

**PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church  
on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm**

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Present:

Cllrs. S.Sillitoe (Chairman) J.Sambrook,(Vice Chairman), V.Harris, J.Porter, S.Carey  
M. Copeland. L. Adams J. Sillitoe, C. Jebb, D. Spooner

5 members of the public were in attendance.

**Action**

**Detail**

**385 Apologies for absence** , E. Durose, H.Clulow

**386 Declarations of Interest** -None

**387 Public Forum**

Standing Orders were suspended.

The issue of shrubs planted on the grass verge near to Hallwater was raised. SS said that after some complaints she had raised the issue with D Rushton from Highways and the land did belong to the property owner and therefore the planting was legal.

The issue of blocked grids raised by Mrs Wilton and the Clerk said that he had written to D Greatbatch (Highways) who said that they should be reported online but there was a regular schedule and Highways would only respond if there was a serious flooding issue. The Clerk had again reported those at the bottom of Platts Avenue and others nearby.

*DB*

**388 Chairman's remarks.**

The Chairman reported that the Christmas tree had been erected at The Fountain and there were some lights, but more would be added. The Community Choir Christmas Carol concert was very enjoyable and she, on behalf of the Parish Council, had sent a message of congratulations on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

She had attended the last Parish Assembly and taken the opportunity to talk to Mr Greatbatch about potholes etc and he had promised to investigate. "Art in the Landscape" was ongoing and hopefully see new interest in the new year.

**389 Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The minutes were agreed.

**390 Matters arising from the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 not on the agenda**

1. Youth Bus

JP reported that he had secured funding. SS explained that she and the Clerk had received letters of objection. The Clerk had supplied JP with a copy if his and SS would clarify if the one she had received immediately before the meeting could be passed on. JP agreed to meet with all the residents affected in Station Road before proceeding. .

*JP*

2. Blocked grids – this had been covered earlier.

3. Breasting adjacent to The Well

Cllr Flunder agreed to carry this forward.

*KF*

**391 Grounds and Amenities**

1. Station Road Playing Field  
SS reported that the "group" had raised over £10K and other funding was being explored. There would be a 90's night Disco on January 18<sup>th</sup>. They had a target for £45K and there had been quotations to do the work below this figure. She asked, and it was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of congratulations on the fund raising so far. DB
2. Damaged bus shelter – this had been repaired.
3. Art in the Landscape – was gaining in pace and there would be a further meeting in the new year.
4. Hillswood Playing Field – SS explained that it was too wet to install the goal posts and draw out pitch at the moment, but it would be done as soon as possible. JS
4. Clay Lake bench – this had been received as was being held by the Lengthsman. He would install it ASAP.
6. Lectern at Stockton Brook – this will be replaced after Christmas.
7. Street light The Close – this had been replaced

**392 Flood Action Group**

Cllr Flunder explained that there had been little progress since the October meeting with Endon representatives and Jamie Cooper. He will arrange another meeting in January. JS read out a letter from Alan Williamson where he explained his disappointment at the lack of action and his belief that there could, in the future, be a major flood problem in Endon. Cllr KF

**393 Finance.**

1. Report – Agreed unanimously
2. Finance subgroup meeting.
  - a) Grant applications. The following applications were recommended by the Finance sub group :
 

Endon Scout Group	£750
Endon Methodist Church First Aid Training.	£250
Endon Cricket Club	£500
Endon Community Choir	£500
Well Dressing Trustees - Repairs	£500

It was pro J. Sil Sec JP and agreed unanimously that these should be given.

- b) Budget. (attached). It was agreed that within the budget some donation(to be decided during the next year) to be given to support the Station Road Playground project group. It was proposed J.Sil Sec CJ that this budget should be agreed. JS proposed an amendment that the annual grant figure of £2500 be included. This was sec. by VH.  
The vote on the amendment was 2 for, 8 against.  
The original proposal vote was 8 for, 2 against. This was carried.

**394 Accounts and Expenses.**

<u>Payments</u>		<i>Cheque No</i>
D. Boulton - Sal & Exps	£ 836.50	103759
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 208.00	60
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 479.34	61
Lawn Cemetery	£ 86.06	
SMDC Lengthsmans Sch.	£ 28.00	DD
BT – Telephone etc	£ 32.28	

Eon – Street lighting	£	543.65	64
North Staffs Fire – Extinguisher Maint	£	90.60	62
Endon Methodist Church-Room Hire	£	69.00	63
Proctors Nursery – Tree	£	60.00	65

These were agreed.

It was also agreed that the Clerk's appraisal should happen in the new year and Jan 8<sup>th</sup> was proposed if possible

SS

### 395 **Henridding Farm.**

This had been no further developments.

### 396 **Clay lake Safety project**

Cllr Flunder reported that Amey had reported that there would be another cost of £15K which would mean an overspend and asked if, at the next meeting, the Parish Council could supply some funding (say £2500) and maybe Brown Edge could match this. CJ asked that as a result of this maybe, at the next meeting the council could look at supplying its own contractors to do some of the work.

KF was looking at the 44 bus service where fares had increased considerably and gritting in Stanley. JS asked about work promised in Florence Terrace and KF said that the work was scheduled.

KF

### 397 **Newsletter and Social Media**

J. Sil. Reported that the latest Newsletter incorporating "Endon Events" had been printed. CJ asked if a piece could be put in the next Newsletter advising groups how to get help in funding projects. It was agreed that the draft Agenda could be put on Facebook

J.Sil

### 398 **Lengthsman and Maintenance.**

### 399 **Planning.**

Ref SMC/2019/0702. Treetops, Stanley Bank, Stanley

Proposed side and rear extensions

The Parish Council objected in principle to the Change of use for the Paddock to amenity space and as this is a very large extension Clerk to ask Planning Department to ensure it is not in the conservation area.

Ref SMC/2019/0732. 1, Fernlea Crescent, Endon

Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor lounge – No objections

Ref SMC/2019/0726. 1, Hillside Avenue, Endon.

Proposed two story dwelling.

We consider the proposal as drawn is too large for the site and does not leave sufficient amenity space for a dwelling of this type.

### 400 **Reports**

CJ – reported that a red box situated at Stockton Brook was "buzzing", but this has been dealt with by Highways. She asked if we could arrange a future council meeting at Stanley Head. This was agreed.

DB

### 401 **Correspondence.**

1. SMDC – Climate Change Lecture. There were two and Parish Councillors were asked to register if they wished to attend. JP said that another session had been arranged. SS pointed out that this gave very short notice and called for SMDC invitations to allow more time

3. Stockton Brook Army Cadet Force. Information to raise their profile.

The Chairman wished everyone the compliments of the season and invited councillors and members of the public to join her in festive refreshments.

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.