

## **PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm.**

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Present:

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

**Action**

There were 6 members of the public in attendance including two pupils from Endon High School

**800 Apologies for absence.** A Church .D Spooner

**801 Declarations of Interest** – None

**802 Chairman's remarks.**

SS welcomed two Endon High pupils and hoped that they would gain an understanding of Parish Council's work.

She said that the rest of the "free: trees had been received. She congratulated the EPP committee that had organised the "Santa" event in the Parish which had been received very warmly.

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#### **Public Forum**

Standing Orders were suspended.

A resident from Endon Village reported flooding as a result of blocked grids. JS and the Clerk confirmed that this had been reported. JS said that road sweeping in the Village had been virtually non-existent of late. Clerk to chase. ED reported that there had been road cleaning around his property on the A53. JP said that he would report where sweeping appeared to be non-existent.

Mrs Wilton asked about the Queens Jubilee and SS replied that this would be covered later.

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**804 Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

The minutes were agreed other than PS asked that it be made clear that the Speed Watch was to do with Clay Lake residents. JP asked if a resume of his report be included.

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**805 Matters arising from the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 not on the agenda:**

**806 Grounds and Amenities**

1. Playing Fields.

a) Hillswood The survey is now complete, and costings had been received. Funding was being pursued and it was clear that some grants would be available. JS confirmed that the quotation to repair the running track would be valid until March.

b) Station Road. Work being done on the property next to the Playing Field could cause some damage to the perimeter fence. Clerk to contact property.

2. Village Hall. The situation re security cameras is ongoing and will be resolved ASAP.

3. Stockton Brook Scout headquarters. The Parish wishes to instal a camera because of the vandalism at Stockton Brook and the Scout Hut falls within

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the Parish. Because of this the Clerk to contact the Scout group to offer some assistance (as offered to the Village Hall) to install security cameras.

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**807 Notice Boards.**

JS

JS/DB reported that several Parish Notice Boards needed some repairs. JS to contact Andrew Stretch about possible repair costs before going ahead.

**808 Vandalism**

SS reported that one of the benches opposite the High School had been damaged. Lengthsman had been asked to repair.

**809 Flood Action Group**

JS

JS said that we awaiting a date from Karen Bradley for a meeting.

**810 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations**

SS reported that the Parish was on the Beacon list and the Scout Group had offered to organise this. The timetable was crucial and various things were in the process of being organised including a Piper. The Schools need to be involved and the Village Hall had been provisionally booked. SS hoped that adequate funding could be obtained. JP asked about "Street Parties" but it was agreed the local residents should organise these and it was believed that some organisation was in progress. SS said they were planned for Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> so would clash with Well Dressing Festival which the PC did not wish to do. J Sil said that he needed information fairly soon if the Newsletter was to include all the information.

SS

**811 Speeding- Brown Edge and Clay Lake -**

PS

PS thanked the High School for their input. There would be a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan of the Clay Lake Speed watch group. It was proving difficult to get volunteers because of possible abuse. Forms had been produced and these would be available from the Clerk. The group were waiting for response from the Police to clarify the way forward.

**812 Cllr Flunder reported to the meeting.**

Standing Orders were suspended.

KF

He reported that it was proving difficult to recruit Crossing Wardens for Endon. He requested that the Safe Road Partnership be invited to Speed Groups to help and advise. Traffic calming measures could be considered. He would put forward monitoring on Clay Lake.

He recognised that there had been a lack of Walk in Centres in the Moorlands for vaccinations etc and would raise the issue.

The Pothole issues were still being addressed but there had been some success in "Jetting" to clear gullies etc and this would continue. A blocked culvert in Stockton Brook had been cleared. He also reported that the Bagnall to Cellerhead road would again be closed from March 7<sup>th</sup> through April and possibly May.

**813 Finance**

1. Report

This was accepted.

2. Lengthsmans Charges

A letter had been received from the Lengthsman saying that his charges would have to increase by 3% because of increased costs. It was unanimously agreed to accept this increase.

3. Precept 2022/23

The Finance sub group recommended to the Parish Council that the Precept should increase by 5%. This would mean that the Precept would go up to £31,500 (from £30,000) and the Band D charges would go up £1.08. This was

**814** unanimously agreed.

Cheq No

**Accounts and Expenses.**

Payments

D.Boulton	Sal	£ 742.40		
	Exps	£ 4.50	£ 746.90	10969
	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£ 214.44	70
J Gibson – Lengthsman	General	£ 1228.87		
	Cemetery	£ 18.78		
	District.	£ 28.00	£ 1275.65	71
BT – Telephone	(DD)		£ 33.54	DD
EBM – Newsletter printing.			£ 240.00	72
Water Plus – Drainage costs			£ 51.81	73

All payments were agreed.

**815 Newsletter and social media**

J.Sil.reported that items need to be in asap for the next edition. The sponsor (Walkers Windows) has withdrawn and this paid for the Newsletter to be in colour. It was agreed that it should continue in colour and paid for by the Parish Council unless a new sponsor can be found.

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**Lengthsman and Maintenance.**

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**Planning.**

1. SMD/2021/0819– 4, Embers Way, Endon  
Proposed Rear extension. No Objections
2. SMD/2021/0838 – 2, Hillswood Close, Endon  
Single storey extension. No Objections
2. SMCD/2021/0782 – Clay Lake Farm, Beach Road, Brown Edge.  
Proposed storage Building for Farm Implements. No Objections

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**818 Reports**

J. Sil. Reported on a conversation with a Parishioner regarding the footpath between Brook Lane and the Church. This has fallen into disrepair and was dangerous to use. She claimed that records showed that it had been bequeathed to the Church in 1842. She is going to do more research.

LA. Brought to the meeting the decision by Stoke on Trent Council to limit funding to museums. She asked anyone interested to go onto the City web site and register their opinion..

JP – said that Leek Museum was set to have a new Creator Community Funding was still open and Business support was available. CJ asked about the detail of business support because it was difficult to access. He would try and find out. He asked about poor street lighting in the area for joggers especially Church Lane, this was a County issue. He mentioned that police and councillor surgeries had been arranged and the Clerk asked about confidentiality as some parishioners had raised concerns over Councillors being present when the PCSO's were giving advice etc.

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**Correspondence**

1. Community Choir – letter of thanks for Council Grant.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

