

**Minutes of meeting by zoom of Eaton Parish Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020**

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

**Apologies: PCSO Julia Short**

**Cllr. Weedenburg – unable to join through technical problems**

**There were no questions from residents to address.**

**1618 – Minutes**

**The minutes of the previous zoom meeting, having been circulated were approved.**

**1619 – Drainage and Kerbs**

**Andy Simpson from Cheshire Highways had contacted Cllr. Waltho to clarify the issues. He replied that the siding out between the Church and Hillmoor would be completed this week. Kerb alignment and gully repositioning is yet to be completed but the work should be programmed within the next two weeks.**

**Remedial works outside Putty Row is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November to address the drainage issues. The work outside Brookside Cottages is awaiting programming. Date to be confirmed**

**The drainage problems on School Lane are being addressed and further remedial work to reconnect drains is being assessed. Clerk to contact Mr. Slater on the current position.**

**On siding out of the footpath from the church to Havannah Lane, this year's programme is fully committed. However, they will arrange for this section of footway to be assessed to identify any immediate concerns. Cllr. Lyne stated that the free use of the school bus had been determined on the opinion that the footpath was safe to use although that is not the case. Clerk to ask Andy Simpson to contact Grahame's to see if they can assist in the light of lack of funding.**

**1620 – Government housing proposals**

**We have had a reply from Marton following our contact with neighbouring parishes to alert them to the possible consequences of this. Marton are fully**

**supportive of our action and have written themselves. The consultation period closed at the end of October so we now have to wait for the result. Cllr. Waltho has contacted Tom Evans on the possible implications of this but is awaiting a reply. Cllr. Smetham has a communication which she will send on.**

#### **1621 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**Cllr. Waltho reported that Tom Evans has requested additional information and to present for the examiners comments. We have until April 2021 for further action.**

#### **1622 – Spatial Plan**

**Cllr. Cannon stated that the plan continues to support our position on the green gap and Congleton boundary, which is a good sign. In the need to keep on top of this, Cllr. Cannon will prepare a short reply. Cllr. Waltho commented that any changes to the settlement boundaries had the potential to impact on our future precept income.**

#### **1623 – A536 and link road roundabout**

**We had been advised by Paul Griffiths that the roundabout would be put down to grass and given a rural mowing twice a year. We had been approached by Congleton Town Council to join their scheme for all the roundabouts from the link road but advised that an initial cost would be £1000 plus c.£500 each year to maintain. Obviously our small parish cannot afford this. We had thought about asking Cheshire East to set the ground with wild flower seed but Cllr. Lyne stated that these could grow to a height which might give a visibility problem. In view of this it was decided that we would abide by the Cheshire East grass and rural cut. Clerk to contact CE on this decision and ask that only Cheshire East maintain the roundabout.**

**Also contact Congleton Town to advise them of our decision.**

#### **1624 – Planning**

**Oak Cottage – Moss Lane – The clerk had replied with our comments against this application. We have heard nothing further from New Leaf .**

#### **1625 – Ladera**

**Developments here have been reported to planning and the PCSO as no planning applications for work have been lodged. Await further communications from Cllr. Smetham.**

### **1626 – Village Sign**

**No offers from note in Parish News to assist in restoring this. Again, wait until the link road is complete and then action this item.**

### **1627 – Highway Matters**

**The beech hedge continues to be a problem and Andy Simpson is arranging a further assessment on whether it is planted outside the boundary. Clerk to contact Andy to urge urgent work on this as with dark nights and wet underfoot there is a safety aspect here.**

**The hole in the paving in Crauford Road covered by a cone has still not been addressed and clerk to contact Andy again and stress the urgency now we have dark nights.**

### **1628 – Millennium Park**

**Cllr. Goodwin advised she is awaiting further news on the maintenance work on the play equipment. They still have one piece awaiting repair. The question of keeping the park open during the Covid lock down was discussed but as we still have the Covid aware signs in place, these should cover this.**

### **1629 – Remembrance Sunday**

**The clerk will contact the vicar to see whether the outdoor service planned for 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 will continue. Cllr. Cohen will have the wreath and do whatever is required on the day.**

### **1630 – Accounts for payment**

**Since the last meeting, two final accounts from S. Oakes for park maintenance have been approved and paid - £120 and £60. A cheque for £30 has also been raised for the RBL wreath. The following were approved at the meeting:**

**Clerk account £458.32 – cheque No. 747**

**Account for use of hall for meetings – we only had two – so £40 cheque 748**

### **1631 - Bi-monthly finance report**

**The clerk had sent excel sheets on payments, receipts and a bank reconciliation to council members and these were approved.**

### **1632 – Budget and Precept**

**The clerk had prepared and sent this in advance of the meeting to council members. The council were ok with the figures proposed for 2021/22 of £5229 and as this was close to last year, it was agreed to retain the precept of £5166.**

**1633 – Website**

**Cllr. Lyne had no problems with this and the clerk will send the accounts report and precept to her for the website.**

**1634 – Magazine report and next meeting**

**The last magazine was delivered to houses but in view of the four week lockdown it is unlikely this will happen on the next one. It is too late to report all the actions taken on the drains and kerbs. Advise details of the next zoom meeting and how to observe this – next meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm. Also send the best wishes of the council to residents in this difficult time, keep safe and enjoy the Christmas period as best you can.**

**This was a very useful meeting, thanks to the zoom facilities afforded to us by Cllr. Cohen who will again arrange the contact for January.**

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## **ACTION LIST FROM MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**Clerk to advise Mr. Slater of communications on School Lane drains**

**Clerk to contact Andy Simpson, urge assessment of safety issue on the footpath to Eaton Bank School and ask if he will contact Grahame's for possible assistance on this.**

**Cllr. Smetham to forward information she has on the housing proposals**

**Cllr. Cannon to provide text for further communication on the Spatial Plan**

**Clerk to contact Paul Griffiths to advise on our decision on the roundabout and stress any maintenance must remain with Cheshire East**

**Clerk to contact Congleton Town Council with our decision on the roundabout**

**Cllr. Smetham to keep us advised on developments at Ladera**

**Clerk to contact Andy Simpson again on our concerns with the beech hedge and the hole in the paving on Crauford Road**

**Clerk to contact vicar on remembrance Sunday arrangements and advise Cllr. Cohen**

**Clerk to note agreed precept and forward this to Cheshire East when required**

**Clerk to send account sheets and precept to Cllr. Lyne for the website**

**Clerk to pre short report for the parish magazine as set out in the minutes**