

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th September, 2018

**Present: Cllrs. Evans, Goodwin, Lyne, Weedenburg and Cohen
Ward Cllr. Lesley Smetham, Clerk Mrs. D. Waite and
PCSO Julia Short**

Apologies: Cllr. Waltho (who had sent written comments on the agenda to the Clerk.

Resident: Mrs. P. Amies

Mrs. Amies had come to the meeting to enlist the help of the Council in amending the new footpath around the north quarry so that horse riders could leave the path via School Lane and not having to use part of the A34 highway. From previous enquiries it may be that Tarmac do not own the piece of land in question and the clerk is to contact Kim Shilcock to clarify this and ask if the pathway can be extended as required and what further would be required.

PCSO Report

There were no major incidents to report from Julia. The closure of the A536 had caused enormous problems with heavy traffic using School Lane from the closure on Saturday even though this was not the recommended diversion. It appears that although the road re-opened late Tuesday evening, further work is to take place with the installation of traffic lights and again motorists will be using School Lane to avoid this. Clerk to contact highways to ask for notices at each end of School Lane indicating that use of this is for residents access and not as a cut through to avoid the lights.

Julia advised the meeting of the set up of cluster group meetings. The next will be at Congleton Police Station on Tuesday 25th September at 7.30 when a representative of each council covered by our PCSO can attend and raise any problems in their area.

Julia is concerned about the lack of take up of the identity markers and registration on line. To explain and facilitate this a meeting is proposed for Tuesday 20th November at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall when Julia will make a presentation on the asset markers, Rural Watch, Horse Watch and Cheshire Alert. Clerk to publish this in the November parish news and possibly a flyer around the village. Also publish dates of police surgeries in the magazine.

COUNCIL MEETING

1404 – Minutes

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

1405 – Link Road

The latest e mail from Don Stockton was read out, indicating that they hoped to get together a project team on the mitigations in early September and would report back to us. Clerk to get back to him to enquire the current position but more importantly, following the letter from Chesire East attached to David Rutley's response that we clarify that the central Government funded safety scheme for the A536 is not linked into the link road but kept as an individual scheme which is required now and not in 2020 when the link road is expected to be operational. Clerk to write to insist that the safety measure are complimentary to the link road and not part of it and to include Chris Hindle and David Rutley in this request.

The contract for the Link Road has been awarded to Jacobs.

1406 – Neighbourhood Plan

The grant from Groundwork UK is in our account to cover the next phase of the plan when further documentation has been drawn up and the plan is continuing. Cllr. Waltho will report on further progress at the next meeting.

1407 – Speedwatch

The speedwatch signs were put up in School Lane during the road closure and had some effect on slowing the traffic down. Speedwatch is continuing now that the holiday period is over.

1408 – GDPR

The clerk had prepared a draft policy statement on behalf of the council. This was read out and each member of the council had a hard copy to take away and study with Cllr. Cohen looking at any legal aspects. The clerk will be advised of any changes and the final agreed policy statement will be placed on line.

1409 – Planning

No further news on the withdrawal of the Eaton Cottage housing or the Tarmac application of asphalt planings. Application from Wheelwrights Cottage to amend the access track for agricultural purposes was discussed. It is not clear what if any agricultural activities are taking place and we are to reply that providing the Planning Authority is happy that this is so, then we have no objections to the application.

1410 – Tarmac report

The new bridle and footpath is open and access is past Jackfields Farm through a gateway which is marked and this is for walkers and dogs but not cyclists. The issue for horses has been highlighted earlier and will be taken up with Tarmac. The footpath to be publicised in the parish magazine report.

1411 – Highways

There are a number of potholes in School Lane and the clerk to ask highways to inspect and repair these. There has been a complaint on disco noise from the Plough. They have stopped the use of a marquee for events and this has helped. However, further discussions will take place on a one to one basis to come to the best solution for all parties.

We have been approached by Congleton Town Council regarding a complaint on the lack of a footpath on the A34 and residents from the new housing having to walk on the A34. Clerk to reply that we are sympathetic with the situation and will lend our support to improving the situation.

1412 – Website

Cllr. Lyne has contacted Tamsin and she will contact the clerk with details of the maintenance scheme we have for the website and how it will be financed.

1413 – Town and Parish Conference

This is on 26th September at Elworth. Clerk to enquire the agenda and advise the Council for attendance if relevant.

1414 – Millennium Park

One inspection report has found a problem with the main gate and clerk to contact Kim Shilcock to ask if Langdales will inspect the gates and hopefully Tarmac will sanction any work required.

