

**PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church  
on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm**

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Present:

Cllrs. S.Sillitoe (Chairman) J.Sambrook (Vice Chairman), V.Harris, S.Carey. J.Porter,  
E. Durose M. Copeland H.Clulow. L. Adams J. Sillitoe, C. Jebb,  
15 members of the public were in attendance.

**Action**

**Detail**

- 350 Apologies for absence** - D. Spooner
- 351 Declarations of Interest** -VH re Planning application SMD/2019/0580
- 524 Public Forum**  
Standing Orders were suspended.  
Mrs Unwin raised concerns over planning application SMD/2019/0473. She believed that the application was inaccurate and if granted would have numerous effects on the area including flood risk. This item was discussed later.  
Mrs Wilton said that the benches at the Lawn Cemetery needed attention and it was agreed to do this by asking the Lengthsman to clean them but take further action in the Spring. She also raised the blocked grids issue and the fact that Traffic Wardens do not appear to have looked at parking issues in and around Platts Avenue. DB to check. DB  
Mr Blood said that the bin at the top of Edge Lane was being emptied but asked if the one halfway down Clay Lake could be included in the schedule as it appeared to be very often full. Lengthsman to be consulted. DB  
Mr Smith asked about the proposed safety measures at the top of Clay Lake and the agreed proposals were explained.  
A resident commented on water "bubbling" up through the road at Clay Cross. DB to check Overgrown Hedge on Brook lane had been addressed. DB  
The new format of the Endon Events Sheet was raised as it was being incorporated into the Newsletter. J Sil said there would be more information later in the meeting.
- 353 Chairman's remarks.**  
The Chairman and VH would attend the Endon High School Awards evening. SS had organised a display about Litter and single use plastic. SS  
There would a photograph session for councillors prior to the December meeting at 18.30.
- 354 Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
The minutes were agreed.
- 355 Planning.**  
SMD/2019/0580 - 27, High View Road, Endon  
Parish Council recommend refusal as the extension contravenes the 45-degree rule by approximately 2.0 metres drawn from the centre of the adjoining principle lounge window of 25

Houston Avenue and would have an adverse effect on the quality of daylight and spatial awareness to the adjoining occupants.

SMD/2019/0576 - 19, Greenfield Road, Endon

Parish Council recommend refusal as the extension contravenes the 45-degree rule by approximately 1.8 metres drawn from the centre of the adjoining principle Dining Room window of 21 Greenfield Road and would have an adverse effect on the quality of daylight to the adjoining occupants.

SMD/2019/ 0473. - Water Meadow, Station Road, Endon

Parish Council recommend refusal as the site is in the Green Belt and the proposal for a large steel shed is completely inappropriate for the site and far larger than the stable it is intended to replace. It cannot be argued that it is an agricultural building as the site is not an agricultural holding and therefore has no agricultural certificate.

SMD/2019/0570.- The Farm House, Breach Road, Brown Edge

Parish Council are uneasy about this proposal as it consider the proposed two storey extension dominates the listed building and is not subservient to it. As the application is in the Green Belt to ask Planning Department, whether or not the proposed volume complies with that permitted under the NPPF.

SMD/2019/0594.- Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook

Parish Council recommend refusal on the grounds that the drawing gives no indication of the materials to be used, but more importantly the design is extremely poor and totally inappropriate for a new dwelling in a rural setting.

SMD/2019/0619 - Brookfield, Post Lane, Endon

The Parish Council is uneasy with the proposal. Whilst the bungalow is on a site where it can be reasonably be extended, we consider the size and design of the proposals to be unacceptable.

All above planning comments agreed unanimously.

### 356 **Flood Action Group**

JS confirmed that through Cllr Funder a meeting had been arranged at Stafford on Thursday with Jamie Cooper. Alan Williamson had been asked to attend.

JS

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### **Brown Edge/Endon – Road Safety**

Standing Orders were suspended.

Cllr Flunder explained that the Brown Edge Road Safety project is going ahead and will be completed before the end of March next year.

He also told the meeting that DHP funding could be made available to help with School Safety Education and would talk to the Head Teacher from the High School.

Community funding was available for projects to help the community. Details were “online” and applications need to be in before December.

He confirmed that Highways would carry out some work on Florence Terrace and the footpath at Stockton Brook.

Cllr FI

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### **Recent Accidents on the A53, Leek Road.**

SS read out the content of some emails received showing concern about two accidents that had occurred on the A53 involving High School pupils. CJ explained the recent history of changes applied for and put in place to improve road safety on this stretch of road. Dr. Keith Tattum (local GP) had initiated this discourse.

