

**Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

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

**Apologies: Cllrs. Lyne and Cohen**

**PCSO Julia Short could not attend but had sent a e mail covering the monthly Incident report. The delegate from New Leaf was unwell and also sent apologies.**

**Resident: Mr. Chris Wood attended the meeting and with the Council raised again his problems of living on the A536 with the attendant noise, vibration and in his case dangerous access with the narrow paving from his gate. Hopefully the proposed Link Road mitigation works including resurfacing should assist in some of the above and the council noted his further concerns.**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**1553 – Minutes**

**The minutes of the November 2019 meeting, having been circulated were approved and signed.**

**1554 – Link Road mitigations**

**We are still expecting to meet face to face with Cheshire East Highways on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January at Westfields. Cllrs. Evans, Waltho and Connon are attending and our Ward Councillor will also be present. A report will be issued following the meeting but it is hoped that a number of the important issues can be agreed.**

**1555 – Spatial Plan**

**No further update. However, Cllr. Smetham reported that the brownfield sites were outlined but there is nothing which impacts on Eaton**

**1556 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**As the final major account is to hand, the clerk outlined the receipts and outgoings from the grants. Although there is a very slight overspend the VAT element still to be reclaimed. Cllr. Waltho may be able to obtain a further small grant to cover this. Cllr. Waltho had sent copies of the final plan and consultation response to be submitted. We will upload these on to the parish website when we**

**have confirmation from Tom Evans, Cheshire East of the next stage of the consultation process. In depth replies have been made by various commercial bodies but in general comments from residents have been very favourable. Next stage of the consultation period will be managed by Cheshire East and comments should now be directed to Cheshire East. It is understood that the plan will go to Cheshire East consultation in the next few weeks. Following this there will be a referendum in about April.**

#### **1557 – Planning**

**Gladman Homes – No further developments so this item can be removed from the agenda for now.**

**Eaton Bank Academy – The work will commence in the middle of this month. Cllr. Cannon said that the meeting with the school and the contractor was positive.**

**Eaton Hall Quarry – Our comments on the replacement sand plant have been lodged with planning**

**Back Lane Wood – The application made by New Leaf put into Cheshire East before Christmas was quickly refused on the basis that it was not permitted development. Clerk to ask Cllr. Smetham to investigate the activity in this area.**

**6 School Lane – We have no objections to the revised submission.**

**Ladera – We have supported Cheshire East in their objection to the lodges being used for permanent housing. We are insisting they continue to be homes only for tourist leisure purposes as are Cheshire East. The appeal from Ladera is currently with the Inspectorate at Bristol.**

**Barnfield Drive – Garage extension – no objections**

#### **1558 – Highway Matters**

**Moss Lane – Both the lane and the resident of Rose Cottage have suffered considerable damage from the continuing use of the lane by the housing development contractors and a significant increase in HGV lorry movements. Following a meeting they had agreed to use the A34 access to their site but this did not happen. The main concern of the resident is the pothole caused by the contractors' HGV vehicles outside his house which is in urgent need of repair but**

**highways are not dealing with this. Cllr. Smetham will contact the site owners and ask for action on this problem.**

**School Lane damage – There has been considerable damage to the lane and the verges over the past few weeks with wagons and tractors going down frequently each day with very heavy and wide loads. Activity has stopped at the moment but we will tackle the problem if and when it occurs again.**

**School Lane water leak – There is still no action from Highways on the water leaking across the lane by Smithy Farm. Clerk to put contact details for highways into the magazine report to enable residents to put pressure on for action.**

**The hedge – A536**

**Clerk to contact highways again for action on this path blockage.**

**Parking and turning – Beechwood Drive and Crauford Road**

**Clerk has contacted Peaks and Plains regarding the criteria for the garages on Crauford Road but still waiting for a response. The same problems apply to the turning area in Beechwood Drive. Clerk to state in magazine that the areas at the top of each road are only for turning. Emergency, delivery, service and other large vehicles are having to back down the road.**

**1559 – Millennium Park**

**Cllr. Goodwin will enquire what repairs have been done or remain to be covered. When the weather improves, an inspection of the park will be made to ascertain what cleaning, maintenance and other matters need to be dealt with.**

**The clerk had issued the 2020 rota for park inspections. All willing to continue but we understand Susan Cook may well join the team.**

**The clerk produced the annual risk report to ensure that all is in order for the end of the financial year and audit.**

**1560 – Accounts for payment**

**The replacement cheque for Tamsin McCormack has been signed and the clerk has taken into the bank the request for stop on the lost cheque.**

**Cheshire Community Action – N.Plan account - £1890 – cheque No. 728**

**S. Oakes – final 2019 account park weeding - £90 – cheque No. 729**

**D. Waite – Clerk account - £464.31 – cheque No. 730**

**With apologies from Cllr. Lyne it is expected that an account for website maintenance will be submitted at the next meeting.**

**Bi-monthly financial report**

**As usual the clerk submitted statements of receipts, payments and bank reconciliation checked against bank statements. All approved. Cllr. Cannon enquired about the level of the reserve balance. By the end of the financial year it will be roughly equal to the annual precept figure which is what is required by the auditor and recognized as good practice.**

**The precept request has been sent off and the statement will be put on the website, notice board and the figure stated in the magazine shortly.**

**1561 – Correspondence**

**Only the clerk’s society magazine – taken by Cllr. Goodwin**

**1562 – Magazine report**

**Clerk to include turning circles in Crauford Road and Beechwood Drive, precept figure, mitigation measures following report from the meeting in Sandbach, contact details for highway authority and finally new year greetings.**

**1563 – Tarmac Liaison meeting**

**This has been re-arranged for Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30. Cllrs. Evans, Goodwin, Weedenburg and the clerk will attend. Cllr. Smetham will advise Marton of the new date.**

**1564 – Next meeting**

**This will be TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH at 7.00 pm. A meeting to approve the accounts some time in April will be arranged.**

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**ACTION LIST ON MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO LOOK INTO A POSSIBLE FURTHER SMALL GRANT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**CLERK TO ASK CLLR. SMETHAM TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVITY IN BACK LANE WOOD**

**CLLR. SMETHAM TO CONTACT JONES HOMES TO STOP DAMAGE IN MOSS LANE**

**CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS ON VARIOUS OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

**CLERK TO NOTE USE OF TURNING CIRCLES IN THE MAGAZINE**

**CLLR. GOODWIN TO ENQUIRE LEVEL OF REPAIRS IN THE PARK**

**CLERK TO PREPARE REPORT FOR THE MAGAZINE AS OUTLINED IN THE MINUTES**

**CLLRS. EVANS, WEEDENBURG, GOODWIN AND CLERK TO ATTEND TARMAC LIAISON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 5.30**