

**Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

**Present: Cllrs. Evans, Goodwin, Waltho, Lyne, Cohen, Weedenburg and Connon.  
Ward Cllr. Smetham and Clerk Mrs. D. Waite**

**No residents were present. CPSO Julia Short had sent her usual report by e mail and there were no incidents to note.**

**Presentation by Grahame Construction from Alistair Lewis – Project Manager and Dan Cawthorn – Communications Officer.**

**This was a on screen presentation showing the plans for the whole length of the By-pass. They are a company of civil engineers with long experience and expertise throughout the UK. They will be building a cabin to run the office from. 30 engineers and supervisors on the job. Presently working on environmental and ecological matters. The project will involve four trunk roads to the north and west of Congleton and the road itself will be 5.7k in length, involving six major roundabouts, cuttings and bridges and a river crossing which is a project in itself. Special attention in phase one for the environment and wildlife in the area. Phase 2 work on the river Dane, phase 3 July to September, phase 4 September to December, phase 5 March 2020 when it is planned work will be complete towards the end of 2020. We can keep up to date on their website and e mails. Main roads will be used wherever possible and in particular there should be none of their traffic on School Lane.**

**Cllr. Waltho queried the construction work on the A536 and the fact that traffic lights would be needed adding to the delays already being experienced. Their working hours are 7.00 am to 6.00 pm and each length of construction will be kept as short as possible to avoid long stretches with lights. It was not clear whether the opening would be phased or open as one length. Cllr. Waltho stated there were issues we would be needing to raise with Cheshire East. Cycle paths were raised but no information could be given. Cllr. Waltho queried the spur into the field at the roundabout on the A536 and what it was for but they were not sure of the reason for this. This is the possible access point being put forward by Gladman for the housing development. They were not sure of the precise traffic routes into the sites as materials were coming from many different areas. We were assured that the footpath from the village to Eaton Bank School would be maintained and available. All the plans shown on the screen can be accessed from the planning website. Our thanks were expressed for the presentation.**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**All members of the council were present.**

### **1456 – Minutes**

**The minutes of the January meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed.**

### **1457 – Report on the mitigations meeting**

**Cllrs. Waltho and Cannon had attended the meeting. All the measures were discussed with the reduction of the speed limit being the one which might not be available on a main traffic route. On the agenda is the use of average speed cameras. Our main issue is the speed of traffic and a 30 mph was needed for this. Cllr. Cohen was concerned on this, particularly as our MP David Rutley was much in favour of the reduced limit. Average speed cameras, a crossing point, road resurfacing work etc. were all under consideration and not dismissed but the 30mph was the sticking point for Cheshire East. It was policy to keep the traffic moving and changes in speed were difficult. Average speed cameras were more likely to happen from the village side of the church up to Lane End farm. Cllr. Waltho stated we needed to continue the discussions and get on with the Eaton mitigations. There is a pot of money connected with the link road and also another pot to cover safety improvements on the A536 from the Government. It is possible there could be average speed cameras along the whole route of the A536. Cllr. Lyne felt that the money was there and they should come back to us with what is being done before the opening. The safety officer is Simon Barker and his proposed site visit should be when the traffic is heaviest on the road. Cllr. Waltho felt that although we were disappointed on the opinion on the speed limit, the discussions we had were favourable. He is awaiting a copy of the minutes of the meeting at Crewe when we can respond.**

### **1458 – Gladman Homes Application**

**It was reported to the clerk that the error in the response date was possibly a typing error on their part and the actual closing date for responses is 21<sup>st</sup> March. Cllr. Cannon had put forward a very good and precise objection which the clerk will use in responding to the application. Cllr. Waltho was concerned to note that many of the resident objections and also some planning background from Gladman was no longer on the site and the clerk is to enquire why this is. Susan Orrell is the case officer.**

#### **1459 – Comments on the Link Road presentation**

**The council were satisfied with the presentation and the fact that information is to hand to communicate any concerns to them.**

#### **1460 – Council elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**The clerk had attended the election briefing in Congleton and brought back all the nomination papers and guidelines for their completion. Members stayed on at the end of this meeting to complete these with the help of the current electoral register and the clerk will take these to Sandbach in due course for checking. If there are no other nominations from the parish then all will be re-elected.**

#### **1461 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**Cllr. Watho reported there is now a draft plan. It has gone to Tom Evans to go over this. Need to get the Parish Council together soon to present this to them. Various bodies need to be consulted and comments taken. In about six months' time it will be the subject of a referendum on the plans and a 50% agreement is needed to pass this so work will be required at the time to urge all our residents to take part. We need to get to regulation 14 before it carries weight and Gladman have used this in their arguments for the housing application. There is a lot of information that the team have put on the website of the plans and links to various documents.**

#### **1462 – Planning**

**Weir Development – No further comments**

**Wheelwrights Cottage has been refused but the clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer concerning returning the area which is covered in rubble, back to agricultural land.**

**Spatial Plan – Cllr. Connon had picked up from the latest report the inclusion of Eaton Cottage housing and housing on the edge of the park via Tarmac and felt strongly that this was a dangerous development and if allowed to proceed to allocation in the emerging plan we would not be able to stop it and any green gap would be impossible. Clerk to contact Adrian Fisher to ask for a meeting to discuss spatial planning.**