Standing Orders were suspended. Cllr Flunder reiterated that funding was available to help with training in this area. Endon High School Head Teacher told the meeting that the school held training sessions for pupils on a regular basis concerning road safety and would talk to Cllr Flunder over extra help to expand this.

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### **Matters arising from the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 not on the agenda.**

Youth Bus – So far, no further information on this. JP reported that he would try and update

JP

the next meeting.

### 360 Grounds and Amenities

1. Station Road Playing Field  
The order for the new fencing has been placed There was a productive meeting with the fund raisers. The total raised was approximately £8500 with a planned Halloween Party and Christmas Disco. The possibility of Grants was being explored and the committee were happy with the alternative quote from Wicksteeds. *SS/JS*
2. Damaged bus shelter  
There had been more damage to a bus shelter, and it was prop ED Sec JS that for this particular shelter(opposite the High School) the bottom panels to be replace by steele ones. *DB*
3. Footpath 73  
The work on this will start in the next two weeks.
4. Art in the Landscape  
SS said that there had been a good response from emails sent out and there would be a meeting of interested parties on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. *SS*
5. Hillswood Playing Field  
JS explained that the cost of a "Goal Wall" was expensive and it was prop. JS Sec ED that new goal posts should be purchased, fitted and a pitch marked out. Total cost of £1170. *DB/JS*
6. Dog waste bins near canal  
JP reported that the Canal Trust had agreed to fix new waste bins and empty them on a regular basis.
7. Seat at The Fountain  
Seat designs were shown to the councillors. Prop ED Sec. J Sil that we purchase the "Blackburn" bench for £600. *DB*
8. Tree by the "Well"  
Mr. Brock had agreed to purchase a Weeping Elm. JS had asked the landowner who had agreed that it could be planted. *JS*
9. Lectern at Stockton Brook  
This had shown signs of deterioration. Leek Signs had been informed and SS was waiting for their report. *SS*
10. Street Lighting – The Close  
The light in the close had been rendered unsafe by Eon. A quote had been received to replace this at a cost of £453. Prop JS Sec ED and agreed to replace . *DB*

### 361 Finance.

1. Report – Agreed unanimously
2. Review Financial Controls – agreed to look at this at the next meeting. *DB*
3. Annual Parish Council Grants.  
It was Prop ED Sec J Sil to keep the Grant figure at £2000 this year and review for next year at the time of preparing the next budget. Agreed *Cheque No*

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#### Accounts and Expenses.

<u>Payments</u>			
D. Boulton - Sal & Exps	£	753.30	103740
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£	217.15	41
J. Gibson – General Duties	£	969.49	

Lawn Cemetery	£	141.52	42
SMDC Lengthsmans Sch.	£	28.00	
BT – Telephone etc	£	32.28	DD
Water Plus – Drainage charge	£	48.46	43
Leek Signs	£	21.60	44
Mazars - Audit	£	240.00	45

These were agreed.

### 363 Climate Change Emergency

It was Prop CJ Sec JSil and agreed that the following statement be adopted by the Parish Council in support of District.

*“ That this Council declare a Climate Emergency as many councils have already done all over the UK. We will work with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Staffordshire County Council, local businesses, schools, community groups and the wider community to address Climate Change and protect our natural environment for the sake of future generations”.*

### 364 Henridding Farm.

The Clerk reported that he was aware of some action but neither District nor County would Specify in case it jeopardised further action.

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### 365 Newsletter and Social Media

J. Sil. Reported that the “Endon Events” had been taken on to be incorporated with the Parish Newsletter. JS will talk to John Walker over his sponsorship of the former. J Sil said that total costs will be reduced.

J.Sil

### 366 Lengthsman and Maintenance.

CJ asked about the Potholes in Church Lane. Cllr Flunder would investigate.

Cll FI

### 367 Reports

VH – reported on the Parish Assembly where there was an interesting session on Climate Change and the workings of Biddulph Parish Council.

JP - Reported that Endon St. Luke’s Church was developing a Wildflower Meadow. He Asked about the annual auction and was informed that it would be re-instated next year. He also reported an incident on the Canal path of a dog being attacked by another dog. The Police have been informed.

### 368 Correspondence.

1. The Noah Baddeley Cup Award

SS asked that nominations should be passed to the Clerk

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2. Rt Hon Karen Bradley – Visit to Westminster – this would be posted on the Website

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3. Endon High School -thank you letter.- an email from the Head Teacher thanking the Parish Council for its kind remarks regarding “World Challenge”

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

*Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2019*

Signed by the Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

