

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church
on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Present:

Cllrs. S.Sillitoe (Chairman) J.Sambrook,(Vice Chairman), V.Harris, S.Carey, L. Adams J. Sillitoe, C. Jebb, , H.Clulow , D. Spooner. County Cllr K Flunder from the floor.

3 members of the public were in attendance.

Action

Detail

417 Apologies for absence E. Durose, J.Porter (arrived 19.25) D. Boulton

418 Declarations of Interest -none.

419 Public Forum

Standing Orders were suspended.

There were two Police representatives, Sgt Alex Gould and PCSO Demi Clerk. Sgt Gould said that Endon Police post was not used but outlined the fact that there were two PCSO's dedicated to the area and contact could be made via Facebook, email and phone. He explained that incidents of anti-social behaviour were down 27% year to date (19 less incidents) Crime in the Moorlands was down by 14% and Endon 18%. A response car was available for the area. Contact numbers for PCSOs were as before and they would be put on Facebook. JS asked for the Police surgery dates so that they could be advertised.

Mrs Wilton raised an issue of Anti-social behaviour at 3.00am. Sgt Gould emphasised that police are about and urged the public to keep in touch and tell them about all concerns.

Mrs Wilton said that one pothole had been repaired but three others not touched in the same area. One grid has been cleared.

420 Chairman's remarks.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Copeland had resigned. She gave the Council's condolences to DS on the death of her mother and informed the councils of the death of Sam Latham who regularly attended PC meetings. Endon Hall has been open for fifty years this year.

DB

421 Minutes of meeting held on 14thJanuary 2020

The minutes were agreed.

422 Matters arising from the 14thJanuary 2020 not on the agenda

1. Breasting adjacent to The Well – KF had met with Dave Rushton and agreed on action. Standing Orders were suspended while KF explained that he had met with administrators to plan work prior to the Well Dressing – KF will push for dates and if this is a problem he is working on emergency numbers. A full County Council meeting on Thursday will look at a strategy but it will be sometime before funding is sorted. He hoped that the Stanley Bus service will be saved, and the gritting situation is in hand.

KF

2. Bin collections Christmas period

A response had been received by the Clerk explaining that there had been some misunderstanding with the schedule. Councils website had the information.

DB

3. Henridding Farm

Information received from SMDC was that Mr Hibbert had pleaded guilty and had been fined (with costs) £810. It is believed that he no longer resides at Henridding Farm and the footpath in the area have been cleared.

423 Grounds and Amenities

1. Station Road Playing Field – SS reported that the committee had gained a grant of £10K and had received a gift from the action group of £500 resulting in total fund balance of £22K. The target date for the new play area was spring 202. It was hoped that to raise £45 to complete the work. SS
2. Art in the Landscape-There had been a “drop in” on Monday 10th where there had been a good turn out and exchange of ideas. Twelve groups have signed up to the scheme. SS
3. Street lights- Orford Road – No quote for the work had been received. This would be on the March agenda.
4. A53 Verge management – Mr Greatbatch is on leave at the moment so this will be addressed when he returns.
5. FP 29 – This has been reported to Paul Rochford’s department. Awaiting response. DB
6. Clay Lake traffic update. Standing Orders were suspended KF said that the work had been approved and would start next month. The 30mph speed limit was still under consultation. KF
7. Police base in Parish Office – It had been confirmed that the police were no longer using the Parish Office as a base. Date to be arranged to remove equipment etc. DB

424 Flood Action Group

The group met with Cllrs SS and HC included. Co-opted members were Paul Mcann, Alan Williamson and David Teasedale. Disappointment was expressed that a meeting with Jamie Cooper and the Environmental Agency had still not been arranged. Need to know how long the grant money would be available. Dales Bridge was now clogged up again: waiting to arrange regular maintenance. KF said he would apply what pressure he could to get the gully size increased and divert flow to Endon Brook. Dave Rushton was involved and new gullies required and cleaning an issue. Hedge cutting leads to blocked gullies. JS mentioned the re surfacing of Florence Terrace

425 Climate Emergency

Lectures at SMDC on Feb 25th at 12.30 and 3.00pm by Zoe Robinson. Councillors interested to contact SMDC.

LA asked that as a group we should be looking at various ways in which the council can help. The Verge issue was mentioned with no mowing scheduled to enable growth. JP mentioned that as from April SMDC has £10k to fund climate change initiatives through schools and community groups. Aim was to be Carbon Neutral by 2030. A pilot for a Wildflower meadow at St Luke’s cemetery to be run. Prof Zoe Robson is a consultant to SMDC and Keele students will be coming to SMDC to carry out research. In addition, SMDC is working with Staffordshire Wildlife to create wildlife corridors across the Moorlands

426 Finance.

1. Report – CJ asked about unpaid cheque of £1889, otherwise this was agreed unanimously. DB
2. Rents receivable
Unit 2 was now empty. Mark Simcock had agreed to value this and liaise with JS. Police have now left JS
3. Clerks new pay rate of .£14.50 p/h agreed

427 Accounts and Expenses.

		<i>Chequ</i>
		<i>No</i>
<u>Payments</u>		
D. Boulton - Sal & Exps	£ 746.90	10379
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 214.44	80
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 547.95	
Lawn Cemetery	£ 28.17	81
SMDC Lengthsmans Sch.	£ 35.00	
BT – Telephone etc	£ 32.28	DD
Andrew Stretch – Hillswood Playing Field	£ 420.00	82
Leek Signs - Plaque	£ 116.40	83
Barry Pollard – Gardening	£ 150.00	84

These were agreed.

428 Newsletter and Social Media

J. Sil. Reported that there would be a Newsletter meeting on the 25th Feb at 7.00pm. Please pass on dates of events for April, May and June and any articles to be included including Councillors Surgeries.

J.Sil

KF asked for support on his charity Quiz Night.

429 Lengthsman and Maintenance.**Planning.**

430 Ref SMC/2020/0026. 26, Greenmeadow Grove, Endon

Proposed extension to rear – No objections

Ref SMC/2020/0041 Edge Lane Farm, Edge Lane, Endon.

Proposed first floor extension. – No objections

Ref SMD/2020/0062. Marstow, Stoney Lane

The Parish Council was extremely concerned about the scale and size of the proposal and recommend refusal. What is basically a new six bedroomed house is a clear departure from what currently exists and the increase in scale must be carefully considered by the Local Planning Authority.

DB

431 Reports

JP – Dog fowling issues had been reported to him and he was working with Dave Smith (SMDC) to identify hotspots. SS said that parents from Endon Hall had noticed an increase.

Correspondence.

- 432**
1. Leek & District Show -to be discussed at March meeting
 2. Keeping Britain Tidy-information
 3. Dove Catchment Partnership-information
 4. Chairman's Charity – Quiz night
 5. Local Councillors Training Course-information
 6. Changes Commercial Waste Service-information
 7. Endon Community Choir-Thank you letter
 8. Resident wishes to plant a tree-.Clerk to reply explaining about licences etc
- Endon Hall will offer the council 50 trees – details awaited

Meeting ended at 8.57 pm.

Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th March 2020

Signed by the Chairman _____ Dated _____

