

## PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm

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Present:

Cllrs. S.Sillitoe (Chairman) J.Sambrook,(Vice Chairman), J.Porter, S.Carey, L. Adams J. Sillitoe, C. Jebb, E. Durose, H.Clulow County Cllr K Flunder from the floor.

5 members of the public were in attendance.

#### Action

#### Detail

**402 Apologies for absence** D. Spooner, V.Harris,

**403 Declarations of Interest** -C. Jebb re payment to photographer.

**404 Public Forum**

Standing Orders were suspended.

Pauline Marson thanked the Parish Council for its comments on the planning application for 1, Hillswood Drive. She and others had objected believing that it was inappropriate for several reasons and should not be allowed. JS said that all objections should be made to SMDC as soon as possible. Mr Higgins asked about the procedures re publicising the Agenda and complaints. SS replied that the agenda would be put on the Parish Councils Facebook page, but it was always on the notice boards one week before the meeting. There was no official complaints procedure as the open forum was available to anyone. Angela Berrisford from Brown Edge asked about Mr Higgins objection to the road safety scheme at Brown Edge and Cllr. Flunder said that it was hoped to resolve this soon and further consultation would happen in two weeks. The work could go ahead into the next financial year as it had been agreed and budgeted for. Mr Higgins thanked KF for his involvement and help.

Mr Alan Williams raised the meeting of members from the Flood Action group and others (Jamie Cooper) on the 10<sup>th</sup> October as there had been no apparent action from this meeting and local land owners were waiting for a better plan as the original was not adequate to get agreements and make decisions. . He asked if the Parish Council could form a Flood Action sub-committee with power to co-opt as this would be more effective. KF would try and arrange another meeting soon so that flood protection proposals and similar schemes could be inspected and appraised.

KF

Mrs Wilton raised the issue of "bin collection" over Christmas and the new year which proved unreliable and not as per the published schedule. Clerk to complain.

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Cllr Flunder mentioned that he would run a surgery at Endon on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. It was requested and agreed that future surgeries could be published in the Newsletter if the information was forwarded to J Sil.. KF said that the DHP process would be completed by the end of March and he hoped to sort out the Breasting adjacent to The Well and Florence Terrace before May.

KF

**405 Chairman's remarks.**

The Chairman reported that Photos from the session in December should be downloaded before the 16<sup>th</sup> January. ED would be included. She had received phone calls about trees overhanging Clay Lake, but Highways had inspected but would not intervene at this stage. Clerk to write to landowners. The Lengthsman had cleaned some of the equipment in the Station Road Playing Field and would keep it under review so that it does not become dangerous. SS reported on the Governance subgroup meeting to address the Clerks appraisal and their recommendations were:

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1. Clerk to look at new software Cemetery control DB
2. Affiliation to the Staffordshire branch of Society of Local Parish Councils
3. Clerks salary should be increased to £14.50 per hour (16 hour week) and where necessary overtime should be paid.

The above were all agreed but CJ asked that item 3 be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 406 Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The minutes were agreed.

#### 407 Matters arising from the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 not on the agenda

1. Breasting adjacent to The Well – this had been discussed earlier.

#### 408 Grounds and Amenities

1. Station Road Playing Field – SS reported that two schemes were being looked at and several funding applications had been made.

2. Damaged bus shelter-there had been some more damage since the last meeting and repairs made. The High School had been made aware of the situation and the Head Teacher would inform all pupils of the seriousness of the situation. DB

3. Art in the Landscape-the Boat Club had joined the scheme and it would be developed in the coming months. SS

4. Clay Lake bench-this had been installed and a plaque would be put on the bench for all “Stalwarts” without mentioning names.

5. Street lights- Orford Road – a resident had contacted Eon about the lack of street lights and the latter had contacted the Parish Council. The Clerk had asked for costs to replace these and it was agreed to put this as an agenda item for the next meeting. DB

6. A53 Verge management – LA and SS were hoping to get this scheme moving and JP asked to be involved. SS/LA

7. FP 29 – this had been reported by Mr Barlow and SS had inspected and believed that it was dangerous. The Clerk had tried to report this on the system, but it appeared to be faulty. He had reported this system fault to the “Footpaths” department and hoped to do a full report on the state of this footpath in the next week. DB

#### 409 Flood Action Group

JS proposed that the Parish Council should form a Flood Prevention sub Committee: this was Sec ED and agreed with JS as Chair. Other members would include SS, HC, JP and co-opted members from the Flood Action Group. JS

#### 410 Finance.

1. Report – this was agreed unanimously.
2. Rents receivable

The Clerk informed the meeting of:

a) The Police use of the Parish Council Offices had been cancelled as from the end of January. This would mean a loss of £2k per annum but we, as a Parish Council, will lose contact with the Police and the office is a conduit for the public to contact them. There was general concern about this expressed by councillors and KF said he would raise this issue as would JP. KF/JP

b) The tenants of unit 2 had also given notice as from the end of January. This rent is £3500 pa. Interest has been shown by a local person, but to buy. It was prop JS sec. SS that we should only rent this property and this information should be taken back to the interested party. Clerk to ask Mark Simcock if he could give a current rental valuation. DB

**411 Accounts and Expenses.**

		<i>Cheque No</i>
<u>Payments</u>		103767
D. Boulton - Sal & Exps	£ 670.10	68
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 199.99	
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 1126.84	69
Lawn Cemetery	£ 18.78	
SMDC Lengthsmans Sch.	£ 28.00	
BT – Telephone etc	£ 32.28	DD
Central Glass – Bus Shelter Repairs	£ 252.00	70
Wes Webster – Photographs	£ 85.00	66
Ebm Printers – Newsletter	£ 135.00	71
Water Plus – Drainage charge	£ 48.46	72
Limelight – Webpage support	£ 96.00	73
Grants:		
Endon Scout Group	£ 750.00	74
Endon Methodist Church First Aid Training.	£ 250.00	75
Endon Cricket Club	£ 500.00	76
Endon Community Choir	£ 500.00	77
Well Dressing Trustees - Repairs	£ 500.00	78

These were agreed.

**412 Newsletter and Social Media**

J. Sil. Reported that he had received good feedback on the new format

**413 Lengthsman and Maintenance.****414 Planning.**

Ref SMC/2019/0773. 4, Lincoln Villa, Orford Road, Endon

Proposed demolition & erection of Kitchen etc -no objections

Ref SMC/2019/0777 Edgefields Farm, Edgefield Lane, Brown Edge.

Proposed conversion of farm building into residential dwelling. -no objections

**415 Reports**

LA asked that "Climate Emergency" be put on the next agenda - agreed

JP – reported that there will be more information on climate issues available soon and extra training sessions. Clerk will circulate this information.

SC – asked if the Clerk could report a very noisy grid in the road near to the Plough.

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**416 Correspondence.**

Meeting ended at 9.15 pm.

*Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th February 2020*

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

