

## **PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm.**

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Present:

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

#### **Action**

662 **Apologies for absence** S Carey

663 **Appointment of Chairman for the Ensuing Year**

664 **Appointment of Vice Chairman for the Ensuing Year**

It was prop EC Seconded CJ and agreed unanimously the current Chairman (Cllr Suzanne Sillitoe) and current Vice Chairman (Cllr John Sambrook) be re-elected.

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**Declarations of Interest** -None

#### **Public Forum**

666 Standing Orders were suspended. Mrs Y Wilton asked if Mrs Grindon had received flowers as it had been her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday recently. SS said she would check her records.

SS

667 **Chairman's remarks.**

There were no Chairman's remarks, other than the Lengthsman had planted summer bedding in the garden areas in the Lawn Cemetery.

668 **Minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

The minutes were agreed unanimously.

#### **Matters arising from the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 not on the agenda:**

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1. All items would be covered

#### **Grounds and Amenities**

670 The Sub group had met on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and discussed many issues.

1. Playing Fields

Station Road Memorial Park was opened on April 30<sup>th</sup> by invitation. Donations, to be used for the Station Road Playing Field, in memory of Mr Dennis Vincent were being channelled through Endon Park Regeneration Project. A child friendly bin had been installed and was a great success. Opening and closing times to remain the same.

Litter issues, especially at Hillswood would be addressed with the introduction of an extra bin (from Station Road). SS and CJ to visit schools re anti-litter campaign when safe to do so.

Community Orchards were discussed but would be inappropriate for Endon Parish Council.

Wild Flower areas be addressed because of grass cutting issues.

Long term planning to improve facilities at Hillswood will be addressed. The area will be used for the council's tree planting projects i.e. 100 trees will be planted in autumn as a memorial to Prince Philip and part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

Mr Brock had offered his help with replacing footpath signs which was appreciated.

SS

2. Unit 2 – The Clerk had received agreement from all parties and would carry this forward. DB

3. Bus Shelters  
The one outside The Plough had been painted and repairs done on the one outside the High School. It was agreed that for any future damage by vandalism, repairs should be re-considered as this situation had become very costly.

4. New bench for Queen’s Cross  
A new bench (fitted) had been offered by Susan Stevenson which the Parish Council gratefully accepted. It was agreed that the donor be asked to attach a small plaque identifying the company. The Moss Hill bench, which had been vandalised, had been repaired by Andrew Stretch to its original standard. DB

**671 Flood Action Group**

KF will chase for further action. Plans should be available before the end of May. He also thanks all who were involved and helped with the consultation. JS

**672 Standing Orders were suspended**

Cllr Flunder summarised current actions and concerns. JS raised the issue of speed warning signs on Clay Lake etc. KF said that he believed that one had been sited incorrectly and hoped to rectify this. It was hoped to clarify the issue with the speed notices and rechargeable batteries which would need attention by the local community. Park Lane –the impact of buses and lorries is being addressed. The pedestrian notices for Moss Hill should be installed soon.. He asked to be informed of any Highways concerns. KF

**673 Finance.**

1, Report

This was accepted. DB

2. Rents receivable – JS reported that the work required on the floor in the Station Kitchen had been done. Clerk to contact tenant. Cheq No

**674 Accounts and Expenses.**

Payments

D. Boulton - Sal	£ 806.40		
Exps	£ 4.50	£ 810.90	10894
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£ 254.64	95
J. Gibson – General Duties	£ 545.67		96
Lawn Cemetery	£. 141.52	£ 687.19	DD
BT – Telephone etc (DD)		£ 22.88	97
Leek Signs Playground		£ 342.00	98
Glasdon – New Bin Playground		£ 388.72	99
Wicksteed – painting		£ 511.20	900
North Staffs Fire – Fire Ext maint		£ 42.15	901
D Boulton-Microsoft Office		£ 79.99	02
Andrew Stretch Repairs etc		£ 320.00	03
Neil Proctor – Reps Station Kitchen		£ 178.75	04
Central Glass – Reps bus shelter		£ 246.60	

All payments were agreed.

**675 Newsletter and Social Media**

J.Sil. said that the Newsletter should be ready this month and distributed early June.

**Lengthsman and Maintenance.**

- 676 VH said that the footpath from Platts Avenue to the White Bridge needed some repairs. JS had asked for a quote which was £370. CJ raised the issue of responsibility which should be with the County Footpaths Department. There was some discussion and it was agreed that before the work was ordered, the Footpaths Department should be asked to repair it so the PC will wait for the response.

DB

**Planning.**

- 677 Ref DET /2021/0178. Willow Cottage, Gratton Lane, Endon  
Proposed Kitchen, Sitting room extension to side. No objections  
Ref SMD/2021/0250. 117 Leek Road, Stockton Brook.

Proposed demolition of garage and erection of extension. No objections  
CJ asked about an application for Endon Bank Farm (this had not been received by the Clerk) and asked that this should be circulated to councillors for their opinion (she declared an interest) as the deadline was imminent.

DB

**Reports**

VH requested that she should be informed of any footpath numbers or finger posts which are missing so that they can be replaced.

VH

JP mentioned Business restart grants etc were available. This could apply to Station Kitchen. Fly tipping fines have been increased. Clerk asked if the incidents of Fly tipping had decreased because of this but it was not known. The volunteer litter pickers were mentioned. Clerk asked about insurance for these, especially young children. JP said it was the individual family's responsibility.

JP

CJ mentioned that restart grants may depend on business rates eligibility.

LA said that many had been excluded from grants, especially the self-employed. Fly tipping was a problem. SS suggested this be addressed at the Grounds and Amenities Group.

JSil. reported that he had complained about access to Highways Department and this complaint had been registered with StaffsCC.

JSil

**Correspondence –**

1. Leek District Show. Agreed to be considered at the next meeting
2. Ironman - information
3. Virtual Senior Tea Dance - information

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

*Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

*Signed by the Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_*