

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held by Zoom. on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present:

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

Action

610 **Apologies for absence** E. Durose. J Porter

611 **Declarations of Interest** -none.

612 **Public Forum – N/A**

613 **Chairman's remarks.**

Chair said that she had been in communication with the Head Teacher at the High School and he asked her, through the Parish Council in any way possible, to encourage all pupils to get involved in online teaching, She mentioned a young man who regularly grits her local Avenue when there is snow or ice,

614 **Minutes of meeting held on 12th January 2021.**

The minutes were agreed unanimously.

615 **Matters arising from the 12th January 2021 not on the agenda:**

1. All items would be covered.

616 **Grounds and Amenities**

1. Playing Fields

Cllr Bond had donated £200 (£350 in total) from his councillor fund for Hillswood Playing Field.

The new Play Ground work should start on the 22nd February and take approximately three weeks to complete. The area will be closed from the 20th February and it is hoped to rescue some pieces of equipment that could be used in the future. The Village Hall has offered their car park for the contractor's equipment etc. The children of the fund-raising committee members should be the first to use the new equipment. SS will call a meeting to discuss requirements for Hillswood in the early spring.

JS

2. Art in the Landscape

It may be possible to start organizing something soon.

SS

3. Unit 2 – There are increasing problems near this building which also effects the Scouts. Andy Frost (tenant of Unit 2) has suggested locking the gate (near to the Parish Office) to stop unauthorised cars and vans entering the area at night. All organisations effected would be given the pass code. Agreed and Clerk to check out all organisations concerned. The Police have been informed as there was a concern that drugs could be involved.

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4. Street Lighting.

The Clerk brought to the meeting a quotation from Eon electricity for the replacement of a streetlight in Bassnetts Wood which has traditionally been funded (maintenance and electricity costs) by the Parish Council. The quotation was in excess of £1000.

There was a lengthy discussion. The Parish Council funds eight streetlights in the Parish, all on un adopted roads. It was agreed that it was too expensive for the Parish Council to replace these lights and was Pro CJ Sec J Sil. that the Clerk should ask Eon for more time and, with J. Sil, contact the property owners involved as to how they would like to proceed.

Cllr Flunder added that because of funding issues, the County Council would not be able to adopt these roads in the immediate future.

JSil/DB

617 Bins

The Clerk was asked to make a statement about the removal and resiting of bins:

Cllr J Porter approached the Clerk (by telephone) in late November stating that he had been approached by some Parishioners (no numbers were mentioned) to place a bin in Kennely Avenue. The Clerk asked Cllr Porter to bring the issue to the next Parish Council meeting so that it could be discussed.

In January the Lengthsman reported to the Chairman and the Clerk that two bins appeared to have gone missing (The Parish Council bin from Hillswood Playing Field and one from The Fountain). The Clerk contacted Cllr Porter. The Cllr informed him that there were no new bins available, so he had asked that one from the Playing Field and one from The Fountain be resited.

The Clerk responded that the one on the Playing Field belonged the Parish Council not the District Council) and they had no right to move it, and the one from the Fountain was used by the Lengthsman. The Clerk also said that he was very disappointed that Cllr Porter took this action without consulting his colleagues on the Parish Council.

Since then, considerable expense has been incurred with people's time in communicating, council staff in moving and the resiting bins and the Police as one bin went missing after angry residents objected to it positioning.

The following statement was agreed unanimously by the Parish Council:

"The Parish Council is disappointed that Cllr Porter did not consult with them over the proposed resiting of litter bins. If he had done so the Parish Council's own bin in the Hillswood play area would not have been involved and the importance of the Clay Lake bin would have been apparent. Consultation would have prevented a waste of time and money and a good deal of disquiet among affected residents. It is hoped in the future that Cllr Porter will realise the importance of consultation with the Parish Council if we are to work together for the benefit of the community".

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618 Standing Orders were suspended as Cllr Flunder addressed the meeting.

He informed the meeting of the latest situation concerning the Pandemic, the Family Hub (grants available) and libraries. He mentioned where tests were available, and 200,000 people had been vaccinated.

On highways issues he mentioned action at the Well, Spring Close and the speed signs on Clay Lake. He thanks SS for her help and involvement concerning the Covid fund etc.

619 Flood Action Group

JS said that he was still waiting for J Cooper. KF agreed to chase.

620 Finance.

1, Report

This was accepted.

2. Rents receivable – The Clerk had been in contact with Val Swinnerton (Station Kitchen) who wanted her daughter to continue the business with the

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agreement of the Parish Council and Churnet Valley Railway. The Parish Council agreed and Clerk to contact Tony Hancock (Churnet Valley)

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621 Accounts and Expenses.

Payments

D. Boulton - Sal	£ 742.40		
Exps	£ 4.50	£ 746.90	10868
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£ 214.44	69
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 638.53		
Lawn Cemetery	£. 18.78	£ 657.31	70
BT – Telephone etc (DD)		£ 22.88	DD
Wicksteed		£. 96.00	71
D. Boulton – Argos Laptop		£ 379.00	72
Viking – Office Supplies		£ 13.39	73
The Shaw Educational Trust (Computers High School)		£ 1258.81	74

All payments were agreed.

622 Code of Conduct

A new Code of Conduct document had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The Governance subgroup proposed its acceptance, and It was agreed unanimously to adopt the code.

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Newsletter and Social Media

J. Sil.said that he hoped that a March Newsletter may be possible, and the Facebook page was ongoing. Please send in any possible articles.

J. Sil

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Lengthsman and Maintenance.

SS thanked the Lengthsman for his litter picking and continuous feedback. He is cleaning signs as routine.

625 Planning.

Ref SMD/2021/0041 Brookfield, Post Lane
Variation of condition No objections
Ref SMD/2021/0007, 161, Manor Farm, Park Lane.
Variation of condition No objections

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626 Reports

VH – At the Parish Assembly there had been a Climate Change presentation. There will be an Action report in the spring. Information about Community Orchards. SS/LA had looked into this and it would prove very difficult with a huge commitment. SS had applied for a Climate Change grant, JS reported on the meeting held by the Endon Well Dressing Trustees. This year's show has been cancelled but there will be an event similar to last year. They were considering a new shed (cost Approx. £4000). Because of water flow problems there will be an inspection and water sampling done soon and also work on the pipe feeding the well. A replacement throne is being made. Financial report showed a balance of Approx. £20,000. The committee agreed to buy 6 computers for local schools.

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Correspondence –

1. Staffordshire Dignity in Care Awards 2021
- 2 – Return to face-to-face meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

