

**Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022**

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

**Apologies: Cllr. Cohen (Shielding)**

**There were no residents present but Sue Cook had sent in question for the Council regarding the new access for the quarry. At the present time no firm decision has been taken by the quarry on this and the clerk will reply to Sue..**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**1758 – Discussions with PCSO Julia Short**

**To enable Julia to leave before the main meeting, the Council received her report on matters relating to the parish. There are matters relating to the roundabouts on the link road but due to lack of local geography knowledge from those recording these, they have incorrectly been recorded as in Eaton Parish. Unfortunately due to covid and other conditions these records and actions are somewhat late and this has led to road condition complaints from Somerford Booths Council. There are also incidences of noise being heard by the houses near Hulme Walfield and some traffic instances but again the data has not been geographically correct.**

**On the A536 in Eaton the average speed cameras are live and producing good results in slowing down the traffic and catching those speeding.**

**At Hillmoor Farm there are still tractors taking materials down to the farm and there is mud etc on the road which should be cleared by those causing the problem.**

**The orchard trees scheme was referred to and Julia will ask the Trust to contact the clerk with a view to deciding what and where the trees will be planted.**

**Julia needed to distribute leaflets to households in the village asking what they required of their PCSO and she will look into letting us have these for distribution.**

**1759 - Minutes**

**Minutes – The minutes of the January meeting, having been circulated and approved, were signed.**

**1760 - Brookside Cottages**

**The work on the raised kerbing outside the cottages has been completed and no adverse comments to make on this.**

**1761 – Neighbourhood Plan**

**Cllr. Waltho had tried to contact Tom Evans but maybe better to wait until after the result of the Community Governance is known.**

**1762 – Community Governance**

**There has been an overview report from Cheshire East on the levels of response from**

Residents and councils. Cllr. Smetham has spoken on the BBC North West Tonight. There are to be some seven workshops based on the number of responses. Various meetings in April and there will be an opportunity for points of view to be raised. The result will be notified to our Ward representative, e.g. Lesley and the result will eventually be known at a formal meeting stage. The constituency boundary review is that Macclesfield undergoes no change. We need to understand the benefits and otherwise of remaining in Macclesfield or moving into Congleton, e.g continuity or local conveniences.

**1763 – Link Road and speed limits**

The driving force on this seems to be Hulme Walfield. Cllr. Connon has been asked for various information on the speed cameras we have in the village. He will be sitting in on the zoom meeting of local councils tomorrow and will report back to us. He has given them the information we have from our own experiences.

**1764 – SADPD**

The Inspector is not recommending any change from the housing point of view. The Inspector has accepted that sufficient land has been allocated for housing in the Local Plan, together with anticipated windfall sites to meet housing needs up to 2030. There are no big planning applications in our direction before 2030.

**1765 – Planning**

Extension work for Waggon and Horses – no objections

**1766 – Tarmac**

Disappointing that there is no sign of tree planting on the area south of the park. There are, it is stated, planning reasons to account for this. Cllr. Waltho felt that the lighting left on overnight was too much. Clerk to send e mail to Daniel about the approach of the Rospa inspection and it may be that it will not pass owing to problems in the play area still to be addressed. Cllr. Goodwin will contact Andrew to find out the position on the work done and still to be done in the area. Clerk to ask Daniel for information on any trees that have blown down in the recent storms on the bridle path and to ask Andrew to have a look at the gatepost by the entrance which is reported as having signs of rot.

**1767 – Highway Matters**

Various residents had commented on the water flowing from the hydrant in Beechwood Drive and which is now eroding the surface of the road. Clerk to try again on this by contacting Simon Davies and Andy Simpson to ask for a joint meeting on site with Cheshire Highways and United Utilities to finally look into what is causing this and resolve the problem.

**1768 – Millennium Park**

As above, clerk to contact Daniel for an update on work in the park prior to the Rospa inspection. The rubber seats on the swings need replacing and clerk to ask Ian Bonner to Inspect and quote.

**1769 – Bus shelters**

Inspections have shown up serious water penetration in the two bus shelters. Cllr. Lyne will ask Tom to make an inspection and give us his report and a quote to repair.

**1770 – Accounts for payment**

Account from clerk for £458.32 – cheque No. 772 was approved and signed for payment

**1771 – Finance report**

Copies of receipts, payments and bank reconciliation were circulated and approved. Following discussion last month of the precept, it had been agreed that the hourly rate of pay for the clerk should be increased from £10 to £11 per hour from April 2022 and the clerk will put this in hand.

The clerk queried the use of the CIL rebate of £202.35 which must be used for the benefit of the parish. The council considered this and agreed it should be set against replacement of Equipment in the park.

**1772 – Magazine Report**

Note in magazine asking residents to notify the council of any trees on public highway land which were showing evidence of danger to property or disease. Also, advise that we are again asking highways to look into the problem of water ensuing from the hydrant in Beechwood Drive.

**1773 – Next Meeting**

This will be the Annual Parish and Annual Council meetings and will be on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

In the interim there will be a meeting at the home of Cllr. Evans to inspect the final accounts and approve them for audit. This will be around the middle of April.

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**ACTION LIST FROM MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

**PCSO SHORT TO ASK ORCHARD TRUST TO CONTACT CLERK REGARDING TREES FOR THE PARK.**

**PCSO SHORT TO LET COUNCIL HAVE LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION – POSSIBLY IN THE NEXT MAGAZINE**

**CLLR. SMETHAM TO KEEP US UPDATED WHERE POSSIBLE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE**

**CLERK TO CONTACT DANIEL IVES POINTING OUT THE NEAR INSPECTION BY ROSPA OF THE PARK – WE MAY FAIL ON MATTERS NEEDING ATTENTION. ALSO ASK ANDREW TO INSPECT ROT IN THE POST ON THE ENTRANCE GATEWAY**

**CLERK TO ASK DANIEL OF ANY TREES BLOWN DOWN ON THE BRIDLE PATH**

**CLLR. GOODWIN TO CONTACT ANDREW FOR URGENT UPDATE ON WORK IN THE PLAY AREA**

**CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS TO ASK FOR URGENT JOINT SITE MEETING WITH UNITED UTILITIES TO SOLVE WATER FROM HYDRANT**

**CLERK TO CONTACT IAN BONNER TO ASK HIM TO INSPECT SWING SEATS AND QUOTE POSSIBLY FOR REPLACEMENTS**

**CLLR. LYNE TO CONTACT TOM TO ASK HIM TO INSPECT BUS SHELTERS AND QUOTE FOR POSSIBLE REPAIRS NEEDED**

**CLERK TO IMPLEMENT AGREED HOURLY PAY RATE INCREASE**

**CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS INDICATED IN THE MINUTES**

**CLERK TO FINALISE ACCOUNTS AT END OF MARCH AND ARRANGE MEETING TO APPROVE THEM**