

**Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Present: Cllrs. Lyne, Goodwin, Evans, Cohen and newly co-opted councillor Val Burlison. Ward Cllr. Smetham and Clerk D. Waite**

**Apologies: Cllrs. Waltho and Weedenburg – both unwell**

**There were no residents present so proceeded to the Council meeting**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**1334. Appointment of new councillor**

**The Clerk had provided the appointment and declaration of interests. The first was signed before the clerk and the second will be returned when completed. Copies of minutes and other documents for previous meetings were also passed over.**

**1335 – Speedwatch**

**Cllr. Lyne has sent a further e mail to Cheshire East on this subject. Mr. Wood has continued to make his protests on the speed and weight of the traffic past his property. The new councillor was put in the picture on this. The clerk stated she was still waiting for some e mail addresses to be able to request Julia Short to make arrangements for training. Cllr. Cohen outlined the most current position with Cheshire East. We need to make them aware that we are not going away on this and he had spoken to our MP David Rutley and he was in favour of our speed request of 30mp through the village. Cllr. Cohen has connections he may be able to use on this. Cllr. Smetham has put in a bid for funding and we are waiting to hear on this but Cllr. Cohen felt it was a question of policy and not funding. Finally we are awaiting from the e mail sent by Cllr. Lyne. Clerk to contact David Rutley to request that he contact Cllr. Cohen on what approach we should use. Cllr. Lyne will check with Cllr. Waltho on the e mail addresses.**

**1336 – Link Road**

**It is out to tender and on the decision of the contractor to use, it should be finished in about 18 months**

### **1337 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**We are ok with the action that the team are taking and that the costs of £9k grant will be met from Parish Council reserves – c. £400**

### **1338 – Possible housing development**

**Barton Wilmore have been contact with the council and also carried out a mail shot in the village for the public meeting they are holding in the hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. This relates to a development on land north of Moss Lane belonging to Eaton Cottage. The clerk produced the application made for housing from Eaton Cottage in 2014 but it is not likely to be related to this. Cllr. Goodwin provided a plan of the field in question which runs towards the projected bypass. The meeting is from 3.00 to 7.00 and Cllr. Goodwin will attend and report back and we will await her report before making any other arrangements.**

### **1339 – Ladera**

**This continues to rumble on but no decisions or conclusions in the offing. Cllr. Smetham will keep us posted.**

### **1340 – Highway Matters**

**Dog Fouling – Cllr. Cohen had received no further complaints and the clerk had posted a notice so hopefully this will get better. No progress on the overgrown hedge in Crauford Road – clerk to contact Peaks and Plains again and also CE highways on the responsibility for the hedges on the A536 footpath. There are two pot holes on the main road just north of the church and clerk will contact Andy Simpson on these.**

### **1341 – Tarmac**

**Liaison meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 – Cllrs. Goodwin and Evans will attend plus the clerk. Cllr. Goodwin advised that the quarry extension work is being started this week. From a discussion later in the minutes the clerk is to contact Grahame Fyles to ascertain whether we are able to obtain a grant from the quarry funding to possibly extend the play area and put in another piece of equipment.**

### **1342 – Defib**

**We need to speak with Cllr. Waltho to see what further is required. Clerk to contact him and get an update.**

### **1343 – Broadband**

**Open Reach are looking around Gawsforth etc but nothing appears to be proposed for Eaton. There may still be options with Vispa.**

### **1344 – Website**

**Cllr. Lyne is continuing to put the papers required for the Transparency Act on to the website.**

### **1345 – Millennium Park**

**The clerk had prepared and sent out the new rotas for park inspection in 2018. We are needing to look at all aspects of maintenance and replacement of equipment in the park and this needs to be done in the spring and possibly a five year plan put into action.**

### **1346 – Accounts for payment**

**Clerk account - £371.21 – cheque No 675**

**Council share of hall grounds grass cutting - £180 – cheque No. 674**

**S. Oakes – total of three accounts covering play area, park and bank - £630 – Cheque No. 676**

**Eaton Church – account for hall hire – only four meetings in the hall - £100 – cheque No. 677**

### **1347 – Finance report to council and external audit**

**Clerk circulated excel copies of receipts, payment and bank reconciliation checked against the bank statements. All approved. The external auditors had again mentioned the slightly late notice posting for public inspection which is now rectified. Next year we should only have our internal audit through Chalc.**

**1348 – Budget and Precept**

**The clerk had prepared a budget showing the current precept, estimates to the end of the financial year and proposed precept for 2018/19 and this had been sent to members prior to the meetings. The figures were discussed when it was thought there would be no further expense on the defib and also on speedcheck. As previously agreed, the few hundred expected on the Neighbourhood Plan over the grant of £9k will be taken from reserves. The question of park maintenance and replacement was discussed and it was decided to transfer £1000 from the current to the reserve account for future use as against upping the precept. As stated above, the clerk will contact Tarmac to see if there is anything in the quarry funding we can draw on and how do we go about it. As park repairs and new equipment are not immediate it was proposed by Cllr. Goodwin and seconded by Cllr. Lyne that we set the precept at the suggested £5k but take a good look at housekeeping on the park.**

**1349 – Correspondence**

**Only the usual magazine from Clerk Direct – taken by Cllr. Goodwin and a letter from DG buses stating they would keep us advised of any changes.**

**1350 – Magazine Report**

**As the December and January magazines are being combined it was decided to leave any report following our next meeting at the beginning of January.**

**1351 – Next meeting**

**This will be on the new meeting dates decided – i.e. – TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY AT 7.00 PM.**

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**ACTION LIST FROM MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**CLERK TO SEND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BACK TO CHESHIRE EAST**

**CLERK TO CONTACT DAVID RUTLEY REQUESTING HIM TO SPEAK WITH CLLR. COHEN ON OUR REQUEST FOR 30 MPH**

**CLLR.COHEN TO ACT AS ABOVE AND ALSO EXPLORE OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS.**

**CLLR. GOODWIN TO ATTEND OPEN MEETING ON POSSIBLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL**

**CLERK TO CONTACT PEAKS & PLAINS ON OVERGROWN HEDGE AND CHECK WHO HAS HEDGE RESPONSIBILITY ON THE FOOTPATH. ALSO REPORT THE TWO POTHOLES ON THE A536**

**CLLRS. GOODWIN AND EVANS PLUS CLERK TO ATTEND LIAISON MEETING ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY. IN THE INTERIM CLERK TO CONTACT GRAHAME FYLES TO ENQUIRE IF WE CAN DRAW ON ANY GRANT FOR THE PARK.**

**CLERK TO CONTACT CLLR. WALTHO FOR UPDATE ON THE DEFIB AND ALSO THE E MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE SPEED CHECK**

**COUNCIL TO MAKE A FULL INSPECTION OF THE PARK IN THE SPRING TO ASCERTAIN WHAT IS NEEDED.**

**CLERK TO ADVISE CHESHIRE EAST OF OUR PRECEPT OF £5k**

**CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT FOLLOWING OUR JANUARY MEETING.**