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## **Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council held at Church Aston Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm 2025.**

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

**In attendance:** Wendy Tonge (Clerk).  
**06/01/25)**

**Item 1 - Apologies:** B Knight and A Eade (personal commitments).

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

**Item 3 – Public Session:** Two members of the public were in attendance. The Chairman welcomed the residents and invited them to speak on any matters of concern. The matter of the drainage on the Bloor Homes site was raised, specifically the delay of nine months for further monitoring when there's already been many monitoring events on this site. The question was raised as to what do they hope to find out with these latest tests? A further question raised by Cllr Richards was how will an uncontrolled water flow from the pond integrate in to the Severn Trent Water system? Cllr Richards proposed Cllr Eade organise a meeting with TWC drainage engineers and Bloor Homes to enable members to relay the fears of residents and get a first-hand explanation of what is happening after two years of engineering input by both parties.

### **Item 4 – Minutes of the Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

Minutes of the meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December were proposed as a true and accurate record of proceedings by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr Stokes with all members present voting in support of the proposal.

Resolved: minutes of the meetings held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record
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### **Item 5 – Matters arising:**

- a) **Council Vacancy:** Members approved the notification for the casual vacancy for the Clerk to circulate.
- b) **PROW Bloor Homes Development:** The pathway near the pumping station has been stoned and is definitely an improvement. Members asked the Clerk to write to Bloor Homes to request further improvements be made to prevent the flooding that encroaches on the Public Right of Way.

## **PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS**

### **Item 6 - Asset Management:**

- a) **Play area & Flooding on pathway:**
  - a. Members received an update received from the Clerk of Newport Town Council on the play-area improvements which included replacement swings, new gates and painting.
- b) **Local Development Plan: Housing Development to the rear of The Dale:**
  - a. Members believed that T&WC are awaiting the outcome of the Governments PPG before releasing their report, it is anticipated any news or updates are likely to be released January/February 2025.
- c) **Flooding to the rear of The Dale:**

No updates available.
- d) **Neighbourhood Safety**

Nothing to report.

#### **Item 7- Representative Report:**

- a) **Village Hall:** No update available.
- b) **Bus Users Group:** No update available.
- c) **Newport Regeneration Partnership:** No update available.
- d) **Telford & Wrekin Council:** No update available.
- e) **Wellington Road/Linden Hall PPG:** Cllr Stokes provided members with a brief overview of the last Linden Hall PPG meeting which included confirmation that the new extension at the Muxton Practice was now open including 25 additional parking spaces. Cllr Stokes also provided members with data on the length of waiting lists for key health issues, which members found very concerning.
- f) **Community Leaders Meeting:** No update available.
- g) **Wrekin Area Committee:** Cllr Stacey informed council that members of SALC Executive Committee were due to meet with Arriva bus service officials to discuss issues across the County.

#### **Item 8 - Communications Updates:**

- a) **Correspondence**
  - A copy of SALC Training available for members was circulated, the Chairman encouraged members to attend the sessions.
  - The Clerk had previously circulated the two- day Road Closure Notice for Liddle's Bank in February.
- b) **Newsletter:** Nothing to report.
- 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. The Clerk has added additional news on the Village Hall side of the board.

## Item 9- POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS

**Planning:** To consider the following T&WC Planning Applications received during December.

- a) TWC/2024/0653 18 Highfield, Church Aston, Newport Shropshire  
Erection of 1 self-build dwelling following removal and replacement of TPO trees.  
Agreed: **Comment** - Concern for removal and tree and stipulation that a replacement is a mature tree be placed in the same location.

## Item 10 - FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

### Accounts & Payments

- a) **The Statement of Account:** at close of business on 31/12/24 was £20,035.72p
- b) **Statutory Balance Sheet, Summary of receipts and payments and a Bank Reconciliation of account for month ending 31/12/2024 is £20,035.72p.** A copy of the Account Balance sheet, summary of receipts and payments and Bank Reconciliation for the account at month end of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was previously circulated and noted by members, signed by Cllr Pat Sansom and Cllr J Pay.
- c) **Approval of Payments made since the last meeting:** was presented for retrospective approval. Cllr Stokes, and Cllr Evans seconded authorisation of the following payments, with all Members present voting in favour.

Payment	Payment type	Statute General Power of Competence	Amount
West Mercia Energy Supply	On-line Transfer		£330.95
e.on lighting for footway lighting	On-line Transfer		£459.90
AYP Ltd (newsletter)	On-line Transfer		£251.00
W M Tonge (expenses)	On-line Transfer		£26.23
Lloyds Bank (card charge)	Direct Debit		£3.00
Unity Trust Bank (account charge)	Direct Debit		£6.00

Resolved: the above payments at 10(c) were retrospectively approved for payment at this meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

- (d) **Payments for authorisation at this meeting:** Cllr Richards proposed, and Cllr Mc Keown 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 January 2025	Standing Order		£647.95
HMRC contributions January 2024	On-line Transfer		£105.00
West Mercia Energy (street lighting)	On-line Transfer		£374.41

Resolved: the payment set out above at 10(d) was formally approved for payment at this meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

(e) **Precept for year 25-26:** A copy of the report for the Precept Setting for financial year 25/26 had been previously circulated to members.

**Resolved:** that the precept for the financial year 2025/2026 be set at £32,320.00. That a Precept be made on Telford & Wrekin Council for two instalments to be paid in April and September 2025. All papers were signed in preparation for the Clerk to forward to T&WC.

#### Item 11 - Roads, Hedges & Ditches

Cllr Wynn raised concern for the increase in dog fouling in and around the village. Members hoped this would decrease as the weather improved and the lighter nights arrived.

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

**Parish Council Meetings:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 in The Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed Chairman:

Date