

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Cllrs. S Sillitoe (Chairman), J Sambrook (Vice Chair), V Harris, J Sillitoe,
E Durose, C Jebb, A Church, P Shemilt, H Clulow, L Adams, D Spooner, J Porter.
From the floor K Flunder, PCSO Peacock

Action

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

782 Apologies for absence. S Carey

783 Declarations of Interest – None

784 Chairman's remarks.

SS expressed thanks to Endon Scouts for the gift of the Christmas tree. The Scout supporters have decorated the tree with 800 lights supplied by the Parish Council. Dave Rushton (Highways) has organised that all grit bins will be refilled, and promised notices instructing residents that these are for the road not private drives etc. Parish Assembly – A Parish Council Group is being set up so that parish councils can express their opinion on issues regarding climate change and discuss parish councils' role in this. David Smith (SMDC Climate Change Officer) will chair this group. She thanked all those that have "walked the extra mile" and gifts from the Honorarium were given to Jim Gibson and family (Lengthsman), Chris Phillips (T E Hulme Memorial), Daniel Tallentire (Village Hall Chairman), Andrew Stretch (Repairs and tree planting), Fred and Barbara Goldstraw (Outstanding Poppy display).

785 Public Forum

Standing Orders were suspended.

Jim Gibson reported that there is a drainage problem on Hillswood playing field, which he hoped to solve it very shortly.

Geoff Smith reported the problem with speeding on Clay Lake and the meeting of the new action group. A group of volunteers to do Speed Watch training had been formed and others would be welcome. Thursday 9th December these volunteers would meet. He also mentioned that in his opinion a plaque stating that the Station Road Play area is a war memorial should be displayed. SS - This was being considered by the Parish Council when cameras are in place on the Village Hall.

PCSO Peacock said that there was no further news on the damaged bench at Stockton Brook.

786 Minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2021

The minutes were agreed unanimously. CJ asked about a letter to residents bordering the Play Area that access to the area from Orford Road properties was at the Parish Councils discretion. The Clerk has not been able to find any previous letters and it was Prop J Sil Sec CJ that a letter be sent withdrawing any right of access to these residents.

DB

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Matters arising from the 9th of November 2021 not on the agenda:

788 Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman reported that this had been very successful and by popular demand would be repeated next year when the Village Hall would be open for complimentary refreshments. For the first time six names missing from the War Memorial were read

SS

out. It was hoped that these names and possibly others would be added to the War Memorial in due course.

789 Grounds and Amenities

- 1. Playing Fields SS
 - a) Station Road – some paintwork done by Wicksteeds was unsatisfactory and extra paint has been received plus a credit note for £50.
 - b) Hillswood The survey is now complete, and costings are underway.. Grant Aid will be required, and applications have been sent.
- 2. Village Hall. The situation re security cameras is ongoing and will be resolved ASAP. DB

790 Vandalism

Broken Bench at Stockton Brook. - The Clerk is trying to make contact with the Scouts group to facilitate the installation of a security camera before a new bench is purchased. The insurance claim has been made.

791 Speeding- Brown Edge and Clay Lake - Cllr Flunder reported to the meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended. KF
 He reported that Moorlands and city PCSOs together with residents and Councillors were working to address issues re speeding etc. A “Safer Road Partnership” to be created (he will send the Clerk details) He was also working with the Clay Lake group re speeding. JS

792 Flood Action Group

JS reported that the Clerk had received a response from MP Karen Bradley who would attend a meeting to be arranged in January on a Friday. Cllr Flunder had contacted Mr J Cooper and hopefully he will attend that meeting.

793 Finance

- 1. Report
 This was accepted.

794 Accounts and Expenses.

				<i>Cheq</i>	<i>No</i>
<u>Payments</u>					
D.Boulton	Sal	£	806.40		
	Exps	£	4.50	£ 810.90	10956
HM Revenue & Customs	(PAYE)			£ 248.24	57
J Gibson – Lengthsman	General	£	599.05		
	Cemetery	£	119.90		
	Other Repts	£	573.00	£ 1291.95	58
BT – Telephone	(DD)			£ 33.54	DD
S Sillitoe – Tree lights				£ 111.92	59
Leek Signs – plaque	Christmas Tree			£ 18.00	60
Evolution Electrical Installations	- Defib			£ 198.00	61
Endon Methodist Church – Rent				£. 75.00	69

All payments were agreed.

795 Grants

The following grant applications have been recommended for approval by the Finance Subgroup:

Endon Scout Group		
Purchase of Tents	£400	62
Endon Cricket Club		

New carpet, chairs etc Project cost £1200	£400	63
Endon Community Choir		
Various, including Hire of Village Hall	£350	64
Endon Park Regeneration		
Refurbish Santa Float -fund raising	£200	65
Endon Football Club		
New outfield mower total cost £580	£400	66
Endon Stories		
Archive Research	£250	68

It was Prop. JS Sec. ED that these should be approved. Agreed unanimously

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Newsletter and social media

J.Sil.reported that the Winter edition had been delivered and the next will be in March 2022.

J.Sil

797 Lengthsman and Maintenance.

The signs on the one-way system around Willfield Lane need cleaning. The large sign on the pavement at the Black Horse continues to obstruct vision.

DB

798 Planning.

SMD/2021/0770 Single storey side extension, 16 High View Road. **No**

Objection.

SMD/2021/0753 Two storey rear extension, 46 Leek Road. **No Objection.**

SMD/2021/0756 Stable block and Ménage, Post Lane Stanley Bank. **Approve subject to the following conditions being recommended.** The site sits wholly in the green Belt however it meets the criteria set which allows for small scale Outdoor Sports and Recreation. Since the Council recommended a similar scheme in the recent past it was felt the following conditions should be applied to protect against the short and long term impact:

1. Improved landscaping to screen the development from the road with particular attention paid to the view when coming down Stanley Bank towards the site.
2. Lighting needs to be controlled by condition to ensure it is positioned on and local to the stable building only and directed away from the roadside.
3. No parking overnight of horse boxes or other moveable structures

799 Reports

SS – reported that hedge cutting was on schedule. Hedges will only be cut when the landowner has engaged the contractor to do so. Potholes on Hillswood Drive have been reported and the “Skid” signs have been removed. The fund raising group (EPRP) had arrange for a chip van to follow the Santa procession. Grants from Support Staffordshire (£21K available), applications by end of January 2022.

JP – mentioned “surgeries” that had been arranged. The Clerk asked about confidentiality as some parishioners had raised concerns over Councillors being present when the PCSO’s were giving advice etc.

PS – asked that information regarding the “Speed Watch” could be circulated and shared on Facebook.

CJ – asked if the Clerk could supply councillors with updates regarding planning applications. HC said, and the Clerk agreed, that this information was very difficult, and sometimes impossible to obtain and would take up a lot of time. Clerk will make enquiries.

VH – mentioned potholes in Woodvale. She asked about planning applications for barn improvements and were there planning inspections. HC said that this was the case.

800 Correspondence

1. Leek Show 2022 - Information

2. Bin Collections over Christmas - Information

The Chair invited everyone to stay behind to enjoy Christmas refreshments

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.