holes in Marston had been recently surveyed. Flooding by Rose Cottage in Marston was also noted and was being investigated as to whether this might be due to a broken drain. The Vice Chairman was to report the large potholes on the Church Eaton to Moreton Road.

PLANNING: The Clerk had queried with the Borough Planning Department whether there had been some amendments made to the recent planning application for the New House, High Street, Church Eaton (22/36389/HOU). The case officer, James Hughes had replied and stated that in light of the comments originally received from the Conservation Officer and which the Parish Council had agreed with, amendments had now been submitted and were now acceptable to the Conservation Officer who was now supporting the approval of this application, subject to suitable conditions.

The Chairman reported that some general planning information had been added to the web site to assist parishioners with the Parish Council's role in the planning process.

Councillor S.Dodd asked if there had been any progress made with repairing the notice board. Councillor D.Massie was to chase this matter up.

FINANCE: The Clerk reported that Mrs Helen Bellamy had now completed the internal audit of the accounts for 2022/2023. Helen had found the Council accounts and records to be in good order and had accordingly signed the Annual Internal Audit Report. The certificate of exception certificate for smaller Councils was proposed for signing the Chairman and seconded by Councillor S.Dodd. All were in favour. The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were also signed ahead of these being published on the Parish web site.

It was also proposed to pay the membership renewal invoice from Staffordshire Parish Councils Associations in the amount of £195.63. The 2022 playground inspection invoice from Sportsafe had been received and it was agreed to pay this in the amount of £238.80.

These were proposed for payment by Councillor J.Gibbs, seconded by Councillor D.Massie. All were in favour.

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

The Clerk had received confirmation of the election results and this notice had been displayed on the Parish web site and notice board.

The Chairman reminded Councillor to complete and send in their election expenses form. The Clerk was to chase up the pecuniary interest forms from the Borough elections office.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 6th June 2023 7.30 pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.