

**Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

**Present: Cllrs. Goodwin, Waltho, Lyne, Weedenburg, Cohen**

**Apologies: Cllrs. Evans and Ward Cllr. Smetham**

**PCSO: Julia Short**

**Residents: Susan Cook, Alan Blackshaw and Nigel Evans. Each were either new or newly returned to the village and wished to observe the meeting. Nigel commented on the damage to the grass triangle into Bebbington Road but this is a recurring event when large vehicles turn at this point.**

**PCSO REPORT**

**Incidents mainly involving traffic problems. Two vehicles driving recklessly but not apprehended. Problem with weight limit signs not being replaced when cut down – Moss Lane in particular. Many different contractors could be involved and difficult to police. Clerk to contact highways for inspection and replacement of these.**

**The Crime Prevention presentation is set for 20<sup>th</sup> November in the barn at the Plough. Clerk to prepare leaflet drop covering Cheshire Alert, Rural Watch, Community Safety Watch, Horse Watch and home security devices. Julia will e mail logo signs to the clerk.**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**1422 – Minutes**

**The minutes of the September meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by Cllr. Goodwin as Vice Chair.**

**1423 – Council Vacancy**

**Having been advised by the Electoral Office that we can now co-opt this was discussed. Cllr. Waltho will contact Stuart Connon at Havannah and failing this Cllr. Cohen proposed that his daughter – an Eaton resident and practising solicitor – may wish to come on the council. The council confirmed they were happy for two members of the family to be involved.**

#### **1424 – Link Road**

**Cllr. Waltho reported that he had heard nothing more on the progress of the link road in our area or the mitigations. We have support from our MP and the Chief Executive of Cheshire East on the measures being considered but the discussions seem to have ground to a halt. Clerk to contact Don Stockton again to ask for progress.**

#### **1425 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**There is supporting documentation and Cllr Waltho will let Cllr. Lyne have these for the website. There are still gaps to fill and there is a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November when a draft plan will be sent back to Cheshire Community Action for approval.**

#### **1426 – Planning**

**The access track at Wheelwrights Cottage has been refused and the application from Tarmac for recycling planings is yet to be determined.**

**The main discussion was on the consultation brochure put out by Gladman Homes on behalf of the Antrobus Estate to build up to 170 houses on land north of Moss Lane and south of the proposed bypass. The clerk had contacted them and pointed out the proposal was not in Congleton as set out in the brochure but in the parish of Eaton and following this all residents in Eaton and Havanna had received a copy of the brochure. There has been correspondence in the Congleton Chronicle. It was felt we need to come up with the same plan of objections that related to the Eaton Cottage application. This proposal would entirely destroy the green gap above Moss Lane we were hoping for. Clerk to contact Cllr. Smetham for advice on how to proceed on this and again it was felt we should proceed as we did for Eaton Cottage with the information we had on file for this. In the magazine report we should note that the council will object strongly to this proposal and it is up to each resident to make their comments. However, the council would urge residents to make their feelings known and ask for these to be conveyed to the clerk either by e mail or letter for the council to assess the general feeling in the village. Clerk to contact Gladman to check the end date of the consultation but ask for village feedback by the middle of December.**

#### **1427 – Speedwatch**

**Cllr. Lyne proposed we make further speed checks and report back.**

#### **1428 – GDPR**

**The clerk reported that she had contacted Elizabeth Maddox who has expert knowledge on this. She had advised that each of her councils had agreed to adopt the NALC guidance on this and Eaton should produce a statement to this effect. Also, the actual document (64 pages on length) should be amended to reflect Eaton and then placed with our statement on the website. In further discussion it was felt that to ensure further security all the council business on the clerk's pc should be kept on a separate hard drive and the clerk will arrange this.**

#### **1429 – Tarmac**

**The next liaison meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January at 5.00 in the quarry offices. The clerk, Cllr Goodwin and Cllr. Weedenburg hope to attend. A range of issues for discussion were noted by Cllr. Goodwin.**

#### **1430 – Highways**

**We have written to Cllr. Williams in support of the A34 residents for a footpath along the road. The condition of School Lane is not good following the closure of the A536 and the heavy use of the lane. Clerk to contact highways for an inspection and some remedial work.**

**We have received a notice of diversion of footpath off Smithy Lane and the council has no objections to this. Clerk to reply.**

#### **1431 – Website Maintenance**

**This was discussed and despite actual figures Cllr. Lyne felt this was a small expenditure and could be covered from reserves without affecting the precept. She will ask again for costs from Tamsin.**

#### **1432 – Millennium Park**

**Tarmac have provided larger bins for the park with a supply of bags and this is appreciated. The clerk reported back a small problem with the rocking horse paint and a rotted leg on one of the benches. Cllr. Waltho will have a look at these.**

