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### Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at the Church Hall, Church Aston on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The meeting commenced following at 7.40pm

**Present:** Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Fiona McKeown, and Cllr Pat Sansom,

**Also in attendance:** Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC

1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Mike Stansfield, Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Brian Richards, Cllr Marjorie Revill and borough Cllr Andrew Eade
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None
3.	<b>Public Session</b>	No members of the public present
4.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017 were proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Sansom, unanimously agreed by all present, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Area under the former railway line:</b> continue with a watching brief;</li> <li>b) <b>Millennium Stones:</b> the Clerk reported recent contact with the supplier but still no date agreed for inspection / remedial works;</li> <li>c) <b>Wellington Road:</b> see item 6 of the Agenda;</li> <li>d) <b>SIDS Plus Initiative:</b> see item 6 of the Agenda;</li> <li>e) <b>Barnfields Development:</b> the Clerk has written to Galliers regarding damaged verges.</li> </ul>

### PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

6.	<b>Matt Powell (T&amp;WC Highways Liaison)</b>	Cllr Stacey (Chairman) welcomed Matt Powell (T&WC) to the meeting and briefly summarised highway issues within the parish with particular emphasis on Wellington Road.
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		<p>MP confirmed that a number of 40 mph repeater signs had now been replaced primarily on the east bound approach from Telford, and that this work concluded the current sign-review project for this area.</p> <p>MP confirmed that a further review of the 30 mph zone would be carried out subject to progress on local housing development sites. MP noted the CAPC preference for the 30 mph zone to be extended westwards beyond the junction with Church Aston Road.</p> <p>MP summarised the 3 options for SIDs. He indicated that they are relatively easy to rotate between sites. However, whoever was charged with this task would need relevant training for “working at heights”.</p> <p>CAPC members agreed to review options where SIDs would have maximum impact (i.e. Wallshead Way, The Dale, Wellington Road &amp; possibly Longford Road).</p> <p>MP confirmed that the Newport Area Review had now concluded but not much had happened as a consequence due to a lack of funding. However, some smaller schemes will be developed ready for when funds are available.</p> <p>Cllr Evans referred to encroachment issues at Liddle’s Bank and pothole damage caused by increased heavy traffic during the Station Road (Newport) closure. MP agreed to report these issues and arrange for them to be investigated and repaired.</p> <p>Cllr Stacey referred to the poor condition of the road surface near to bus stops on Wellington Road and again MP agreed to investigate.</p> <p>MP concluded by confirming yet another organisational review at T&amp;WC which would see Steve Scanlon take on the parish liaison responsibilities for CAPC. Steve is an experienced principal engineer who works with Gemma Williams from the traffic team.</p> <p>Cllr Stacey thanked MP for attending the meeting and for his diligent approach to dealing with highway related parish issues.</p>
7.	Parish Projects	<p>a) <b>Street Lighting – LED Upgrade:</b> E.ON has now started the works. Clerk to draw-down loan funds from the PWLB (£12,600). Contact E.ON to confirm completion date, price adjustment regards lower total number of conversions, and to arrange media coverage. Noted that T&amp;WC lights in The Spinney have been labelled with CA numbers – advise T&amp;WC and request change;</p>

		<p>b) <b>Planters &amp; Wild Flower Areas:</b> noted that the planters still look good. Agreed to leave as long as possible then remove summer plants and replace with miniature daffodils (tete a tete);</p> <p>c) <b>Wallshead Way Play Area:</b> several dates for the delayed workshop session were discussed. Clerk to contact Derek Owen (T&amp;WC) and arrange asap;</p> <p>d) <b>Brocton Memorial:</b> project not eligible for War Memorials Trust grant. Agreed to proceed with the project design and to get quotations for 6 new inscribed stones to be fixed to the existing WW11 memorial;</p> <p>e) <b>Social Media:</b>  <b>Web-site &amp; Facebook:</b> continued good use. Need to use more to promote projects / initiatives and to engage the local community.</p>
8.	<b>Representatives Reports</b>	<p><b>Parish Newsletter:</b> agreed that the focus of the next A4 newsletter should be the LED lighting upgrades, with comment on other Parish Projects seeking views and engagement;</p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> In her absence Cllr Knight provided a written report of village hall matters including an update on car park improvements, new committee members, social events including a Barn Dance on 21<sup>st</sup> October, and a coffee morning at Cllr Knight's home on 16<sup>th</sup> September;</p> <p><b>Newport Regeneration Partnership:</b> minutes of the July meeting had been circulated by Cllr Pay with the next meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> September;</p> <p><b>Bus User Group:</b> Clerk has circulated dates for the next meeting – Cllr Evans agreed to attend;</p> <p><b>T&amp;WC:</b> nothing to report.</p>
9.	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>The clerk reported on various email and written correspondence received since the last meeting including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email correspondence with Mazars (external auditor) confirming various detailed aspects of the Annual Return;</li> </ul>
<b>POLICY &amp; PLANNING MATTERS</b>		
10.	<b>Local Plan 2016/31</b>	<p>Cllr Stacey commented on his disappointing reception when making a personal 'representation' to T&amp;WC Planning Committee on TWC/2015/0057 (Station Road west). Cllr Stacey reported what he believed to be a total contempt for genuine consultation prior to decisions on this application, and another one for new housing at Plough Lane (Newport), both applications appeared to be nodded through with a clear voting split along party lines rather than on planning merit.</p> <p>In light of previous experience at Planning Committee Members discussed how they should respond to this</p>

		situation and it was agreed that this should be provided through a challenge to the housing numbers & sites as set out in the proposed modified Local Plan (eLP).
11.	<b>Planning Applications</b>	The planning schedule for September 2017 was reviewed and discussed; there were no significant issues to record.
<b>FINANCE &amp; GOVERNANCE</b>		
12.	<b>Accounts and Payments</b>	(i) The Clerk confirmed the balance of account at £19,115.91 on 31/08/17; (ii) Seven (7) cheques had been raised since the last meeting with details provided to members. Also, the account had benefitted from recovery of prior year VAT; (iii) One account had been received and a cheque signed at the meeting;
13.	<b>Personnel Committee</b>	No matters to report
14.	<b>Compliance Matters</b>	No matters to report
<b>ROADS, HEDGES &amp; DITCHES</b>		
15	<b>Roads, Hedges and Ditches</b>	a) Cllr Sansom reported local views on various names attributed to the un-named road that is often referred to as Manor Lane or Dark Lane. Agreed the Clerk should approach T&WC to confirm the street name listed in the national highway gazetteer for this section of road.  It was also agreed to request a no through road sign to deter drivers looking for Barnfields being inadvertently directed into the road by sat nav. Clerk to action.  b) Cllr Evans commented again on the encroachment of the narrow road section of Liddle's Bank and requested that T&WC be asked to carry out urgent works to redress the issues. Clerk to action.  c) Cllr McKeown asked if a contractor could be appointed to tidy up the verge area in the vicinity of the former local of a planter at the junction of Greenvale and The Close. Clerk to action.

**Date and time of next meeting confirmed as Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.40pm**

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: