

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2024  
AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Were received from the Vice Chairman Parish Councillor J. Gibbs and Stafford Borough Councillor J. Rose.

The Chairman, Councillor S. Moore opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present and stated when the public were welcome to participate.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 were proposed for approval by Councillor A. Lloyd, seconded by Councillor S. Dodd. All were in favour.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

**LATE ITEMS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR:** There were no late items.

**OPEN FORUM:** A local resident expressed concerns over the recent pruning of an Oak tree within the village. After a short discussion, the Chairman concluded that he was unfamiliar with any legislation relating specifically to Oak trees and it was not thought that this Oak tree had a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or was located within the boundary of the Conservation Area. It was agreed however that the Parish Council would look into whether there was any specific Oak tree legislation and whether this tree had a TPO. The Chairman recommended that the resident could contact the Borough Council with his concerns.

**C.E.V PLAYGROUND:** Councillor Lloyd reported on his completed playground checks and said he found the playground to be in good condition. Councillor Lloyd had filled in the new playground form which the Clerk was to scan and retain as a digital record. The new Councillors rota was discussed and Councillor D.Massie volunteered to undertake the next inspection It was proposed by Councillor A. Brown that Councillor S. Dodd should be exempted from the rota which was seconded by the Chairman. All were in favour.

There was no progress to report from Stafford Borough Councillor, Jack Rose who was trying to obtain funding from section 106 monies for play park improvements.

It was agreed that the basketball hoop should remain in situ as it seemed secure. The Chairman was to contact the playground safety auditors on this. There had been no progress made with removing the concrete posts and the Councillors' playground working team were to wait for some drier weather.

**PLANNING:**

Following concerns raised by local residents over whether the care home being ran by Komplex Care at Apeton Manor Farm required planning permission, it was reported that Stafford Borough Councillor Jack Rose was still working on this with the Borough Planning Department.

Councillor A. Lloyd reported that there been no response to his recent email to Komplex Care in relation to the provision of adequate signage at the property. This had been agreed by Komplex Care but as yet no signage had appeared, and neighbours were still receiving nuisance calls from couriers trying to locate the care home. Councillor Lloyd was to attempt to contact them again. He also reported that Borough Councillor J. Rose had also attempted to contact them on this matter and had not received a response.

Councillor Lloyd reported that the cricket pitch net posts had been partially painted.

**CIVIC AMENITY VISIT:** Councillor Massie confirmed that he was still available to oversee the forthcoming civic amenity visit due to take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**AIRFIELD MARKER:** An unveiling ceremony had taken place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the triangle at Little Onn where the airfield marker, from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT), had been installed. The Chairman, Councillor S. Moore reported that he had been in attendance to represent Church Eaton Parish Council and there were also representatives from Wheaton Aston Parish Council along with Kenneth Bannerman from the ABCT and MP Sir Gavin Williamson.

**HIGHWAYS:** The Chairman reported that the road gullies on the Little Onn Road (adjacent to Meadowside) had been allocated to the County Highways work list for action but he was still waiting to hear that the work had started.

A resident had made an emergency call to the Highways Department for their gulley team to pump out the gulley by Elm Tree Cottage at Marston, as major road flooding was resulting in passing motorists causing a backwash of water onto the property.

Highways had been contacted and were to inspect roadside drainage issues at New Buildings Farm, Apeton. The Chairman reported that the ford at Apeton had now been repaired. It was also noted that the missed verge mowing on Birchmoor Lane had been reported.

The Chairman has invited the County Council Flood Officer to attend the November meeting where there will be an opportunity to discuss local flooding issues.

#### **FINANCE:**

The following invoices were due for payment or had been paid as agreed by the Clerk.

- JWH Playground Grass Cutting £110
- Hanging Baskets & Tubs Competition vouchers (paid by the Clerk) £20
- Trough Planting Marston (paid by Mrs D Gibbs) £24
- The Clerks Fee of £537.26 and Tax of £134.40 had been paid.

These were proposed for payment by Councillor D. Massie, seconded by Councillor P. Bailey. All were in favour.

The Clerk reported on the Parish Council's bank accounts balances. Councillor Lloyd enquired as to whether the Parish Council were to make a donation towards the Institute

Christmas Tree this year. It was proposed by Councillor Lloyd that a donation of £25 should be made, which was seconded by the Chairman, all were in favour except Councillors A. Brown and D. Massie who were against making a donation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All recent general correspondence had been forwarded to members of the Council.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.