The bins in the park are again being used for soiled nappies and the clerk to reprint the notice for the bins asking users to take them home and not deposit in the bins.

Clerk to contact Rospa with a photo on the rotted beam which was found by our inspection after the annual Rospa report and replaced by the Council and Tarmac.

It was decided, due to heavy workload on the council at the present time, to keep on hold the question of any replacement and extension works in the play area. Bring this forward in the spring of next year.

1415 – Accounts for payment

Clerk account for salary and allowance £371.68 – cheque No.695

S.Oakes – account for maintenance in the park grounds £120 – cheque 694

1416 – Finance report to the Council

The clerk could report that HMRC had paid the VAT reclaim in full and this is now in the bank. Also the grant for Neighbourhood Plan is in our account. Usual receipts, payments and bank reconciliation given out to each councillor, checked with bank statements and approved.

1417 – Magazine Report

This to cover new quarry footpath, Crime Stoppers meeting in November, continuing supervision of mitigation measure for Link Road, report of meeting on speed measures with David Rutley, vacancy for one councillor.

1418 – Council Vacancy

Cllr. Burlinson has left the area and therefore there is a vacancy on the council. Clerk to contact the Election Office and put publicity in action. Also contact Stuart Connan, who had attended a number of meetings, and may be interested to represent Havannah residents.

1419 – Any other business

Clerk to advise David Rutley of the present details of the Chair of the council. He is still using Steve Waltho.

1420 – Correspondence

Just the Clerk magazine, taken by Cllr. Goodwin

1421 – Future meetings

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th November when the budget and proposed precept will be presented by the clerk. The clerk will let members of the council have the draft proposals prior to the meeting.

The January meeting falls on New Years Day so therefore will be put forward to the following Tuesday when fortunately North Rode WI will be having an afternoon meeting, leaving the evening free for us.

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ACTION LIST ON MEETING 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

CLERK TO CONTACT KIM SHILCOCK TO ASK WHO OWNS LAND AT THE SCHOOL LANE END OF THE FOOTPATH AND IF ACCESS FOR HORSE RIDERS ON TO SCHOOL LANE CAN BE ARRANGED.

CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS TO ASK FOR RESIDENT ACCESS ONLY SIGNS AT EACH END OF SCHOOL LANE TO COVER THE FURTHER WORK PROPOSED ON THE A536 TO AVOID THE RECURRENCE OF THE 'RAT RUN'

CLERK TO ADVISE IN MAGAZINE OF CRIME STOPPERS PRESENTATION BY OUR PCSO ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH AND POSSIBLE LEAFLET DROP. ALSO PUBLISH DATES AND VENUES OF POLICE SURGERIES.

CLERK TO CONTACT DON STOCKTON ON UPDATE FOR THE MITIGATION MEASURES AND STRESS THAT THOSE AGREED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE SAFETY ON THE A536 ARE COMPLIMENTARY TO THE LINK ROAD AND NOT PART OF IT. INCLUDE CHRIS HINDLE AND DAVID RUTLEY IN THIS.

COUNCIL TO STUDY THE DRAFT GDPR STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE CLERK AND REPORT BACK WITH ANY AMENDMENTS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION ON THE WEBSITE

CLERK TO REPLY TO WHEELWRIGHTS COTTAGE APPLICATION AS INDICATED IN THE MINUTES

CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NEW FOOTPATH IN THE MAGAZINE

CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS FOR REPAIRS TO POTHOLES IN SCHOOL LANE

COUNCILLORS LYNE AND WALTHO TO DISCUSS NOISE PROBLEMS FROM PLOUGH AND BEST SOLUTIONS

CLERK TO CONTACT CONGLETON WITH SUPPORT ON REQUEST FOR WALKWAYS ON THE A34

CLERK TO ENQUIRE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE ON 26TH SEPTEMBER AND ADVISE COUNCIL MEMBERS

CLERK TO CONTACT KIM SHILCOCK FOR GATE INSPECTION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

CLERK TO PRINT OUT NOTICE ASKING PARK USERS TO TAKE NAPPIES HOME AND NOT PUT THEM IN THE BINS

CLERK TO CONTACT ROSPA OVER THE SWING BEAM

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS IN THE MINUTES

CLERK TO CONTACT ELECTION OFFICE AND PUT IN MOTION VACANCY FOR ONE NEW COUNCILLOR AND CONTACT HAVANNAH RESIDENT FOR INTEREST

CLERK TO ADVISE DAVID RUTLEY OF DETAILS OF PRESENT CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

CLERK TO CIRCULATE BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THE MEETING