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Minutes of the meeting of Church Aston Parish Council held at the Church Hall (Church Aston) at 7.40pm on Monday 1st July 2024.

Present: S Stacey (Chairman), P Sansom, R Wynn, B Knight, A Stokes and B Richards.

In attendance: Wendy Tonge (Clerk), Cllr A Eade (Borough Cllr).

(01/07/24)

Item 1 - Apologies: P Evans (indisposed), F McKeown (approved absence), N Collier (approved absence) and J Pay (holiday).

Item 2 – Declarations of Interest: there were no declarations of interest.

Item 3 – Public Session: No members of the public was in attendance.

Item 4 – Minutes of the Meetings held on the 3rd of June 2024

Minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd of June were proposed as a true and accurate record of proceedings by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr Wynn with all members present voting in support of the proposal.

Resolved: minutes of the meetings held on 3 rd June 2024 were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record.

Item 5 – Matters arising:

- a. **Liddle’s Bank Traffic Management Scheme:** T&WC Highways have completed the works. The Chairman thanked Cllr Eade for his support in resolving the matter, members were hopeful the new measures will slow down vehicles and ensure pedestrians feel safe using the road.
- b. **T&WC Drainage Engineers Dept – Flooding/ Drainage:** Members agreed to review the situation in October. Cllr Richards queried if the implementation of a proposed manhole had been completed.

PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 6 - Asset Management:

Bus Shelters – Work to be completed, Wednesday 3rd July by M Seabury. T&WC to pay 50% of the costs incurred.

Millenium Boulders: Cllr Richards has left a voicemail for Brian the Brush to confirm a start date for the work to commence.

Item 7 - Wildflower/ Planting Project: The Clerk updated members on the situation with the patch of wildflower seeds that have been destroyed along the A518 by the highways lighting scheme Bloor Homes have installed. She will continue to try to get a reimbursement.

All Planters are now in bloom, thanks to everyone involved particularly Cllr Evans. Cllr Stokes suggested the Clerk write to the Community Champions at Aldi and Lidl to explore if they would be interested in funding the planters in the future.

Item 8 - T&WC Local Development Plan: The Dale Development Cllr Eade confirmed his submission, objecting to the recent application has been acknowledged by T&WC.

Item 9 – T&WC Community Governance Boundary Review: The first Draft Report was due to be available on the 24th May. Council suspect this has not been released due to the announcement of the General Election in July.

Item 10 - Newport Library Consultation: A summary of the feedback received from residents following the article in the parish newsletter had been previously circulated to members. Members agreed the feedback which were all in favour of a financial contribution, was a clear message for the parish council to identify funding towards Newport Library. To be discussed in detail at the budget setting meeting in November.

Item 11- Representative Report

- a) **Village Hall:** Cllr Knight provided members with the following news from the Village Hall. The new chairs are proving to be popular. The showing of the Film Gucci was interesting, and all members are invited to the next AGM in July, sadly Malcolm Bennett will be stepping down as Chairman. Looking forward to the Abba tribute night on the 20th July.
- b) **Bus Users Group:** No update available
- c) **Newport Regeneration Partnership:** No update available
- d) **Telford & Wrekin Council:** Cllr Eade offered to question what has happened to the Boundary Review Report due at the end of June.
- e) **Wellington Road/Linden Hall PPG:** No update available
- f) **Community Leaders Meeting:** No update available
- g) **Wrekin Area Committee:** No update available

Item 12 - Communications Updates:

Correspondence received previously circulate to members.

- a) Request for further information on the flooding issues in the village from Paul Rogers Local Democracy Reporter. Cllr Eade agreed to pursue the matter.

Rev Zoe Hemings has been appointed Residentiary Canon for Mission at Newcastle Cathedral. Members expressed their delight in Zoe's exciting new appointment and wished her and her family good luck in their new chapter.