**General planning applications were discussed and in view of Cllr. Goodwin's lack of internet access all such applications to be forwarded to whole council and Cllr. Connon will lead on this.**

#### **1463 – Speedwatch**

**Now that hopefully better weather is coming the speedwatch checks will begin again.**

#### **1464 – A536 safety measures**

**This is tied up with Gawsorth parish and it is hoped to have a meeting with their Chair in the near future. Cllr. Smetham will enquire if North Rode wish to be included in these discussions.**

#### **1465 - Tarmac liaison report**

**A satisfactory meeting when Tarmac offered to make good the drive up to the hall and replace any fencing around the play area as required. Cllr. Waltho asked that the clerk contact Kim Shilcock and thank them for the recent tree planting. Further concerns on access for horses but await improvements in the better weather. Next meeting is in June and will be finalised in May**

#### **1466 – Highway matters**

**The concerns expressed by Cllr. Waltho on gates on the public footpath to North Rode are being addressed.**

#### **1467 – Website maintenance**

**The clerk had contacted Tamsin and it appears that the contract has to be from an individual with a sole signatory account so the council as a whole cannot cover this. Cllrs. Evans and Lyne will meet with Tamsin on this. Between the last meeting and now Tamsin has been reimbursed for payments she has made.**

#### **1468 – Millennium Park**

**The clerk queried the delay in receiving inspection reports and these will, in future be passed in paper form to the clerk for filing. There has been fantastic response and work from Kate Hart and her team on the bank improvement . Steven Oakes has confirmed he will continue with the weeding in the park itself. All the grass cutting is now covered without cost from Tarmac and we are grateful for this. Need to spray grass around swing posts to prevent any damage during grass cutting and Cllr. Waltho will attend to this.**

#### **1469 – Security device workshops**

**There had been a good response to the last workshop but several more residents wish to take part. Contact Julia to ask for possible dates.**

#### **1470 – Annual Risk Report**

**Presented, approved and signed for the audit.**

#### **1471 – Accounts for payment**

**As indicated above, Tamsin has been reimbursed for the up to date website maintenance payments. Other accounts approved.**

**Clerk account - £376.68 – cheque No. 705**

**Cheshire Community Action – N.Plan work - £315 – cheque No 706**

#### **1472 – Bi-monthly financial report**

**Up to date statements on receipts, payments and bank reconciliation prepared and handed to members. Approval given. The clerk now has to wait until the end of March for the year end financial statements and the contact from the internal auditors. When this is done and all year end accounts completed the clerk will ask for an accounts approval meeting.**

**The question of the hours worked by the clerk was on the agenda. With the major matters we are now dealing with and more to come on housing and the link road, the council were conscious of the increased hours being worked by the clerk and it was unanimously agreed that the four hours per week should be increased to five with the same hourly rate. This will be implemented in the new financial year from April.**

#### **1473 – Meetings**

**At present there are no further meetings planned but definitely some to come.**

#### **1474 – Correspondence**

**Copies of the Clerk's journal taken by Cllr. Goodwin. Early warning that our website will need to comply with disability access but await to learn what they require in 2020.**

#### **1475 – Magazine Report**

**To include thanking residents for the Gladman application response, special thanks to the team restoring the perennial bank, arranging for another workshop on security devices when a date will be notified, draft Neighbourhood Plan progressing to next stage and later this year the referendum on the final plan. Speedwatch recommencing, contact details for Grahame Construction.**

#### **1476 – Parish elections**

**These will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and all information from the election office is being posted on the notice board as and when it is issued. Unfortunately the dates did not arrive in time for inclusion in the last magazine report.**

**1477 – Next Meeting – This will be the annual parish and annual council meetings following circulation of the council annual report. This will be on TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 7.00 PM.**

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**ACTION LIST ON MEETING 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

**CLERK TO PUBLISH CONTACT DETAILS FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE MAGAZINE REPORT**

**COUNCIL TO ENSURE IN NEXT CONTACT THAT SIMON BARKER, THE SAFETY OFFICER, MAKES HIS SITE INSPECTION AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME**

**CLERK TO CONTACT SUSAN ORRELL TO ENQUIRE WHY ALL RESPONSES AND DOCUMENTS ON THE GLADMAN APPLICATION ARE NOT ON THE SITE**

**CLERK TO TAKE ALL NOMINATION PAPERS TO SANDBACH FOR CHECKING WHEN REQUIRED**

**CLERK TO CONTACT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO HAVE GROUND AT WHEELWRIGHTS COTTAGE RETURNED TO AGRICULTURE**

**CLERK TO CONTACT ADRIAN FISHER FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SPATIAL PLAN**

**CLLR. SMETHAM TO ENQUIRE IF NORTH RODE WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE A536 SAFETY DISCUSSIONS**

**CLERK TO THANK TARMAC, VIA KIM SHILCOCK, FOR THE TREE PLANTING**

**CLLRS. EVANS AND LYNE TO CONTACT TAMSIN ON WEBSITE**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO SPRAY GRASS AROUND SWING POSTS**

**CLERK TO CONTACT JULIA FOR WORKSHOP DATES**

**CLERK TO CONTACT COUNCIL FOR ACCOUNTS MEETING WHEN READY**

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

**CLLR EVANS TO PREPARE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR CIRCULATION TO RESIDENTS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**