**With the age of the park, we need to have a survey going forward on maintenance and/or possible extension or replacement of play equipment. Clerk to put this firmly on the January agenda with a view to a survey being carried out early in Spring. There could be heavy future costs involved and we need to look at sources of grants and support for the future. Are we to provide for a possible change of requirement for the park if the demographic changes.**

### **1433 – Accounts for payment**

**It had been agreed through e mail exchange that we would increase our donation to the RBL including the wreath to £100 for this year to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War and this cheque had been forwarded and acknowledged.**

**Other accounts approved –**

**Clerk account £371.68 – cheque No. 697**

**Council use of the hall £150 – cheque No. 698**

**Unfortunately the clerk had given the wrong meeting date to Stephen Oakes for this end of year accounts and these were on the way to us. The clerk will process these on receipt and pay them per approval but the council felt the costs were heavy on the parish and needed to be looked at to achieve savings. It was decided that the bank up to the park (costing £300) should be put out to possible voluntary maintenance and in the absence of this 'left to return to nature'. We would enquire of Tarmac now if they were happy for their mowing contractors to also mow the play area as they have already done a couple of times (cost £120). Cllr. Goodwin had asked the contractors to quote for cutting the grass round the hall where we pay half and the clerk will ask Paul Hibbert to enquire what other quotes he can obtain and look at these in January before deciding who to employ. We will need to continue with the weeding of the park itself with Stephen Oakes and the clerk will indicate that we are keeping all the maintenance in abeyance until we have completed our survey and costings.**

### **1434 – Financial Report to the Council**

**As usual statements of receipts, payments and bank reconciliation were handed out and checked against bank statements and approved. Although we are showing a high balance, some £4000 of this is ring fenced from a grant to cover work on the neighbourhood plan.**

### **1435 – Budget and Precept**

**The clerk had forwarded copies of her budget and precept to the council and each item was discussed and either agreed or amended. The clerk required no increase in salary but the precept figure was higher to allow for change of clerk. It was agreed that any small costs involved with the defib, website maintenance and neighbourhood plan would be covered from reserves. Following discussions above, the £300 for the perennial bank would be removed. The original proposed precept was £5156 but with the changes this came down to £4626. Therefore a precept of £4700 was proposed by Cllr. Lyne and seconded by Cllr. Waltho.**

**1436 – Correspondence**

**None received other than covered in the minutes**

**1437 – Magazine Report**

**Clerk to prepare this as detailed in the minutes**

**1438 – Next meeting**

**Due to a clash with New Years Day, the meeting has been re-arranged for Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January when we have access to the hall.**

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**ACTION LIST ON MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS FOR REMEDIAL WORK ON SCHOOL LANE**

**CLERK TO PREPARE LEAFLET FOR CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATION**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO CONTACT STUART CONNON RE COUNCIL VACANCY AND FOLLOWING CLLR. COHEN**

**CLERK TO E MAIL DON STOCKTON FOR ACTION PROPOSALS ON OUR MITIGATION MEASURES**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO SEND DOCUMENTS ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TO CLLR. LYNE FOR THE WEBSITE**

**CLERK TO E MAIL CLLR. SMETHAM REGARDING THE GLADMAN LAND CONSULTATION AND CHECK THE FINISH DATE**

**CLERK TO MAKE ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE NALC GUIDANCE, PREPARE STATEMENT AND SEND SAME TO CLLR. LYNE FOR THE WEBSITE. ARRANGE FOR ALL COUNCIL WORK TO BE KEPT ON A SEPARATE HARDDRIVE.**

**CLERK TO CONTACT TARMAC TO ASK IF THEIR GRASS CONTRACTORS COULD TAKE ON THE PLAY AREA**

**CLERK TO REPLY OUR DECISION ON THE FOOTPATH DIVERSION**

**CLLR. LYNE TO OBTAIN WEBSITE COSTS**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO INSPECT PARK ITEMS AS NOTED IN THE MINUTES**

**CLERK TO PLACE FUTURE PARK MAINTENANCE INTO JANUARY AGENDA**

**CLERK TO PROCESS ACCOUNTS FROM S. OAKES WHEN RECEIVED, PAY THESE BUT NOTE ALL FUTURE WORK IN ABEYANCE UNTIL RESULT OF SURVEY AND COSTINGS. ALSO ASK PAUL HIBBERT TO OBTAIN HIS QUOTE FOR THE HALL GRASS CUTTING TO MATCH ONE WE ARE OBTAINING.**

**CLERK TO FORWARD AGREED PRECEPT OF £4700 TO CHESHIRE EAST AS REQUIRED AND PUBLISH TABLE ON THE WEBSITE**

**CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS IN MINUTES**