

**Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

**Present: Cllrs. Weedenburg, Goodwin, Waltho, Lyne, Cohen and Thorpe plus Clerk Mrs. D. Waite**

**Apologies: Cllr. Sue Cook, Ward Cllr. Lesley Smetham**

**There were no residents present and no question had been received by the clerk.**

**MEETING**

**1903 – Minutes**

**The minutes of the July meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed**

**1904 – Plough attendance and update**

**Unfortunately, due to staff shortage, the representatives from the Plough were unable to attend. Thankfully there has only been one major noise issue last few weeks. The double glazing promised has been installed but noise from the music is still a problem and there are occurrences of noise in the light nights. Again, it is a question of asking the DJ to turn the sound down, the reply to which was that it was not easy but no creditable reason given. Wait for the November meeting to assess progress.**

**1904a – Parking**

**The car regularly parking in front of the Plough is continuing to do this. We are to have a new PCSO whom we will need to contact again on this.**

**1905 – Flooding update**

**Cllr. Waltho reported no further update. Nothing more will happen until the final survey had been done around the end of August. Cllr. Waltho will remind Andy Simpson and ask for an update.**

**1906 – Hillmoor**

**Cllr. Waltho has been receiving information on fly tipping at Hillmoor. The police have attended. Cllr. Waltho requested an update and they had enquired into one of the vehicles involved. They now have information on both vehicles. Investigations are ongoing. On the planning application for the one user stable block where developments have rendered this use impossible, he is still awaiting a reply from Cheshire East on this.**

**1907 – Code of Conduct**

**By agreement from each council member, we have adopted the CE code of conduct. Cllr. Lyne will record this on the website with information to view the code.**

**1908 – Boundary Signs**

**Clerk to contact Cllr. Smetham regard the £25,000 which is indicated as being available overall to councils. With at present four councils requesting work, we stand to have some £6,000 for Eaton and we need to know how many signs Eaton can have based on this amount. The information we have indicates that each costs some £1300 fully installed.**

**1909 – Planning**

We have replied objecting to the playing field amendments on times and have also requested that the building work on the application for extension on No.5 Beechwood Drive has restricted hours of working.

**1910 – Tarmac and ground repairs**

From the liaison meeting, Cllrs. Waltho and Cook took the new manager Tom Farmer around the various areas that Tarmac covered for us. Nothing further on the School Lane application for the present. Cllr. Waltho had quotes and samples of materials suitable for the ground work needed in the play area and has submitted these to Tarmac. Looking at the cost, if Tarmac are not able to cover the entire sum, then maybe the Plough and ourselves can contribute to the cost of the work. Cllr. Goodwin had spoken with Andrew the Tarmac contractor and he will speak with Tom about this. Grass cutting is proving a problem due to events at weekends when Andrew and his team need cutting access but they hope to provide this in the week when it is quieter. Await developments

**1911 – Timber cleaning**

From inspection reports it is clear that the timbers in the park and play area need some cleaning maintenance. However, this is best done on the Spring and we will come back to this at that time.

**1912 – Bus shelters**

Still waiting action on this

**1913 – Green Bins**

From information coming to residents from CE and a notice on the board, this is all that requires to be done on this.

**1914 – Orchard Project**

The clerk had purchased two of the trees required for this and Cllr. Waltho with John Dines are taking this over. They will look into the purchase of the two further fruit trees when a little over our price match of £100 may be spent but we have finance for this.

**1915 – Accounts for payment**

Clerk account for salary, allowance and purchase of two apple trees - £601.56 – cheque No. 804

Account from S.Oakes for work on maintenance in the park £150 – cheque No. 805

Both accounts approved for payment by the council

**1916 – Finance report**

Members of the council hand reports on receipts, payments and bank reconciliation, checked against bank statements and all fully approved.

**1917 – Magazine report**

Code of conduct indicating on website where further information can be viewed, flooding still awaiting the final report from CE on the culvert under the A536.

**1918 – Next meeting**

This will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November when the budget and precept will be discussed. The clerk will present a provisional budget but this will need to allow for any decisions on work in the play area and/or provision of boundary signs.

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**ACTION LIST**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO CONTACT ANDY SIMPSON ON DRAIN REPORT**

**CLLR. LYNE TO RECORD OUR ACCEPTANCE OF C.E. CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE WEBSITE**

**CLERK TO CONTACT CLLR. SMETHAM ON POSSIBLE PROVISION OF BOUNDARY SIGNS**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO MONITOR REPLIES ON THE GROUNDWORK IN THE PLAY AREA**

**NOTE FOR SPRING AGENDA ON TIMBER CLEANING**

**CLLR. WALTHO TO ENQUIRE AND PURCHASE TWO FURTHER FRUIT TREES**

**CLERK TO RAISE PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

**CLERK TO SUBMIT MAGAZINE REPORT AS REQUIRED IN THE MINUTES**