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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at the Church Hall, Church Aston on Monday 6th February 2017. The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm

Present: Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Marjorie Revill, Cllr Fiona McKeown, Cllr Mike Stansfield, & Cllr Brian Richards

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr Andrew Eade & Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC

1.	Apologies	Cllr Paul Evans and Cllr Billie Knight
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 9 th January 2017 were proposed by Cllr John Pay, 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: Agreed: to maintain a watching brief;</p> <p>b) Millennium Stones: the Clerk reported that he had contacted Shropshire Stone & Granite Ltd seeking advice on options for repairs. The supplier advised that an epoxy resin solution was most likely but that this should only be carried out once all moisture had evaporated. Actions: Supplier representative to inspect the stones at end April with a view to carrying out repairs in May / June 2017;</p> <p>c) Brocton War Memorial: the Clerk updated members on progress and a need to consider options both to restore / replace the monument and for funding;</p> <p>d) Wellington Road Speed Limit: it was noted that the improvements to roads & signs had not been carried out yet. Agreed: to review at next meeting. Cllr concerns about traffic speeds on Wallshead Way had been referred to the police and to T&WC. A response had been received indicating that action was unlikely due to the relatively low average and 85th percentile speeds;</p>

		<p>e) Newport Library: the Clerk had written to Newport TC to confirm that CAPC would be making a £500 contribution towards the Newport book fund. A response from NTC had not been received on the date of this meeting;</p> <p>f) Unstable Beech Tree: the Chairman provided a brief overview of progress indicating that a site meeting had now taken place with T&WC's tree officer. The tree officer agreed that original works to remove the upper third of the tree had not been completed. In his view the tree was in no imminent danger of falling however he agreed that the works should be completed. A new TPO form had been provided. Agreed: that the Clerk should contact the land-owners and seek permission to complete the TPO form with a view to them carrying out the residual works.</p>
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PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

6.	T&WC Budget Consultation 2017/18	<p>The Chairman referred to previously circulated documents relating to the proposed T&WC Budget for 2017/18. Specifically, the papers referred to two options for raising Council Tax locally to help meet adult social care costs.</p> <p>Following a wide-ranging discussion Cllrs agreed that there is a need to invest additional resources into adult social care services. It was also agreed to support option A because this offered greater opportunity for up-front investment in services.</p> <p>Resolved: to support option A – proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Stansfield, unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to write to T&WC at the earliest convenience to confirm this decision.</p>
7.	Projects for the Parish	<p>a) Planters: agreed to review winter planting scheme later in the year as a result of the relatively poor display of winter pansies.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that contact had been made with T&WC to relocate the planter at the corner of Greenvale and Church Aston Road to a more sunny position outside no. 1 The Close;</p> <p>b) Street Lighting Contract: the outcome of the funding bid to DCLG is awaited. A list of prospective contractors had been drafted. Work on the contract specification / documents are progressing.</p> <p>c) Social Media: (i) Web-site: The Clerk has contacted T&WC with a view to the Chairman and Clerk receiving further training. A response is awaited. (ii) Face-book:</p>

		The site continues to be well used with issues about the closure of Station Road featuring this month.
8.	Representatives Reports	<p>Parish Newsletter: agreed to discuss items for the quarterly newsletter at the next meeting. Cllr Richards reminded colleagues about his request for new 'mug shots' both for the notice board and the newsletter;</p> <p>Village Hall: the Chairman referred to a short report prepared by Cllr Knight updating members on the Village Hall.</p> <p>Main items concerned fund-raising for the car parking repairs / improvements. Borough Cllr Eade referred to a bid to the 'Pride in Our Communities'. Cllr Richards confirmed that there would be a CAPC team entered into the fund raising Quiz evening with a number of Cllrs also involved via other teams;</p> <p>Newport Regeneration Partnership: Cllr Pay had circulated minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2016. The next scheduled meeting had been deferred pending an announcement by DCLG;</p> <p>Rural Forum: nothing to report.</p> <p>Bus User Group: CAPC was not represented at the 18 January 2017 meeting. Clerk to circulate details of next meeting and last set of minutes.</p> <p>T&WC: Borough Cllr Eade provided a brief overview of the T&WC budget process and highlighted some specific concerns including borrowing levels given the prospect of interest rate rises in the foreseeable future.</p>
9.	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. Invitation from Newport Cottage Care Centre to the official opening of the new Arts & Crafts Room on 15th March; 2. Information from the Pensions Regulator; 3. Information from T&WC about service contact details for Parish & Town Councils;
POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS		
10.	Local Plan 2016/31	Cllr Pay provided feedback from the public enquiry to-date. The key issue of housing supply, strategic sites and numbers is to be discussed on Friday 10/02/17;
12.	Planning Applications	Cllrs reviewed and commented upon the latest edition of the Planning Schedule (Feb 2017) – No new applications

		<p>within CAPC and therefore no new actions.</p> <p>Noted: the Clerk had objected on behalf of CAPC to application TWC/1154/2016 which proposed two additional Poultry sheds and ancillary development at Littlehales Manor Farm – a decision is awaited.</p>
<p>FINANCE & GOVERNANCE</p>		
13.	Accounts and Payments	<p>(i) The Clerk confirmed the balance of Account at 6/02/17;</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk provided details of 2 accounts settled since the last meeting (09/01/17);</p>
14.	Personnel Committee	No matters to report
15.	Compliance Matters	No matters to report
<p>ROADS, HEDGES & DITCHES</p>		
16	Roads, Hedges and Ditches	<p>Cllr Richards reported that ivy which had been invading the Brown's Bridge had been cut-back. Agreed: to send a note to Adrian Corney thanking him for his contribution to this outcome;</p> <p>Cllr McKeown reported that the verges along Church Aston Road are damaged as a result of construction traffic and the hedge-cutting tractor. Agreed: to pursue with the site contractor now that the development is nearing completion;</p> <p>Cllr Stansfield informed colleagues of issues arising from a resident of 84 Wallshead Way feeding sea gulls. However, it would appear to have been a short-lived issue as no further complaints had been received;</p> <p>Cllr Stacey (Chairman) referred to a recently distributed protocol from T&WC and asked colleagues to note contents and sensitivity of the issues;</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had fed-back information provided at earlier meetings and from his observations details of locations requiring road / footway improvements for the T&WC 2017/18 highways maintenance programme.</p>

Date and time of next meeting confirmed as 6th March 2017 at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.40pm

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: