APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th OCTOBER 2026 AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

PRESENT: Parish Councillors, Messrs A.Brown, J.Gibbs (Vice Chairman), A.Lloyd, D.Massie, S.Moore (Chairman) B.Sharratt, Stafford Borough and Staffordshire County Councillor, J.Rose, the Clerk Mrs D.Key and two members of the public.

The Chairman Councillor S.Moore welcomed all those present, and opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies required.

MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 1st September 2026 were deemed as a true record and proposed for approval by Councillor A.Lloyd and seconded by the Vice Chairman Councillor, J.Gibbs. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk reported that there had been some interest in the current Parish Councillor vacancy but there was still just under a month to go before the closing date for any interested parties to submit their expressions of interest.

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

OPEN FORUM: There was a query from a member of the public regarding the resurfacing of the Church Eaton to Gnosall Road. Stafford Borough and Staffs County Councillor J.Rose reported that while this work was not top of the priority list it was still scheduled to be carried out in the near future. The Parish Council agreed to keep monitoring this matter.

C.E.V. PLAYGROUND: Councillor A.Lloyd had undertaken the weekly inspections in September and reported that the grass had been cut twice. A grip handle had been replaced and a dead pigeon removed.

Councillor D.Massie was to conduct the playground inspections for the forthcoming month.

PLANNING: One new planning application was discussed (application reference 26/42367/FUL) for Wheaton Aston Farm, Little Onn Road, for the erection of a replacement stock shed. Following a discussion there were no objections raised by the Parish Council.

In relation to the planning application (reference 26/41735/OUT) for the proposed development of 38 new dwellings on land at Malthouse Lane, the Chairman and Vice Chairman were preparing another response to the planning case officer querying various matters. Councillors D.Massie and B.Sharratt declared an interest in this matter and took no part in this discussion.

HIGHWAYS: The Chairman reported that there had recently been a lot of pot hole fixing in the Parish. The Chairman also reported the lack of activity by the traffic lights near the petrol station on the A5. There was no sign of any works being carried out but the traffic lights had now been removed.

Car parking on the High Street, especially around the junction from the High Street to the Wood Eaton Road was discussed.

FLOODING: The Chairman reported that work had now been carried out to the south of the village to improve drainage. It was also reported that monitoring equipment had been installed on the bridge on the Stretton Road. There were plans to meet with Chris Knight from the FAIR Flood Team to discuss the way forward following the gathering of information from this equipment.

FINANCE: The Clerk reported that she had paid the last grass cutting invoice of £55 for August, where due to the heat wave just one cut was undertaken along with the hire fees for the Village Institute for April to September 2026 amounting to £110. The Clerk confirmed that the insurance premium payment to Zurich of £774.41 had been cleared through the bank.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk had received an email promoting the forthcoming SPCA Conference which would be held in Uttoxeter on 23rd November 2026. The SCPA had also sent some interesting information in the form of briefing notes on election affordability.

The Clerk had circulated various information from Councillor J.Rose concerning changes to planning application decision making and the call in process, along with briefing notes for the national scheme of delegation.

Civic Amenity visit requirements for 2027 had been requested by the Borough Council and it was agreed to request the customary two visits, one in May and one in October. The Clerk was also asked to request that during the next visit on the 17th October 2026 the lorry parked on the High Street and not the Royal Oak car park which had been recently resurfaced.

The Clerk had forwarded other correspondence to all Councillors including an invitation to the gala performance of the Borough pantomime Aladdin. An invitation for the Chairman to attend the Remembrance Day service and parade was to be accepted by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported on attending the recent talk "Celebrating Stafford's Oldest Trees" organised by the Borough Council on 22nd September 2026.

All other general correspondence had been forwarded to all members of the Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on the 3rd November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Institute. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.