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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at the Church Hall, Church Aston on Monday 5th December 2016. The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm

Present: Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Fiona McKeown, Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr Mike Stansfield, Cllr Brian Richards & Cllr John Pay & Borough Cllr Andrew Eade

Also in attendance: Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC

1.	Apologies	Cllr Marjorie Revill
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 7 th November 2016 were proposed by Cllr Paul Evans, seconded by Cllr Brian Richards, 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: the Chairman had made contact with Douglas Davidson and separately Cllr Richards had spoken with Nick Webb on Remembrance Sunday. Most of the excess materials appear to have been removed but there are still issues with deposited beer kegs. Agreed: to maintain a dialogue until a resolution has been achieved;</p> <p>b) Millennium Stones: the Clerk reported back on a meeting with Rik Davies (GH Davies Stone Masons). General advice aligns with actions proposed by CAPC but need to identify the stone / quarry source for definitive guidance.</p> <p>c) Brocton War Memorial: GH Davies unable to re-cut the sandstone memorial stones due to the crumbly nature of the material. Options provided were considered including re-cutting in a harder stone and / or provision of a brass plaque. It was agreed to explore funding sources including grants via the War Memorials Trust. Cllr Eade offered a sum of ~£1,500 from his Ward Member fund. This was greatly appreciated by all</p>

		<p>members present. Action: Clerk to chase up quotations from GH Davies;</p> <p>d) Wellington Road Speed Limit: please see item 6 for information. Cllr Eade to take up with T&WC issues of verge encroachment on the footway to the Last Inn;</p> <p>e) Newport Library: Cllr Evans proposed and Cllr Pay seconded a £500 contribution. The proposals were unanimously agreed (see agenda item 13). Also agreed to contact T&WC to find out total operating costs and usage of Newport Library and the mobile library;</p> <p>f) Unstable Beech Tree: Cllr Stansfield and the Clerk provided a brief overview of progress and difficulties encountered in identifying land / tree ownership and in engaging the T&WC tree officer. However, some progress was beginning to be made.</p>
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PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

<p>6.</p>	<p>Matt Powell (T&WC) Newport Area Review</p>	<p>Cllr Stacey welcomed Matt Powell (Network Management Group Manager) to the meeting and invited him to provide an overview of the Newport Area Review (NAR).</p> <p>In summary, the NAR would provide a comprehensive review of traffic management in and around Newport with emphasis placed on the town centre and radial routes. It was agreed that the he original scope of the review could be extended to include various traffic matters on Wellington Road that are of concern to CAPC.</p> <p>Notification had recently been received that a SIDs was to be placed on Wallshead Way to monitor traffic speeds. MP offered to provide recorded data information once completed. MP also invited CAPC to join the 'SIDs Extra' initiative which Cllrs agreed to pursue.</p> <p>The NAR would take 2 to 3 months to complete then a little further time to develop full proposals. MP indicated a likelihood of the 30 mph speed limit on Wellington Road being extended. He also informed the meeting of current proposals for a comprehensive upgrading of traffic signs on all major routes with speed limits of 40 and 50 mph which is to be completed by end January 2017.</p> <p>During discussions Cllr Stacey asked how CAPC could assist the review. MP asked for feedback on complaints / issues, and asked CAPC to disseminate information about the review & in due course to display plans of proposals.</p> <p>MP concluded with an overview of Growth Point initiatives and reasons for delays (Ref: Donnington Clock Tower roundabout). At conclusion of the presentation Cllr Stacey thanked Matt for attending the meeting and for information given including proposed actions for Wellington Road.</p>
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7.	House Next to the School	The Clerk informed members that this matter had been logged again with Planning Enforcement & Environmental Health service who had agreed to jointly investigate the situation. Agreed: to maintain a watching brief.
8.	Projects for the Parish	<p>a) Planters: noted that winter planting had now been concluded and that the planters generally look good.</p> <p>It was agreed to investigate re-location of two of the planters (rear of Pinewoods and corner of Highfields) to a more open / sunny location.</p> <p>It was noted that several bags of leaves had been left adjacent the planter at the rear of Pinewoods. Clerk to find out when these are to be removed.</p> <p>b) Street Lighting Contract: the Clerk provided a brief summary of progress and slight delays. The bid to be submitted to DCLG asap, simultaneously, a technical specification to be developed for tendering purposes.</p> <p>Aim remains to undertake works in May / June 2017.</p> <p>Agreed: to supplement the wider public consultation by placing a laminated notice on CA10 inviting public comments about the quality of lighting.</p> <p>c) Social Media</p> <p>Web-site: Clerk to arrange training session for himself and Cllr Stacey asap.</p> <p>Face-book: The site continues to be really well used.</p>
9.	Representatives Reports	<p>Parish Newsletter: given recent discussions about the future of a printed newsletter it was agreed to trial an A4 version – Clerk to circulate draft and arrange for printing, usual arrangements for distribution, agreed to include a ‘new homes’ welcome section.</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Knight provided the monthly report from the Village Hall Committee. Their next meeting is to be held on 14/12/16, committee room modifications are almost complete, several volunteers are undertaking a food preparation course, and the Chairman is pursuing grant funding options including T&WC PiYC funding to part-fund improvements to the car park.</p> <p>Newport Regeneration Partnership: next meeting scheduled for 6 December 2016.</p> <p>It was suggested that CAPC should write directly to the developer of a site adjacent Aldi to enquire as to whether they would be willing to contribute to improvement works at</p>

