

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present:

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

Action

There were 5 members of the public in attendance plus the PCSO

820 Apologies for absence. H Clulow, S Carey

821 Declarations of Interest – None

Chairman's remarks.

822 SS mentioned the concerns locally of the illegal purchase of puppies and asked for signs advertising these be reported to the PCSO. Vandalism especially the graffiti/tags on signs has been attended to by the Lengthsman. The anti climb paint on the Station Road fence appeared to be working

Public Forum

823 Standing Orders were suspended.

A pupil from St Luke's School requested, on behalf of parents and pupils, that because it was proving impossible to employ a Crossing Warden for the school the Pelican crossing at Hillswood Drive should be moved closer to St Luke's School where it could be used by High School pupils as well. CJ mentioned that this was the original plan but it was rejected. The Parish Council agreed that this should be supported and discussed when District Councillor Flunder arrived.

PCSO Staples stated that there had only been two social behaviour issues in the last thirty days.

824 Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2022

The minutes were agreed.

825 Matters arising from the 11th January 2022 not on the agenda:

826 Grounds and Amenities

Playing Fields.

1. Hillswood: SS had applied for funds (over £40K) for phase 1 of the park refurbishment but it would be April before a decision was made. The running track resurfacing was an important addition and hopefully this will be funded by SMDC. It was prop. SS and agreed unanimously that the playing fields be renamed "Hillswood Jubilee Park".

Over 200 trees had been planted at Hillswoodl. Prop SS and agreed unanimously that the current "Dog Walk" be renamed the "Duke's Walk" and to purchase an official "Queen's Green Canopy" plaque.

SS

2. Village Hall: The situation re security cameras is ongoing and will be resolved ASAP.
3. Stockton Brook Scout Headquarters: The Parish Council wishes to install a camera to address the vandalism at Stockton Brook and the Scout Hut falls within the Parish. This is ongoing.
4. Notice Boards: These are being reviewed with Andrew Stretch.
5. Benches: Repairs are in hand for those opposite the High School.

DB

JS

Cllr Flunder reported to the meeting.

827 Standing Orders were suspended

The issue raised earlier in the meeting re Pedestrian crossing and the lack of crossing staff was brought to Cllr Flunders attention by a pupil of St Luke's.

He repeated that it was proving difficult to recruit Crossing Wardens for Endon and the regulations would make this suggestion (moving the crossing) difficult. The Headteacher believed that the moving of the pedestrian crossing would allow staff savings and would be financially viable. The Clerk, whose grandson had been injured in a road accident on the A53, asked for clarification on responsibility for road safety as the A53 in Endon was potentially a catastrophe in waiting. Cllr Flunder agreed to contact David Williams about this issue. He said a petition would help and it could be brought to the Safer Roads Partnership.

KF

He reported on Covid and Climate Change proposals where grants were available. There were changes proposed in Rural Transport and he would inform the Clerk.

LA asked about cultural issues in the County (museums etc) but KF said that it did need more emphasis.

828 Speeding- Brown Edge and Clay Lake

PCSO Sara Staples will organise a meeting with residents. There had been a site agreed for speed monitoring. KF said that Amey needed to be involved particularly regarding signage.

829 Flood Action Group

JS reported on the meeting with Karen Bradley MP and others. Jamie Cooper confirmed that £450K had been allocated from Central Government but some farmers would not support the scheme. KF reported that Mr Cooper had written to the MP and with backing from Severn Trent it was hoped to move forward with a revised scheme. SS/JS agreed that Mr Cooper had been a big help with this.

JS

Finance

830 The finance report was agreed

831 Accounts and Expenses.

Cheq No

Payments

D.Boulton	Sal	£ 742.40		
	Exps	£ 4.50	£ 746.90	
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)			£ 214.44	10974
J Gibson – Lengthsman	General	£ 639.43		75
	Cemetery	£ 28.17		
	District.	£ 35.00	£ 702.60	
BT – Telephone	(DD)		£ 33.54	76
S. Sillitoe – laminating etc.			£ 14.68	DD 77

832 Newsletter and social media

J.Sil. asked for more information on Speeding and Flooding as he was hopeful that a draft would be ready this week

J.Sil

833 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

SS reported that this was developing into a very ambitious event. Another £1600 had been secured and it was hoped that more would be available from SMDC through the Clerk and the Arts Council to which SS and CJ were currently applying. The beacon would be lit at 9.45pm preceded by a two hour event to which all community groups have been invited (schools, scouts etc). JS said that the Well Dressing Committee was hopeful for a grant but asked, if this failed, would the Parish Council help out with costs. Agreed to consider if and when necessary.

SS

Lengthsman and Maintenance.

- 834** CJ asked if the Lengthsman could remove the Jacksons Nursery sign at Stockton Brook as it was restricting the traffic view. Clerk will action. Two signs need cleaning on Clay Lake.
VH asked if the path near Hazelwood Drive could be looked at.

DB

835 Planning.

1. SMD/2022/0025– Stonefield House, Tompkin Road, Stanley

Proposed small extension and façade alterations

Whilst the Parish council are keen to encourage innovative new design we feel this application in its current setting is inappropriate.

The site is immediately adjacent to the Stanley Conservation area and the choice of zinc and timber cladding as the predominate materials do not reflect the character of Stanley Village and we therefore recommend refusal of this scheme

2. SMD/2022/0021– Hallwater Farm, Hallwater, Endon

Replacement Gates

No objections

3. SMCD/2022/0038 – Land at Westfield Cottage, Clay Lake, Endon.

Proposed rear single story extension, No objections

4. SMD/ 2022/0048 19 Brookfield Avenue

Whilst we have no objection to the extension in principle we recommend that the new extension is designed as a gable to match the right hand gable.

5. SMD/2021/0763 – 33, Basnetts Wood, Endon

Proposed loft conversion – No objections

6. SMD/2022/1149 – 7, Florence Terrace, Endon

Proposed extension – No objections

836 Reports

J. Sil. reported that he had been in touch with Mitchell and Butlers over the state of the Plough. He hoped for a positive response on renovating the exterior of the building, particularly the sign which needs conservation work, and updating the interior.

JP reported on Sports Club Grants that were available and climate change issues.

J.Sil

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Correspondence

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Minutes approved at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 Signed

by the Chairman _____ Dated _____