- b) **Newsletter:** No update
- c) **Facebook:** Cllr Evans continues to post information on the Council's Facebook page.
- d) **Website:** The Website continues to be updated.
- e) **Noticeboard:** The noticeboard continues to be updated with new information on a monthly basis.

POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Members discussed the parish council's response to the launch of the online-based pre-application engagement with the local community on plans for the second phase of **Bloor Homes'** Hutchison Gate development. The proposed phase will comprise 60 homes (35% of which will be affordable homes) on the parcel of land immediately south of the existing phase, west of the A518 and on the north side of The Dale. The proposals will include the retention of existing trees and hedgerows around the site perimeter including behind Highfield and fronting The Dale, alongside additional landscape planting across the site. The existing Public Right of Way through the site will also be enhanced to improve accessibility. Members raised a number of concerns relating to the development. It was agreed at this early- stage, Cllr Eade will liaise with T&WC and relay the parish council's questions, specifically those raised relating to Section 106 funding.
- b) **TWC/2024/0459** Vauxhall Farm, Longford Road, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AA Erection of a part two storey part single storey side and rear extension following removal of existing conservatory. **No objection**
- c) **Notice of Confirmation DMMO/2023/0001** – To add Footpath CA 002 from The Folly Grid Reference SJ 74724 17925 to join Hutchinson Way Grid Reference SJ 74902 17752 in the Parishes of Church Aston & Chetwynd and Woodcote – Modification Order 2024. **Noted and thanks to Cllr Pay.**
- d) **DMMO/2020/0003** – To add Footpath CA 001 from a stile at grid reference 72620 18535 to intersection of Longford Road grid reference SJ 72705 18369 Newport in the Parish of Church Aston – Modification Order 024. **Noted**

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Item 14 – Accounts & Payments

- (a) **The Statement of Account:** at close of business on 30/06/24 was £20,076.25
- (b) **Statutory Balance Sheet, Summary of receipts and payments and Bank Reconciliation of account for month ending 30/06/2024:** £20,076.25
A copy of the Account Balance sheet, summary of receipts and payments and a Bank Reconciliation for the account at month end 30th June 2024 was previously circulated and noted by members, signed by Cllr Stacey. (Chairman).
- (c) **Approval of Payments made since the last meeting:** was presented for retrospective approval. Cllr Stokes, and Cllr Richards seconded authorisation of the following payments, with all Members present voting in favour.

Payment	Cheque No.	Statute General Power of Competence	Amount
Bloomsbury Nursery (plants)	Payment card		£322.84
Aldi (compost)	Payment card		£3.49
West Mercia Energy Supply	On-line Transfer		£310.38
West Mercia Energy Supply	On-line Transfer		£328.47
West Mercia Energy Supply	On-line Transfer		£311.40

Resolved: the above payments at 14(c) were retrospectively approved for payment at this meeting held on the 1st July 2024.

(d) **Payments for authorisation at this meeting:** Cllr Wynn proposed, and Cllr Sansom seconded, with unanimous vote in favour from all Members present at the meeting for the following payments to be authorised:

Payment	Cheque No.	Statute General Power of Competence	Amount
Staff Salary & Expenses July 2024	Standing Order		£624.69
HMRC contributions July 2024	On-line Transfer		£99.20
Needes Landscaping (Watering for June)	On-line Transfer		£465.00

Resolved: the payment set out above at 14(d) was formally approved for payment at this meeting held on the 1st of July 2024.

Item 14 – Roads, Hedges and Ditches:

Cllr Wynn raised concern for vehicles parked in Wallshead Way outside a residential bungalow opposite The Mere. The vehicles are creating an obstruction for passing traffic and making it difficult for Arriva Buses to pass through safely. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to Newport Borough Cllr Thomas Janke.

Cllr Sansom reminded council that a previous offer of organising walks from a local resident had not been pursued. She agreed to ask the resident to ring the Clerk to discuss further.

Item 15 – Future Meeting Dates: The following future meeting date was noted:

Parish Council Meetings: Monday 2nd September 2024 at The Village Hall at a new start time of 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman:

Date