

## **PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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, E.Durose, L.Adams, S Carey, J.Porter, from the floor K.Flunder.

#### **Action**

**695 Apologies for absence** D.Spooner

**696 Declarations of Interest** - ED re planning application 0444

**697 Public Forum**

Standing Orders were suspended.

Mr Shemilt raised the issue of speeding on Clay Lake and asked if more speed signs could be erected. The Clerk said that Mr Blood had asked him to raise the same issue and how it could be addressed. CJ said that it would be difficult to put up more signs at this stage. Mr Shemilt also asked if the schools could be involved. The Chair responded that these questions could be put to Cllr Flunder on his arrival. He also asked about the lack of bins on the canal. The Chair reminded the meeting that the Canal and River Trust had agreed to install two bins and the Lengthsman would empty them. LA said that there was a need for an extra bin at Stockton Brook. Agreed to discuss this at the next Amenities Sub Group.

Bethany Lees raised the issue of dogs accessing the Parish Councils playing fields, especially Hillswood, as she believed that it was unusual for such a restriction to be in place. Janina Barnett (Playing Field Regeneration Group) thought that this would be an unacceptable development as she had asked many parents who agreed that as they were children's play areas, they should be "dog free".

**Chairman's remarks.**

**698** The Chairman informed the meeting that several members of the public had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council and arrangements will be made to interview all candidates by the Governance sub group who will report back at the next PC meeting when a vote will be taken.

SS

The boundary stone between Brown Edge and Endon had been displaced and the Lengthsman will reinstall it.

The Wildflowers Meadow is currently included in extensive roadworks but it was hoped that it might be reclaimed in the future. The Chair thanked Chris Phillips who had agreed to look after the Thomas Hulme Memorial maintain the planter

**699 Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The minutes were agreed unanimously. CJ asked if the Chairmans Honorarium could be voted on.

DB

**700 Matters arising from the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 not on the agenda:**  
Every issue would be covered.

**Dog Issues**

**701** The Chairman wished to clarify the situation. CJ explained that the original decision to ban dogs from the Parish Council's play areas was taken in the 80s after consultation with the District Health and Safety Office. The Lengthsman reports that he continues to pick up dog faeces from Hillswood play area although there is an area (approx. 22ft wide) where dogs can run off lead, adjacent to the Playing Field. It

was again agreed that this policy of No Dogs should stay in place for the safety of all, especially children, who use these Playing Fields.

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**Grounds and Amenities**

1. Playing Fields-Station Road  
 SS reported that the new picnic benches will be bolted down when they arrive and the old ones will be sited at the edge of the football pitch. The carriage for the train will be delivered at the end of August. SS  
 There had been some problems with lads climbing over the fence when the Playing Field was closed. It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk ask Lengthsman to install vandal proof paint and a notice to that effect. DB
2. Bins  
 The extra bin for Hillswood had been ordered and one for the Fountain area. In addition there would be an extra bin on the John Emery Land. All these were agreed at the last meeting. SS
3. Request for a Memorial Tree.  
 It was agreed that this could be on Hillswood, near the centre as there was currently one there. DB
4. Benches on the Canal.  
 These will be fitted by the Canal Trust with a plaque showing that they had been donated by the Parish Council.
5. FP 72 and 83  
 FP 72 had been repaired to a high standard by Stafford Rights of Way department. The Clerk had reported the problems on FP 83 to the Health and Safety Department (on a suggestion from Rights of Way). DB

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**Cllr Flunder reported to the meeting.**

Standing Orders were suspended.  
 There had been no further action with the Flood Action Group and he will chase. DHP – he asked for feedback on work done at The Well, Platts Avenue and St Georges Avenue. All reports were positive but some more work was required on St Georges Ave, Cll KF  
 On Clay Lake he will chase regarding activating 30mph signs and change the direction of one sign. After the tragic accident at Norton Green there was a review concerning the whole stretch of the B5051 from Norton Green to Endon.

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**Flood Action Group**

JS had reported that there had been no further movement and KF will chase for further action on the project.

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**Finance.**

1. Chair's Honorarium. The Chairman left the meeting.  
 It was proposed and agreed with one abstention, that the Honorarium should be increased to £600. The Chairman re-joined the meeting and expressed her thanks. DB
2. Report  
 This was accepted. Cheq No

**Accounts and Expenses.**

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		<u>Payments</u>				
	D.Boulton	Sal	£ 742.40			
		Exps	£ 4.50	£		10912
746.90						13
		HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£		
211.96						14
	J Gibson – Lengthsman	General	£ 1307.78			DD
						15/25

	Cemetery	£ 190.89	£	16
1498.67				17
	BT – Telephone		£	18
33.54				16
	S Sillitoe – Chair’s Honorarium		£ 600.00	19
	Zoom Service (D Boulton)		£	20
143.88				21
	NBB – Picnic Tables		£	22
1392.00				23
	Jaydee Living – Bin		£	
177.54				
	D Boulton – Printer Ink		£	
44.99				
	The Ford Partnership – Audit		£	
<b>707</b>	240.00			<i>J. Sil</i>
	Roadware Ltd-Bin (Fountain)		£	
	177.54			
	Hibbitt -Benches Lawn Cemetery		£	
	252.00			
<b>708</b>	Leek Signs – Plaques		£	
	24.00			
	Water Plus – Drainage charge		£	<i>DB</i>
	51.23			

All payments were agreed. With the addition of a late invoice for £75 (Methodist Church – Rent)

**Newsletter and Social Media**

**709** J.Sil. reported that the Newsletter had been distributed, thanks to Pauline Mountain for such a swift delivery. He reported some success with local issues with Highways etc. which he had routed to the correct person/department and, as a result action had been taken. All this as a result of a previously reported conversation and arrangement with David Greatbatch (Highways).

**Lengthsman and Maintenance.**

JP reported that there were some overhanging hedges from Clay Lake towards St Luke’s school. He was informed that the work had been attended to a week previously. He also asked about sinking graves in the Lawn Cemetery. The Chair and the Clerk informed him that this was inevitable and common but the Lengthsman and the gravedigger were constantly attending to it. ED reported overgrown hedges on the A53 from the Post Office to Amber Court. Clerk to chase.

**Planning.**

**710** JS took the meeting through the following applications:  
 Ref SMD/2021/0305. Sandstone, Tompkin Road, Stanley. *DB*  
 Proposed single story rear extension – No objections  
 Ref SMD/2021/0429, 117, Leek Road Stockton Brook  
 Retrospective application demolition of bathroom and extension– No objections  
 Ref SMD/2021/0444. 113, Lynmore, Leek Road, Stockton Brook.  
 Demolition existing and single story extension – No objections *JP*  
 Ref SMD/2021/0408. Ivy House Farm, Tompkin Road, Stanley.  
 Demolition agricultural building. Erection of detached dwelling– No objections  
 Ref SND/2021/0417. Crossways, Stanley Bank, Stanley.  
**711** Demolition conservatory. Construction single story side and two story rear extension– No objections *DB*

**Reports**

JS reported that he had received quotes for a “self-closing” gate for Station Road playing field. It was agreed that the quotation for £840 be accepted.

JP reported that district funding was open and groups needed to apply. There was also a Climate Change Community Fund available and there will be a consultation process on its development.

SS asked about the dog fouling notices which had appeared on May 12<sup>th</sup>, ostensibly for about a month and asked when they would be moved to different locations. JP said that they would be removed before the end of July but it was hoped that new ones, designed by school children, would be used later.

**Correspondence –**

1. Loneliness and Social Isolation – this would be put on the Web page

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th August 2021

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