

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held by Zoom. on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present:

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

Tribute HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

A minutes silence was observed in his memory

Action

646 Apologies for absence E. Durose.. L. Adams

647 Declarations of Interest -None

648 Public Forum – N/A

649 Chairman's remarks.

The Chair stated that, as a memorial to the Duke of Edinburgh, 100 trees would be planted in autumn alongside Hillswood Playing Field boundary with the dog walk. There would be extensive tree planting in November and it was hoped that bird boxes would be obtained and used where requested. Cllr Flunder had made a grant that would enable peatfree products to be used and peatfree compost introduced to schools with a practical challenge. Several footpath numbers have disappeared over time and it was hoped, during the summer to replace these.

SS

The mowing teams have been asked to respect the Parish's Wildflower meadow areas, notices have been placed to this effect. Work on the Well is finished but will be enhanced.

The Lengthsman has requested that graves be dug deeper as there was an increase slippage making it more difficult to keep the Lawn Cemetery tidy and uniform.

DB

There has been an increase in litter on Hillswood and it was agreed that some action was required including extra bins. The Lengthsman was recycling approximately 70% of litter he collects but the loss of the bin at The Fountain has had a significant impact as the remaining bin is overloaded.

Stella Marsden was given flowers etc on her 90th and she sent thanks to the PC.

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Minutes of meeting held on 9th March 2021.

The minutes were agreed unanimously with the amendment that Cllr H. Clulow did attend.

651 Matters arising from the 9th March 2021 not on the agenda:

1. All items would be covered.

652 Grounds and Amenities

A virtual meeting of the Sub group was arranged for next Tuesday at 7.00pm to address litter issues and formulate a plan.

SS

1. Playing Fields

Still waiting for some furniture (picnic table etc) but the planter, subsidised by Sustainability Fund, should be in place. The opening had been delayed because of the above and some essential repainting plus grass areas needed reseeding. The family and friends of the late Mr. Dennis Vincent had continued to donate money to enhance the project and the Parish Council were extremely grateful for these donations. The new sign had been agreed and would cost approximately £500 (this was agreed). There was a new

style Best Kept Village competition and the volunteer fund raisers agreed we should enter the Station Road playground project.

SS

Hillswood Playing Field has been inspected by councillors and it was recognised that work was required and this would be assessed as soon as possible and discussions would begin on a new plan for the playground

2. Unit 2 – The Clerk had received agreement from the surgery and it was agreed to install a lock on the gate.
3. Bus Shelter by The Plough.

DB

This had been painted by Andrew Stretch with excellent results.

653 Parish Assembly

VH reported on the Parish Assembly. There had been an excellent presentation from Moorlands Climate Action(copy available). There were some complaints about Highways work. Code of Conduct was also covered and handling of Complaints. It was reported that Leek Hospital would reopen for minor injuries the end of June and Cheadle Hospital opening for minor services. Elections 6th May. Free parking in Leek was requested. SS thought that Parish Councils were under represented at these meetings and had discussed it with officers who agreed networking should be addressed.

654 Flood Action Group

JS reported that the consultation had been a success and Severn Trent will contact the landowners individually. It was hoped that the scheme will be produced before the end of May. KF thanked all who helped but there will probably be another public consultation with the final plan.

JS

655 **Standing Orders were suspended** J Sil raised an issue from Mr Barlow regarding the work done by Highways on Hillswood Drive and the fact that the original work was not good even though Highways had been congratulated on the work. It has since been revisited and is better, J.Sil mentioned how difficult(impossible) it was to contact Highways over work done, except by email, and expressed his concern, which was confirmed by others in the meeting, that departments doing work for the public and paid for by the public could not be contacted or held accountable easily. He suggested that a hotline should be made available to Parish Clerks.

KF mentioned work that had been done (Station Road pavement etc) but asked J Sil to write to him with his comments. The Clay Lake signs had been completed but some volunteer help would be required to change batteries etc. More information would be supplied.

J.Sil

KF reported on the latest Covid situation regarding Tests etc. He thanked the Parish Council for their help etc as he had generally enjoyed working with them.

656 Finance.

1, Report

This was accepted.

2. Rents receivable – JS reported that some work was required on the floor in the Station Kitchen. He would chase.

JS

657 Accounts and Expenses.

Cheq No

Payments

D. Boulton - Sal	£ 742.40		
Exps	£ 4.50	£ 746.90	10886
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£ 214.44	87
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 751.08		
Lawn Cemetery	£. 80.16	£ 832.23	88
BT – Telephone etc (DD)		£ 22.88	DD
Staffs Moorlands-Waste container		£ 488.22	89
Viking – Postage stamps		£ 42.74	90

Mini Soccer – Goals	£ 571.95	85
Playdale – Play area extras	£ 540.00	84
Wicksteed – Metal Seat	£ 628.00	91
Wicksteed – Final Payment Playground	£ 51,454.67	92
Andrew Stretch	£ 270.00	93

All payments were agreed.

658 Newsletter and Social Media

J.Sil. said that the Facebook page would reflect the occasion of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh appropriately. The Newsletter has been delayed.

J. Sil

659 Lengthsman and Maintenance.

VH said that some of the fencing at Hillswood needed repair. A stile near Henridding Farm required attention.

DB

660 Planning.

Ref DET /2021/0111. Elroy, Station Road, Endon

Demolition Conservatory, Erection single story extension

Recommend refusal as based on the 45 degree rule, the length of the proposed extension, 3.3 metres, obstructs the daylight to principal windows of habitable rooms in the rear of the adjoining property. Agreed

Ref SMD/2021/0010. Dogcroft Farm, Tompkin Rd, Stanley

Implement Store No objections

Ref SMD/2021/0224. 76, Leek Road, Stockton Brook.

Outline application for detached dwelling

Recommend refusal as the site is in the Green Belt

Correspondence –

- 661** .
1. Residents complaint re Park Lane
 2. Churnet Sound Radio
 3. Purdah
 4. Remote meetings – agreed that the May meeting should be online
 5. Fly tipping Broad Lane
 6. Letter Mr Bancroft

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th May 2021

Signed

by the Chairman _____ Dated _____

