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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Mike Stansfield, & Cllr Brian Richards

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

1.	Apologies	Cllr Simon Stacey, Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr Fiona McKeown, and 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 6 th February 2017 were proposed by Cllr Brian Richards, seconded by Cllr Pat Sansom, unanimously agreed by all present, and signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
5.	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Area under the former railway line: Agreed: to maintain a watching brief; b) Millennium Stones: awaiting supplier inspection at end April with a view to carrying out repairs in May / June 2017; c) Brocton War Memorial: please see later notes at item 6(d) under "Parish Projects & Community Matters"; d) Wellington Road Speed Limit: noted that signage & road maintenance still not completed. Clerk to contact Matt Powell at T&WC. Police response to Wallshead Way speeding issues noted – won't provide a speed check but will provide occasional presence via the Neighbourhood Policing Team; e) Newport Library: the Clerk of NTC had now acknowledged the CAPC pledge of a £500 contribution towards the Newport Library book fund. Agreed to make provision in the 2017/18 budget; f) Unstable Beech Tree: tree owners had agreed that CAPC could make an application to T&WC for him to carry out works on the beech tree. An application had

		been made and a response from Planning Authority was now awaited.
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PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

<p>6.</p>	<p>Projects for the Parish</p>	<p>a) Planters: Action: Clerk to contact Sylvia Stening regards a spring / summer planting scheme and to make arrangements to carry out the works;</p> <p>Cllr Richards proposed and Cllr John Pay seconded a proposal to allocate a budget of up to £200 for the above planting scheme. This was unanimously agreed by all members present.</p> <p>b) Street Lighting Contract: significant progress had now been made by the Clerk and Cllr Richards in developing a tender document & specification for replacement of street lighting with LEDs.</p> <p>A response from DCLG to CAPC’s funding bid is awaited. Members fed-back several positive comments received from local residents about the trial LED sites.</p> <p>c) Wallshead Way Play Area: Cllr Richards summarised a series of options and related cost estimates for major improvements following a meeting with Derek Owen & the Clerk.</p> <p>A new 5-a-side scale facility would cost in excess of £40k (funds available via .106 monies) and so members are encouraged to think about a joint initiative with T&WC that would lever in grant funding.</p> <p>During the meeting it was indicated that T&WC would continue to fund maintenance of existing facilities but additional costs from new facilities would have to be met by CAPC. Members discussed the financial implications and how these responsibilities could be safely delivered.</p> <p>Members considered the ongoing drainage issues and how this might be improved by a new development including a ‘containment’ type facility. Members also discussed potential visual impact of a new facility and how this could be managed.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to clarify who would have public liability responsibility if CAPC are responsible for maintenance but contracted T&WC to carry this out on their behalf.</p> <p>d) Brocton Memorial: Cllrs Evans and Cllr Richards had visited the Brocton Memorial to review issues and assess options. Members agreed with their proposal</p>
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		<p>not to carry out any works to the current WW1 memorial but instead to look to add carved stone panels to the existing memorial.</p> <p>Scheme options and relevant permissions to be explored with the Planning Authority and the War Memorials Trust.</p> <p>e) Social Media: (i) Web-site: Clerk to chase up training sessions with T&WC for the Chairman and Clerk; (ii) Face-book: The site continues to be well used.</p>
8.	Representatives Reports	<p>Parish Newsletter: No progress at present, aim to issue the next edition around Easter. A further reminder for updated 'mug shots' to be sent to Cllr Richards for the notice board and the newsletter;</p> <p>Village Hall: Cllr Knight provided a comprehensive written report from the Village Hall Committee which Cllr Evans summarised in her absence.</p> <p>In particular quotes had now been provided for resurfacing the car park and these had come in significantly lower than anticipated. This was partly due to proposals for a separate water storage / garden initiative which is to be delivered by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Cllr Knight's report also summarised improvements to various facets of the village hall, including wired glass for the committee room, the continuing demand for use of the facilities, on the success of a recent fund-raiser quiz evening, and on a host of forthcoming events.</p> <p>Newport Regeneration Partnership: Cllr Pay reported that the scheduled NRP meeting had been deferred until 21st March 2017 pending a DCLG announcement on capital funding for employment development to the south of Newport. It was anticipated that news of a £7.5m joint initiative between T&WC and HAU would be announced via the budget on 8th March;</p> <p>Rural Forum: nothing to report.</p> <p>Bus User Group: Clerk to circulate details of next meeting scheduled for April 2017;</p> <p>T&WC: Borough Cllr Eade confirmed that the T&WC budget 2017/18 had been approved and commented briefly on implications for local services and fiscal management.</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. A letter to and subsequent meeting with Miss Joanna Vardon of the National Foaling Bank following

		<p>representations made to the Parish Council about grazing conditions in fields located in Church Aston – noted: no further required;</p> <p>2. Further information from the Pensions Regulator;</p> <p>3. Grant request from Wellington Cottage Care Centre;</p>
POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS		
10.	Local Plan 2016/31	<p>Cllr Pay reported that the local plan Inspector had now heard all of the evidence and that he had in turn raised a series of issues. As anticipated housing developers had argued that insufficient housing sites had been allocated in the draft plan.</p> <p>The Inspector is expected to release his report and findings around Easter 2017;</p>
12.	Planning Applications	<p>Cllrs reviewed and commented upon the latest edition of the Planning Schedule (Mar 2017) – No new applications within CAPC and therefore no new actions.</p>
FINANCE & GOVERNANCE		
13.	Accounts and Payments	<p>(i) The Clerk confirmed the balance of Account at 6/03/17 and provided a summary of uncashed cheques;</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk provided details of 1 account settled since the last meeting (06/02/17), and of 1 account to be settled by signing of a cheque at the meeting;</p>
14.	Personnel Committee	No matters to report
15.	Compliance Matters	No matters to report
ROADS, HEDGES & DITCHES		
16	Roads, Hedges and Ditches	<p>Cllr Evans reported a significant increase in traffic travelling through Church Aston village some at excessive speeds following a 12 week temporary road closure on Station Road, Newport</p> <p>Colleagues confirmed Cllr Evans account and raised concerns also about the increase in heavy goods vehicles especially in light of recent concerns about structural integrity of the former railway bridge. Various response measures were discussed including SIDs.</p> <p>Agreed: Cllr Eade to chase up with T&WC and the Clerk to</p>

		<p>raise with the traffic police.</p> <p>Cllr Stansfield reported that a new litter / dog waste bin located on the Wallshead Way play area near to the Newtown footpath had not been emptied. Clerk to contact Adrian Corney at T&WC</p> <p>Cllr Richards indicated that he had been contacted by Cllr Scott (NTC and T&WC) about the 'quagmire' condition of open dog walking land adjacent the Mere and Mulberry Close. Members noted that these were informal routes and agreed not to pursue the issue.</p>
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Date and time of next meeting confirmed as 3rd April 2017 at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.40pm

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed Chairman:

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