		<p>the village hall.</p> <p>Rural Forum: nothing to report.</p> <p>Bus User Group: Cllr Stacey reported the No. 5 Sunday service had now been reviewed and is running as a commercial service, and that the Telford town centre bus station improvements are to start in January 2017.</p> <p>T&WC: borough Cllr Eade updated members on the Future Fit proposals and asked members to note that public consultations start from 12th December 2016.</p>
10.	Correspondence	<p>The clerk reported on various email and written correspondence received since the last meeting including:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of thanks from Church Aston Gardening Club; 2. Email from T&WC setting out reasons for further delays to works on the A518 at the Clock Tower roundabout; 3. Email FOI regarding expenditure on Christmas lights; 4. Various email correspondence concerning the Future Fit debate and proposals; 5. Written correspondence from T&WC regarding CAPC proposals / decision about its precept for 2017/18.
POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS		
11.	Local Plan 2016/31	<p>Noted that the start of the public inquiry had been further delayed due to the Inspector's ill-health into January 2017 and would take place at Meeting Point House (Telford).</p>
12.	Planning Applications	<p>Cllrs reviewed and commented upon the latest edition of the Planning Schedule (Dec 2016).</p>
FINANCE & GOVERNANCE		
13.	Precept & Budget Setting 2017/18	<p>The Clerk had circulated a number of papers in advance of the meeting to help inform discussions / debate.</p> <p>In addition to a £500 contribution to Newport Library, it was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Stansfield and unanimously agreed to budget for a £5,000 contribution to improvements to the village hall car park.</p> <p>A range of precept options were considered including no rise in precept, an increase based solely on additional new homes, and a potential increase from an increase for each household in addition to the new homes.</p> <p>Following exhaustive debate Cllr Evans proposed that there should be no rise in precept other than that arising</p>

		<p>from additional new homes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Richards with a majority vote in favour of 5 to 3.</p> <p>The Chairman indicated a need to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Evans, and unanimously agreed.</p>
14.	Accounts and Payments	<p>(i) The Clerk confirmed the balance of Account as at 5th December 2016;</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk confirmed details of 3 accounts settled since the last meeting. There were accounts requiring payment.</p>
14.	Personnel Committee	No matters to report
15.	Compliance Matters	<p>The Clerk presented a short report to members informing them of their obligations under the Workplace Pensions Regulations and a need to ensure compliance.</p> <p>Agreed: in view of the limited available time it was agreed to carry forward the report to the next meeting.</p>
ROADS, HEDGES & DITCHES		
16	Roads, Hedges and Ditches	<p>Following prior email correspondence between members Cllr Richards proposed that a plaque of "Recognition & Achievement" be presented to Leonie Wheeler (Parish Priest) at a retirement tea party on 17th December 2016.</p> <p>It was further proposed by Cllr Stacey, seconded by Cllr Evans, and unanimously agreed to set a budget of £350 for the plaque as a guide for Cllr Richards.</p> <p>Cllr Stansfield reported further fly-tipping at Blackberry Bank and noted that the no fly-tipping sign had gone. Clerk to report to T&WC;</p> <p>Cllr Stansfield suggested that the wild flower beds that are not going to be re-seeded should now become part of the grass-cutting regime again. Clerk to report to T&WC.</p>

Date and time of next meeting confirmed as 9th January 2017 at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.40pm

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: