

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 2nd November, 2021

No apologies all council members present – Cllrs. Evans, Goodwin, Waltho, Lyne, Connon, Weedenburg, Cohen plus Ward Cllr. Smetham and Clerk Mrs. D. Waite

There were no residents present and no questions left with the council

COUNCIL MEETING

1724 – Minutes

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

1725 – Brookside Cottages

Despite an e mail and a reminder, we have still had no acknowledgement or response from Fay Price, Paul Griffiths or Andy Simpson on the need for kerbing at this point similar to that laid at Putty Row. Cllr. Smetham will follow this up for us.

1726 – Speed Limits A536

We have been notified that the average speed limits cameras are being put in all along the A536. The actual speeds vary along the length of the road. The system should be live by the end of November. On the A5365 we still have the problem of the 50mph where the path and verge are very narrow. We have been notified that this length will be ‘sided out’ in the current year programme. We need to contact the safety officer for CE to make any further progress in our request for a 40mph on this stretch even though the siding out should improve the situation a little. Cllr. Connon will look out the details for the officer and advise the clerk.

1727 – SADPD Hearings

Cllr. Connon had observed the SADPD hearings through several hours of zoom meetings and reported back on the aspects that affected Cheshire East, Congleton and Eaton. He was impressed with the fair and thorough approach being taken by the SADPD Inspector. Most of the housing representations from developers concerned towns and villages in the North of Cheshire with no mention so far of Congleton. Cheshire East Council is currently just over half way through the current 2010 to 2030 local plan strategy and Congleton has seen enormous development to date with more to come from previously allocated sites

around the Congleton Link Road. Nothing further has been allocated in the SADPD for housing. Cllr. Waltho commented that there is still lack of infrastructure for the development that has taken place. In terms of emerging policy PG14 Green Gaps, a general comment was made that this policy should be reflected in Neighbourhood Plans where appropriate – as it has been in the Eaton NP. The Inspector will soon make his report and it is the intention of Cheshire East to be in a position to adopt the SADPD by Summer 2022.

1728 – N.Plan

No further update but based on other village plans it may be that at some time in the future we will need to review our plan and any changes would involve going through all the procedures again.

1729 – Community Governance Review

The clerk had brought to the meeting various cuttings from the local press plus the circular letter of support from David Rutley MP. We will prepare further notices reminding residents of the importance of having their say and these will be placed around the village. Cllr. Evans thanked the members of the council who had spent considerable time delivering the leaflets throughout the parish.

1730 – New Code of Conduct

This had been received from Cheshire East and circulated to members of the Council. There were no advise comments and we would be willing to accept the Cheshire East code of conduct for the future.

1731 – E Mail Resident Contacts

The Clerk will check the list of those wishing to be contacted with information against the Electoral Roll but it may be that some of the newer houses are not yet on the list. As all information should be in the public domain, the clerk will send out the articles on CGR to those on the list.

1732 – Planning

On the garage alteration at No.12 Beechwood to consider and we have no objections to this.

1733 – Tarmac liason meeting update

Clerk asked to e mail Daniel to check if there will be work done in the play area whilst it is having little use in the winter season as there will could be further adverse comments from Rospa in March 2022. There have been comments

following the article in the press referring to the environmental study for the possible closure of School Lane. The Council will remain neutral on this and it is up to Tarmac to have the promised open meeting and make their case when they are in possession of all the facts.

1734 – Highway Matters

Clerk to e mail Andy Simpson again about the shortage of contracted cuts of the grass in the village. A number of residents are undertaking to mow the grass in front of their properties. In addition, request that the green in front of the Plough should be included in the cuts in the village. The green is, we understand, in the ownership of Cheshire East.

1735 – Millennium Park

Thanks from those making the weekly checks for the disposal of the large litter bin which was being ill used. Hopefully, the dog fouling notices put around the park will have the desired effect. As stated above, the clerk will contact Tarmac on any possible work in the play area.

1736 – Plough parking

This is still proving a problem in the roads away from the Plough and we will continue to monitor this.

1737 – RBL Service and anniversary

Cllr. Cohen will attend the service and present the council wreath. Thanks to be made to John Dines for the poppies on the lampposts and for the silhouettes on the verge to mark the 100th anniversary of the poppy appeal.

1738 – Accounts for payment

In the interim we have approved and paid Stephen Oakes for the park maintenance (£120 – cheque No. 765) and RBL £30 for the wreath and a small donation (cheque No. 766)

Approved at the meeting payment to clerk - £458.32 – cheque No. 767

1739 – Finance Report

Copies of receipts, payments and bank reconciliation circulated prior to the meeting to councillors and check against bank statements made. All approved.

1740 – Budget and Precept

The submission of the clerk on this had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting. There was concern in the council that we need to be making provision for any major repair or replacement of play equipment and also for the increased salary reflecting market conditions and the scarcity of qualified parish clerks which may be required if and when our present clerk stands down. With this proposal made, an increase of £1300 in the salary from £2600 to £3900 was discussed and approved and also the provision of £1000 up from £300 to cover potential major repairs and/or replacements in the park in due course. Again this was unanimously approved. It is not the intention of the present clerk, at the moment, take up the increase in salary but we must make provision for any potential change bearing in mind the age and health of our clerk. A new total precept of £7191 from £5181 was unanimously agreed and this will be sent out at the appropriate time.

1741 – Magazine Report

Thanks to residents for responding to the Cheshire East Community Governance proposals. Comment on the changes needed in the precept to cover potential changes in clerk and potential expenses on repairs/replacements of play equipment. Thank John Dines for the poppy work. Send seasonal greetings.

1742 – Next Meeting

This will be in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.00 pm.

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ACTION LIST ON MEETING 2ND NOVEMBER 2021

CLLR. SMETHAM TO URGE RESPONSE TO OUR E MAILS ON THE WORK NEEDED AT BROOKSIDE COTTAGES

CLLR. CONNON TO PROVIDE CONTACT FOR CE SAFETY OFFICER TO PURSUE OUR NEED FOR 40 MPH ON A5365

CLLR. WALTHO TO PREPARE NOTICES WE CAN PLACE AROUND THE VILLAGE TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE RESPONSE TO CGR

CLERK TO CHECK E MAIL LIST AGAINST ELECTORAL ROLL AND SEND OUT ANY USEFUL INFORMATION

CLERK TO REPLY ' NO OBJECTIONS' TO 12 BEECHWOOD APPLICATION

CLERK TO CONTACT DANIEL AT TARMAC TO ASK ABOUT WORK IN THE PLAY AREA WHILST IT IS QUIET AND ALSO COMMENT ON THEIR PROPOSAL FOR OPEN MEETING WHEN ALL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

CLERK TO E MAIL ANDY SIMPSON ABOUT THE CONTINUED SHORTAGE IN GRASS CUTTINGS AND ASK FOR PLOUGH GREEN TO BE INCLUDED.

CLERK TO PREPARE ARTICLE FOR PARISH MAGAZINE AS NOTED IN MINUTES

CLERK TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS APPROVED TO THE PRECEPT FIGURES FOR 2022/23

