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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council held at Church Aston Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd September 7.30pm 2024.

Present: S Stacey (Chairman), P Sansom, R Wynn, J Pay, B Richards, A Stokes and Paul Evans.

In attendance: Wendy Tonge (Clerk) and T&WC Cllr Andrew Eade.

(02/09/24)

Item 1 - Apologies: F McKeown (approved absence), N Collier (approved absence) and B Knight (indisposed).

Resolved: that Cllr N Collier be granted an extended leave of absence for a further 6 months.

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

Item 3 – Public Session: No members of the public were present.

Item 4 – Minutes of the Meetings held on the 1st July 2024 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25th July 2024.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 1st July and 25th July 2024 were proposed as a true and accurate record of proceedings by Cllr Stokes and seconded by Cllr Wynn with all members present voting in support of the proposal.

Resolved: minutes of the meetings held on 1 st July & 25 th July 2024 were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record
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Item 5 – Matters arising:

- a. **Bloor Homes Housing Development:** Cllr Pay requested an update from the previous meeting. Cllr Eade shared he had recently met with representatives from Bloor Homes and as part of the discussion he requested they consider funding the purchase of 2 SiDS for Wallshead Way, this was declined. He also requested funding to implement a footpath along Liddle's Bank and will continue to pursue the matter. Cllr Pay raised his concern that the ongoing drainage issue has not been resolved. Members supported this concern and Cllr Eade agreed to pursue this issue along with Borough Cllr T Neilson, he also offered to make further enquiries regarding the installation of the manhole cover.
- b. **T&WC Drainage Engineers Dept – Flooding/ Drainage:** Cllr Eade updated members that a recent campaign to help resolve the matter of flooding attracted

some attention from the press and social media. T&WC responded, which included a statement that local residents have been consulted. Cllr Eade will be challenging this statement and had submitted a FOI request. Members unanimously agreed to support Cllr Eade in resolving the issue.

PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 6 - Asset Management:

Bus Shelters – Work has been completed to clean 3 bus shelters.

Millenium Boulders: Cllr Richards confirmed that Brian the Brush will hopefully be completing the work in September.

- a. **Local Development Plan: Housing Development to the rear of The Dale:**
No further update available. Awaiting the first draft report late Autumn/early Winter.
- b. **T&WC Community Governance Boundary Review:**
Members ratified the recent response for no change to the recent consultation and agreed council need to be vigilant with any further correspondence in the future.
- c. **Newport Library:** Unfortunately, due to confusion regarding the change of venue at the last meeting, Cllr Sansom was not able to attend the meeting. Details of the meeting had been previously circulated to all members. It was agreed the Clerk will forward the draft copy of the Partnership agreement for members to consider at the next parish meeting.
- d. **Civic Sunday:** The forthcoming Civic Sunday Event will be held on Sunday 22nd September at St Andrews Church. The awards have been purchased for the recipients of this year's Worthy Citizens Award. Cllr's Knight and Stacey will be in attendance.

Item 7- Representative Report:

Village Hall: On behalf of Cllr Knight, Cllr Sansom provided members with the following news from the Village Hall. Malcolm Bennett has retired as Chairman and was presented with gifts at his leaving 'do', he will be missed by everyone. The new flooring is looking good and the Autumn Winter programme is currently being drafted.

Bus Users Group: No update available.

Newport Regeneration Partnership: No update available.

Telford & Wrekin Council: Cllr Eade has recently been involved in resolving non- collection of wheelie bins along Wallshead Way, which is now resolved.

Wellington Road/Linden Hall PPG: Cllr Stacey shared with members the last meeting held at WRS was attended by Linden Hall GP Stefan Waldendorf which proved to be very informative. Cllr Stokes confirmed the next meeting for Linden Hall is likely to be held on 3rd September.

Community Leaders Meeting: No update available.

Wrekin Area Committee: No update available. Cllr Stacey confirmed the date of

The next SAC Executive Cttee is due to be held on 3rd September and he will be attending Chairmanship Training this month.

