

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held by Zoom
on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Present:

Cllrs. S.Sillitoe (Chairman) J.Sambrook,(Vice Chairman), V.Harris, L. Adams, J.Sillitoe, C Jebb, S Carey, D Spooner, J.Porter , From the floor K. Flunder.

Detail

Action

525 Apologies for absence E. Durose, H. Clewlow

526 Declarations of Interest -none.

527 Public Forum – N/A

528 Chairman's remarks.

The Chairman reported that the hedge near the War Memorial had been cut. She had met with Rev. Barry Jackson who had agreed that the Remembrance Sunday event should be held at the Station Road playing field. This would give more space for social distancing and hopefully would be attended by the normal groups (Scouts etc). There would be a bugler etc in attendance, a PA available and Mr Goldstraw would decorate the area with poppies. It was proposed by SS that this should go ahead, and it was agreed unanimously.

SS

529 Minutes of meeting held on 11th August 2020

The minutes were agreed unanimously.

530 Matters arising from the 11th August 2020 not on the agenda:

1. Electricity Unit 2 – this had been arranged for installation on the 17th/18th September. The new tenant and the Scouts had been informed.

DB

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Grounds and Amenities

1. ED had asked the chairman to raise the issue of using the play area for events that had not been notified and/or agreed by the Parish Council on Station Road Playing Field. JP believed that permission to use the area for the "Space" project had been sort and would check out the situation. SS reminded the meeting that the Parish Council supported the "Space" project but the Parish Council needed to be asked before the event took place so that there was no conflict with other events. Agreed that the Clerk should write to Sports Staffordshire to clarify the situation.
2. Station Road Playing Field
SS informed the meeting that the modification to the project would increase the cost to £42,918. It was discussed and suggested that the total project should go ahead with the Parish Council funding the difference, but the fund-raising group be asked to continue to raise money for the immediate future .This was prop. VH, Sec. J.Sil and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that the group should be asked to transfer the current balance of their funds to the Parish

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SS/DB

Council. KF would contact the Clerk with possible loan facilities. JP would ask Mark Forrester about a donation, possibly of £2500. *JP*

3. Art in the Landscape – this is on hold for the foreseeable future as groups are still not meeting.

4. Footpath Stanley Pool.

Ongoing. SS waiting for the Chairman of Bagnall Parish Council had contacted her.

5. John Emery Land. Repairs sleepers etc.

Work had been done by the Canal and River authority and the steps replaced. SS to investigate further enhancements, especially a hand rail. . *SS*

6. Repairs bench at The Fountain.

Clerk reported parts had been delayed but should be available next week. *DB*

7. Damaged bollard at Stockton Brook.

The cost of a replacement would be £114 plus fitting. SS to ask D. Rushton if highways would fit. *SS*

8. Plant a tree. It was agreed that the request to buy and plant a tree from Jean Gibson be granted. Hillswood Playing Fields was suggested as the site. Clerk to contact. *DB*

532 Standing Orders were suspended as Cllr Flunder updated the meeting.

There was a new web site for sporting activities in Staffordshire. He reported that Amey had still to complete the signage on Clay Lake. Blue Badge renewal had changed. NHS – 12 weeks free vouchers available in the “Better Health” campaign.

SS reported that the money received from the Pandemic fund was helping to pay for “Deep Cleaning” in the village.

533 Flood Action Group

JS reported that he had received no response from Mr Cooper from 13th July. Cllr Flunder had a similar problem but would chase. JS said that he would email Mr Cooper with copies to John Henderson (Staffs CC) and the local MP. to try and obtain some response. *KF*
JS

534 Pandemic Emergency

SS had made several applications for funding and was awaiting response. *SS*

535 Finance.

1. Report

This was agreed

2. Lawn Cemetery Refurbishment.

JS had received a quotation of £210 to renovate three benches which was agreed, but to be done next spring. *DB*

536 Accounts and Expenses.

				<i>Cheq</i>
				<i>No</i>
<u>Payments</u>				
D. Boulton - Sal	£ 806.40			
Exps	£ 4.50			10826
		£ 810.90		29
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£ 208.00		
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 598.99			27
Lawn Cemetery	£ 471.82	£ 1070.51		DD
BT – Telephone etc (DD)		£ 22.88		41
Western Power – Electricity supply to Unit 2		£ 1676.28		28
BC Pollard – Gardening		£ 300.00		

These were agreed.

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Newsletter and Social Media

J. Sil. Said that he believed that there was enough information for the next newsletter. He will email all organisations for printable information. *J.Sil*

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Lengthsman and Maintenance.

SS had asked the Lengthsman to look at the fence at Hillswood, benches opposite the High School and Queens Cross plus Memorial stone cleaning. *SS*

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Planning.

Ref SMD/2020/0431. 10, Heather Hills, Stockton Brook

Proposed attached garage – no objections

Ref SMD/2020/0459. 10, Kent Drive, Endon.

Proposed two story side extension – JS will send a note to the Clerk just expressing our concern over the Roof design. Otherwise, no objections. *DB*

540 Reports

CJ – she had received a few complaints over the rubbish accumulating at the Methodist Church from “Litter Picking”. I was creating a health hazard and was not being cleared regularly. VH agreed and said that rats had been seen at the Church. Agreed that it should be removed ASAP and not used a storage area. *JP*

LA. – asked what the Parish Council could do regarding Climate Change. SS would arrange a meeting of the Amenities Group to discuss. *SS*

JS. Asked if it would be possible to use the Methodist Church for the next Parish Council meeting. VH said she believed it would be possible. LA volunteered to clean before and help after the meeting. SS said we could all help. Agreed to ask for the requirements from the Church and plan to go ahead unless there are insurmountable issues. *DB*

JP – Reported that the Church hedge had been cut . There were problems with Himalayan Balsam at Stockton Broom, this was known about. SS asked if he could ensure that PCSO,s doing litter picks would do it off duty as comments had been made about mis use of their time.

JP was asked to sort out the problem mentioned previously with bags of litter stored at the Methodist Church that were creating a health hazard. *JP*

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Correspondence –

1 Short story competition-SS will forward this to the High School. *SS*

Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2020

Signed by the Chairman _____ Dated _____

