

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THE 2ND APRIL 2024
AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

PRESENT: Parish Councillors, Mrs S. Dodd, Messrs, P. Bailey, A. Brown, J. Gibbs, A. Lloyd (Vice Chairman), D. Massie, S. Moore (Chairman), three members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Stafford Borough Councillor Jack Rose and PCSO Patrick Wright. The Clerk reported that PCSO Patrick Wright would be retiring from duty shortly. The Parish Council thanked Patrick for his input into local policing matters over the recent years and wish him well in his retirement.

MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 5th March 2024 were proposed for approval by Councillor Dodd, seconded by the Vice Chairman. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING: Any matters arising from the last meeting were covered by the agenda and would be taken in the order they appeared.

LATE ITEMS: There were no late items.

OPEN FORUM: During Open Forum, a local resident raised concerns over the recent flooding at Ashley Croft. Councillor Brown recommended that the resident liaised with both Staffs County Councillor Mark Winnington and Severn Trent Water to see if the flooding issues might be alleviated. The Chairman and Councillor Gibbs had walked some of the local water courses to see how they were flowing following the recent high levels of rainfall. The Chairman had also been in touch with the County Flood Team.

The Vice Chairman, Councillor A. Lloyd had sent a letter from the Parish Council to Staffordshire County Highways. This was to request that at least one route into the village could be improved during what are becoming frequent flooding episodes.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME (CSW): There had been no further progress with the CSW signs although the Chairman had chased up delivery.

CHURCH EATON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND: The Clerk had not heard from any parishioners following her report in the recent parish magazine. This was in relation to suggestions as to what new equipment or ideas might be considered for potential future plans to update and/or replace equipment. The Clerk was to repeat this request in the next parish magazine.

The Vice Chairman reported that the grass had been cut and that the new trees were in good condition. The handles that needed attention on some of the gym equipment had now been replaced. In relation to the goal post, the Chairman had measured up and priced for new materials which amounted to approximately £100.00. This action was proposed by Councillor Dodd, seconded by Councillor Gibbs. All were in favour.

It was agreed that the basketball hoop post would be removed. A working party would be convened to carry out these various works. The future of the outdoor gym equipment was discussed and as to whether some of it would have to be removed as it required more and more maintenance and repairs due to aging and use.

PLANNING: A new planning application had been received for The Willows, Little Onn Road, Marston (Application Reference 24/38834/HOU) for a proposed front porch, pitched roof over garage with PV panels to rear elevation along with a single storey pitched roof extension to provide a sitting room. Alterations to fenestrations and to provide external insulation with render finish to match existing. Also external black metal flues to wood burners. There were no objections or comments made in relation to this application by the Parish Council.

There had been no updates in relation to the whether a building, near to the canal at Little Onn, required planning permission, Stafford Borough Councillor, Jack Rose who was looking into this matter had requested some more information and photographs. The Vice Chairman had offered to accompany Councillor Rose on a walk by of the site.

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Lloyd who had raised concerns that the Cricket Club reported that there was still time left in the planning permission for painting the netting posts. The skip on the Glebelands car park which had been over filled resulting in glass and other rubbish spilling out had now been attended to.

HIGHWAYS: The Clerk had chased up the recent request for a kissing gate on land at Park Hall which had been agreed by the Rights of Way Officer, Dominic Ward. The Clerk had also confirmed delivery details with the landowner.

The Chairman was to meet with Amey over the missing drain adjacent to Meadowside, Little Onn Road.

The Parish Council has reported more pothole issues to County Highways.

There had been no progress since the last meeting of repairs to Apeton ford.

FINANCE: The Clerk issued to all Parish Councillors a copy of the end of financial year breakdown and bank reconciliation. The Clerk requested that Councillors read this through and to contact the Clerk if they had any queries. The Clerk was to contact Mrs Helen Bellamy to see if she was available to undertake the annual internal audit. The Clerk was to update the Council on this matter at the next meeting.

It was reported that the Clerk had been paid her salary for April of £537.26 and tax to HMRC amounting to £134.40.

A thank you email had been received from Gnosall and District Community First Responders for the Parish Council's donation of £50.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk had received an invitation for the Chairman to attend the next Mayor Making Ceremony to be held in May. The Clerk had also collected from the Borough Council Elections Department, the latest electoral role. All other items of correspondence had been forwarded to members as it had arrived.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish meeting would take place in the Village Institute on Tuesday 7th May 2024. commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.