Item 8 - Communications Updates:

Correspondence received previously circulate to members.

- a) CPRE Planning Training: Members were asked to inform the Clerk if they wished to attend.
T&WC Traffic Scheme Document: The Clerk agreed to request T&WC to provide more detail on the proposed improvement to assist members in their future discussion.
- b) **Newsletter:** Members agreed the next edition should be ready for distribution at the end of November. The Clerk noted a number of suggestions for the content of the Winter edition.
- c) **Facebook:** Cllr Evans and the Clerk continue 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

Item 9 -To ratify the following planning applications, council agreed during the month of August:

- a) TWC/2024/0635: Site of 18 Highfield, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire. Erection of 1no. self- build dwelling following removal and replacement of TPO trees
Decision-Objection
- b) TWC/2024/0568: Kerrowmoar 51 Greenvale, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9JN
Erection of a two- storey front extension, a single storey rear extension and a single storey outbuilding (Part-Retrospective)
Decision - No Objection
- c) TWC/2024/0496:27 Pinewoods, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9LN
Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of a conservatory
Decision - No Objection
- d) TWC/2024/0500: 21 The Dale, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9JP
Erection of a two- storey side extension
Decision – No Comment

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Item 10 – Accounts & Payments

- (a) **The Statement of Account:** at close of business on 31/07/24 was £17,883.13
- (b) **Statutory Balance Sheet, Summary of receipts and payments and Bank Reconciliation of account for month ending 31/07/2024:** £17,883.13
A copy of the Account Balance sheet, summary of receipts and payments and a Bank Reconciliation for the account at month end 31st July 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 Sansom, and Cllr Stokes seconded authorisation of the following payments, with all Members present voting in favour.

Payment	Payment type	Statute General Power of Competence	Amount
e.On	Transfer		£459.90
West Mercia Energy (Supply up to June)	Transfer		£276.70
Needes Landscaping	Transfer		£465.00
Lloyds Bank charge	DD		£3.00
Newport Engravers	Transfer (reimbursed to the Clerk)		£124.80
HMRC July 2024 contribution	Transfer		£99.20

Resolved: the above payments at 9(c) were retrospectively approved for payment at this meeting held on the 2nd September 2024.

(d) **Payments for authorisation at this meeting:** Cllr Evans proposed, and Richards 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 August 2024	Standing Order		£624.69
HMRC contributions August 2024	On-line Transfer		£99.20
Church Hall Room hire	On-line Transfer		£68.00
West Mercia Supply (Supply up to July)	On-line Transfer		£176.44

Resolved: the payment set out above at 9(d) was formally approved for payment at this meeting held on the 2nd of September 2024.

(f) Grants Schedule 2024/25. **Resolved** that the following grants be allocated:

1 st Church Aston Rainbows	£250	Census, Rent, Arts & Craft, bug hotels, trip
2 nd Church Aston Beavers	£250	Camping equipment & off-site activities
2 nd Church Aston Cubs	£250	Camping equipment & off -site activities
St. Andrews Church Hall	£200	Painting of ramp railings
CA Short Mat Bowls Club	£100	2 x additional measures
CA Infant School	£300	Develop School story book corner
Newport Cottage Care Centre	£200	Entertainment, Activities and trip for clients
Total Grants available £2,600	£1,550	

(f) **Approval of Audit Exemption: Resolved**, that the Clerk be granted permission to Submit an Audit Exemption form which was signed by Cllr Stacey (Chairman).

Item 11 - 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 Town Clerk Jo Reay.

Cllr Sansom raised concern that trees planted by the parish council in the park appeared to have died. The Clerk agreed to look into the issue, with Cllr Eade offering his support to help replace them.

Item 12 - Future Meeting Dates: The following future meeting date was noted:

Parish Council Meetings: Monday 7th October 2024 at The Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed Chairman:

Date