

**Report on the exchange of e mails from the agenda for the on line meeting of Eaton Parish Council on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

**Present on exchange: Cllrs. Evans, Waltho, Lyne, Van.Weedenburg, Cohen and Connon**

**Apologies: Cllr. Goodwin whose home does not have the necessary internet speed for this.**

**Ward Cllr. Lesley Smetham gave advice as required and the Clerk had prepared the agenda, which was agreed, noted all the comments and prepared this report.**

**1591 – Minutes**

**The minutes of the e mail meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, having been circulated, were approved.**

**1592 – Mitigation Measures**

**Pleased to see that CEC are progressing well with the agreed measures. Have noted the comments from Cllr. Lyne on the culvert abutting Brookside Cottages and this should have been incorporated into the mitigation measures. We will have to wait and see what happens following the works but if the problem of flooding persists then we will have to contact CEC again and press for a solution.**

**The position of the camera at Putty Row still is an issue with the residents there but no more could be done on this.**

**The Plough Inn have complained that they were not informed of the work across the green between the two bus stops. Whilst they would not have opposed the work they would have liked to be informed.**

**1593 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**The team are pleased with the progress on this. A few comments from the examiners have been incorporated into the plan and we are pleased with the comments on the green gap. CEC have issued a formal decision to proceed to referendum and the document will shortly be available to view**

on the websites. Due to Covid 19 it will be May 2021 before the referendum can take place. The NP team are really pleased with the outcome of this.

**1594 – Spatial Plan**

The CEC update mentioned our NP plan was complete and had been submitted for examination. There are a couple of references to ‘land off Macclesfield Road’ and ‘changes to the Congleton settlement boundary’. Decisions will be made during the summer and if any significant changes to the plan are proposed, then further consultation will take place. We will continue to monitor progress.

**1595 – Planning**

**Midway House Farm – no objections but add comments that this should be for the described works only and approval must not include changes for commercial use.**

**No.1 Beechwood Drive – no objections. The nearest resident has been consulted and no objections have been raised.**

**New Leaf – Back Lane – No update**

**Eaton Cottage, Moss Lane – we have resubmitted our comments to the appeal and await decision**

**Eaton Bank Academy – Good progress and works are largely complete.**

**Congleton Hydro, Havannah Weir – Work due to start 3<sup>rd</sup> August but being delayed somewhat by conflict with works on the Link Road hindering access to the site. Scheduled to be in operation by January/February 2021.**

**Application 20/2698 5 more houses Moss Lane. Should not be a problem as it is landlocked inside the new Jones Estate. Should stress in our comments for no construction vehicles - HGVs – and no future residential access onto Moss Lane.**

**Ladera – An enforcement notice has been issued for caravan removal.**

**1596 – Highway Matters**

**We will need to continue to monitor drainage on School Lane and on the A536 and stress that gullies need to be cleared.**

**The new raised beds are now planted and looking good and Kevin Waltho has agreed to maintain these. Cllr. Evans had personally thanked all those who have contributed to these. A decision is yet to be made on where we site the awards won on the Best Kept Village scheme.**

**1597 – Millennium Park**

**During the closure the opportunity has been taken to undertake maintenance work in the play area. Tarmac have agreed to help on this and they have a copy of the Rospa report. Following this regular inspections can recommence.**

**We can now re-open the play area but need a risk report before doing so. We have sought professional advice and Jason Evans – husband of Cllr. Evans and who is familiar with risk reports will work with Cllr. Evans to prepare this and we hope to open the park shortly. We will post safety measure notices as required and urge those using the area to sanitise and observe safe distancing.**

**The clerk has requested locks for the gates from Tarmac to be delivered to Cllr. Waltho**

**1598 – Accounts for payment**

**JDH Business – account for internal audit - £154.80 – cheque No. 738**

**Cheshire Com. Action – subs - £20 – cheque No. 739**

**Clerk account – salary and allowance - £458.32 – cheque No. 740**

**All these accounts have been approved for payment.**

**1599 – Finance report to the council**

**The clerk had prepared excel statements of receipts and payments and a bank reconciliation starting in the new financial year. All these had been forward to the council prior to the meeting and were approved.**

**1600 – Report of internal auditor**

**The clerk was pleased to report an entirely clean report from the auditor which has been scanned and sent to the council and placed on our website.**

**Reminders were given to claim back the VAT and be sure to conform to the requirements of public inspection of the accounts and other necessary documents. These matters are currently being dealt with.**

**The council were happy to accept the report and thanked the clerk for her work on the accounts.**

**1601 – Website**

**Cllr. Lyne reported that the publication of all documents on our website was up to date. The AGAR statement, publication of rights to inspect the accounts and notes attached will be put on the website shortly.**

**1602 – Parish News**

**Cllr. Evans asked for the following to be included in our parish report – report of the internal auditor; raised beds and thanks to all; thanks to Kate Hart and team for continuing maintenance on the perennial bank. Latest news on re-opening of the play area – hopefully weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July. Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September – hopefully face to face.**

**1597a – Park Opening**

**Thanks to work from Jason Evans on the risk assessment we can re-open the play area. Cllr. Goodwin is checking if the maintenance work has been done when it was closed. Notices will be posted reminding users to observe safe distancing and sanitise.**

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