

CLERK: Michael Atherton
 ADDRESS: 53 Beechfields Way
 Newport
 Shropshire
 TF10 8QA



Tel: 01952 820241
 E.mail: churchaston@gmail.com

Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council		
<p>Held at the Church Hall, Church Aston on Monday 2nd May 2017. The meeting commenced following the AGM at ~8.05 pm</p> <p>Present: Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Fiona McKeown, and Cllr Mike Stansfield</p> <p>Also in attendance: Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC</p>		
1.	Apologies	Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr Marjorie Revill, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Brian Richards, and borough Cllr Andrew Eade &
2.	Declarations of Interest	None
3.	Public Session	No members of the public present
4.	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd April 2017 were proposed by Cllr Paul Evans, seconded by Cllr Mike Stansfield, unanimously agreed by all present, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
5.	Matters Arising	<p>a) Area under the former railway line: no change, continue to maintain a watching briefs;</p> <p>b) Millennium Stones: still awaiting supplier inspections – Clerk to chase up & report back to the next meeting;</p> <p>c) Wellington Road: some improvements reported with the erection of additional 40 mph repeater signs showing speed camera warning, part of the narrowed footway had been dug out to improve access, and notification had been received about re-surfacing works. Faded repeater signs remain in-place and at least one of the main 40 mph is hidden by foliage. Agreed: to maintain a watching brief;</p> <p>d) Unstable Beech Tree: the Clerk and Cllr Stansfield had met with tree expert Martyn Fallows to assess condition of the tree. Martyn reports no sign of fungal infection and that the tree appears to be in good health. Agreed: to resolve closure of this matter once Martyn's report had been received. Agreed: to notify T&WC planners and Mr Atkins (owner);</p>

		<p>e) House Next to the School: Tno response had been received from the complainant to the last letter from the Parish Council. Agreed: to close the issue as an agenda item and for Cllrs to maintain a watching brief;</p> <p>f) Additional Traffic: following discussion of issues at the last meeting the Clerk had approached T&WC and a temporary 20 mph SIDs warning sign had been cited at the bottom of Liddles Bank. Cllr Evans reported that this had a positive impact on reducing traffic speeds although all members were aware of occasional offenders. It was reported that the road surface at the top of Liddles Bank was breaking up and it was Agreed: to report this to T&WC for repairs.</p>
--	--	--

PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

6.	Projects for the Parish	<p>a) Planters & Wild Flower Areas: arrangements are now in place with the Gardening Club for summer planting of the village planters. The Clerk is awaiting quotations for the watering contract and was authorised to accept the lowest quotation received provided this did not exceed the current cost of £800 p.a.</p> <p>The clerk had met with Oliver Needes (Needes Landscaping) and had received a quotation of £130.00 for relocating a planter to a more open site adjacent no. 1 The Close. Members authorised the works to be carried out for the sum quoted.</p> <p>Cllr Evans confirmed that he had authorised T&WC to prepare & seed three of the wild flower planting areas.</p> <p>b) Street Lighting Contract: formal confirmation of approval to borrow funds for the street lighting improvements had now been received from DCLG (government) and an application made to the Public Works Loan Board for funds on the basis of their previous approvals. A response is anticipated within a week or two.</p> <p>Meantime, development of the bidding documents had stalled due to the absence of a suitable standard form of contract. Members briefly discussed options and agreed to pursue a simplified form of contract. Agreed: Clerk to progress documents jointly with Cllr Richards in order to seeks competitive quotations before the June meeting.</p> <p>c) Wallshead Way Play Area: Members had updated proposals and related costings c/o Derek Owen (T&WC) and whilst these schemes stimulated a brief discussion on options, impact and funding it was agreed to defer until Cllr Richards and Derek Owen</p>
----	-------------------------	---

		<p>could be present.</p> <p>In light of potential scale and impact of this project the Clerk suggested to Members the possibility of a separate workshop where they could devote more time to some of the complex and inter-related issues. This was agreed in principle with the Clerk to explore further with Cllr Richards and Derek Owen.</p> <p>d) Brocton Memorial: no further progress, Clerk report again to the June meeting;</p> <p>e) Social Media:</p> <p>Web-site: Cllr Simon Stacey & the Clerk to attend a Jadu training session provided by T&WC during the afternoon of Monday 22nd May 2017.</p> <p>Face-book: Nothing specific to report.</p>
7.	Representatives Reports	Please see the year-end reports provided to the Annual Council Meeting held immediately prior to this regular meeting of the Parish Council
8.	Correspondence	<p>The clerk reported on various email and written correspondence received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Of specific note is the Civic Service which has now been jointly agreed with the Rev Balkwill for Sunday 2nd July 2017 – usual arrangements.</p>
POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS		
9.	Local Plan 2016/31	It was noted that T&WC had now accepted the Planning Inspector's suggestions regards revision to the number of houses to be built in the borough each year (up to 864 from the proposed 780).
10.	Planning Applications	<p>There were no new applications in the parish this month.</p> <p>Members noted amendments to TWC/2016/1154 at Little Hales Manor Farm and agree to maintain their objection.</p>
FINANCE & GOVERNANCE		
11.	Accounts and Payments	<p>(i) The Clerk confirmed the balance of Account at 30/04/17 as £22,237.31;</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk provided details of 2 accounts (both WME) to be settled by signing of cheques at the meeting;</p>

12.	Personnel Committee	No matters to report
13.	Compliance Matters	<p>(a) Annual Review of Risk Register: following discussion on various aspects of the Risk Register members present suggested a number of minor amendments.</p> <p>Agreed: Clerk to amend the risk register and present for approval to the next meeting (June)</p>
ROADS, HEDGES & DITCHES		
14	Roads, Hedges and Ditches	<p>(a) Cllr McKeown reported back on recent enquiries from local dog walkers about the possibility of claiming a public right of way had been established on a large field adjacent to no. 7 The Close.</p> <p>Following consideration members agreed that there were little prospects of succeeding and agreed not to progress the request.</p> <p>(b) Cllr McKeown reminded colleagues of need to maintain pressure on developers of the Barnfields scheme to repair damaged grass verges opposite to and alongside hedges bounding the development.</p>

Date and time of next meeting confirmed as Monday 12th June at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm
Signed Chairman:

Date: