

**PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church  
on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm.**

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Present:

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

4 members of the public were in attendance.

**Action**

**Detail**

**433 Apologies for absence** C. Jebb, D. Spooner, S.Carey, PCSO Sara Staples

**434 Declarations of Interest** -none.

**435 Public Forum**

Standing Orders were suspended.

Cllr Linda Lee representing Brown Edge Parish Council explained that Brown Edge PC wished to create a Wildflower meadow at the top of Clay Lake on the boarder with Endon and asked if the Parish Council had any objections. It was agreed unanimously to support this project.

Mrs Wilton said that the flower bed at The Fountain looked rather untidy. SS assured her that the site was on the schedule and would be attended to in the next few weeks. SS also said that she would meet with Mrs Wilton to discuss

SS

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**Chairman's remarks.**

The Chairman reported that Endon Hall Primary was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and had received 150 trees from the Woodland Trust. Mr Alan Williamson was contacting local farmers to see if they would take some and 20 were going to Stanley Head. The Parish Council had been asked to take the rest of these and on the back of this SS had asked for the "licence to Plant" fee to be waived and permission to plant on the grass verge. She had been told that the fee could not be waived, and the Highways would not allow any more planting on the grass verge of the A53 because it would increase maintenance costs. Some of the current oak trees that had failed would be replaced.

SS

**437 Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>February 2020**

The minutes were agreed.

**438 Matters arising from the 11<sup>th</sup>February 2020 not on the agenda**

1. Leek & District Show

After some discussion it was Prop JP Sec J Sil that we would not donate this year, but it would be considered next year. Agreed

DB

2. Litter Pick

SS suggested 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am. Volunteers to meet at the office. Army Cadets to be contacted by the Clerk.

3. Police Surgeries

SS reported on a meeting between herself and the Clerk with the two PCSO's. They agreed that, for privacy etc, it would be ideal if they could operate these in the Parish Office.

DB

Although the Police Authority had withdrawn financial support from the Parish Council, in the

form of rent, it was agreed unanimously that they should be given access to the Parish Office for these Surgeries free of charge as a service to the residents. These meetings would be exclusively with Police Officers.

### 439 Grounds and Amenities

1. Station Road Playing Field  
The fundraising group had received another grant of £2500 making their total funds approximately £25k. SS  
Cllrs VH, SS and CJ were also applying for grants and there is hope that enough will be raised to complete the project in the next twelve months. SS
2. Art in the Landscape  
SS reported that twelve organisations were on board and another four were possible.
3. Streetlights- Orford Road  
The Clerk reported that although he had asked for quotes to re-introduce lighting into Orford Road he had not received anything, but he had received information that the lights had been replaced.
4. A53 Verge management-grass cutting  
Plant Life Regime suggest that Wildflower Meadows should opt for the “early cut” scheme which should be done now. Highways Department will only consider this in 30 mph zones. There had not been good feed back from SCC and it appeared that Staffordshire is behind many councils on this issue. KF  
Standing Orders were suspended while Cllr Flunder explained that the County was restricted by the budget. He will take it forward in an attempt to gain more support for such projects.
5. FP 29 DB  
The Clerk reported that the Footpaths website showed that the work had been done.
6. Clay Lake Traffic – update  
Standing Orders were suspended while Cllr Flunder explained the current situation. The new footpath and crossing points were now being used. The 30mpg will be done by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There will be a press release in two weeks. The gritting in Stanley is still under consideration and Florence Terrace had some work done on potholes with more to follow hopefully before the Well Dressing. Pedestrian signs on Moss Hill warning of dangerous inadequate footpaths. KF
7. Tree Planting request-Jean Gibson DB/SS  
Clerk reported that she was happy to pay a fee for a tree on Hillswood Playing Fields.

### 440 Flood Action Group

JS reported that there was still no more information on Flood Alleviation Schemes to be looked at as J Cooper not available. Clerk asked to regularly contact J Cooper for updates. At the sub committee meeting Alan Williamson had asked for the Parish Council to contact the Environmental Agency and the local MP over “Ring Fencing” £4 million re dredging. Dave Rushton has been informed of the blocked gullies. JP said that the local MP would meet representatives about flooding on 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Office (3.30pm) JS

### 441 Climate Emergency

SS reported that she and LA had attended an excellent lecture at SMDC and she had been in touch with the High School who had agreed to host this lecture after school for school staff/pupils and the general public in the near future SS  
JP reported that it was hoped to re naturalise the Church yard and run Bird Box initiatives as these JP  
could be given away to the public. District were also looking at sites for a solar or wind farm.

### Finance.

1. Report – Agreed.

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2. Rents receivable- Mark Simcock had reported back that his valuation for unit 2 would be £3875 pa – rental or Sales Value £40/50K. Clerk to inform interested parties.
  3. Unpaid Cheque – The Clerk explained that U/P checks on the financial statement was not unpaid but unrepresented and was there to balance the Bank Statement with the accounts
  4. Web site – The Clerk explained that more people were using the site and from all over the world. He asked for councillors to look at the site and make any suggestions which may be an improvement. DB

### Accounts and Expenses.

443	<u>Payments</u>			<i>Cheq No</i>
	D. Boulton - Sal & Exps	£	932.50	10385
	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£	292.86	86
	J. Gibson – General Duties	£	353.56	
	Lawn Cemetery	£	18.78	
	SMDC Lengthsmans Sch.	£	28.00	87
	BT – Telephone etc	£	31.17	DD
	D. Boulton – Software Lic.(Office)	£	59.99	88
	Eon – New Street Light – Cheque lost -Re issued	£	543.65	89
	SCC – Waste disposal	£	350.00	90
	BC Pollard	£	185.00	91

These were agreed.

### Newsletter and Social Media

- 444 J. Sil. Reported that the next Newsletter is ready for printing. J.Sil

### Lengthsman and Maintenance.

#### 445 Planning.

- 446 Ref SMD/2020/0093. Foxwood, 3, Post Lane, Endon  
Proposed replacement dwelling – No objections.
- Ref SMD/2020/0102 Brookbank, 24, Brookfield Ave, Endon.  
Proposed Demolition garage. Two story extension. – No objections as a loss of view does not constitute a planning objection, however on the grounds of privacy and being overlooked, could we request that the small bedroom window overlooking the neighbouring property is removed. DB
- Ref SMD?2020/0067. Westfield Cottage, Clay Lake, Endon.  
Proposed Demolition outbuilding replace with two storey side extension  
No objections

#### 447 Reports

- ED – asked about the resignation of Cllr Copeland and her involvement with several sub committees.  
SS said that this would be addressed
- VH – she had missed the last Parish assembly. SS would pass on the minutes. She mentioned the “Action Group” as it needed a treasurer and more members. SS said that the group was a very useful asset to the Parish.
- JP – Dog fouling issues had been addressed especially by the Canal Trust who were installing more bins and the emptying would be sorted. He mentioned that the Canal Trust were installing a new bridge at Densford. There was a dog fouling issue on Hillswood and he was trying to address this. JP

**Correspondence.**

1. DougieMac @ 50 – this will be put on the Web site *DB*
2. SCC – Permit Scheme Order 2020 – This was to control work on major roads in the County
3. SCC – Diversion of Vehicle Traffic – Park Lane, Endon - this will be put on the Web site *DB*

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