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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at the Church Hall, Church Aston on Monday 7th September 2015. The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm

Present: Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr Billie Knight, & Cllr Mike Stansfield,

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

1.	Apologies	Cllr Simon Stacey, Cllr Brian Richards, Cllr Fiona McKeown, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Mike Stacey, & Cllr Marjorie Revill
2.	Declarations of Interest	None
3.	Public Session	<p>Cllr Paul Evans (Chairman) proposed to suspend standing orders to enable an extended public session for a presentation on the T&W (draft) Local Plan. Proposal seconded by Cllr Pat Sansom and unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.</p> <p>Cllr Evans welcomed Tom Laws (Senior Planning Officer) and Clare Francis (Project Officer) from Telford & Wrekin Council, along with 8 members of the public.</p> <p>Parish representations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request to repair a 30 mph roundel on the approach to the village – Clerk to report to T&WC highways; b) Concerns about alleged speeding traffic along the 40 mph section of Wellington Road with a question asking whether CAPC would be seeking a reduction – Clerk to contact T&WC highways regards speed checks; c) Request regards progress of the proposed 20 mph traffic scheme on The Dale (Etc.) – Clerk to check with T&WC legal team for timing of the traffic regulation order public notice; d) Concerns expressed about traffic routes, working hours / noise issues, and protection of overhead power lines at The Barns development – borough Cllr Eade agreed

to investigate and report back to residents & CAPC;
e) Concerns expressed about dog fouling of footways and in the play area – Clerk to contact T&WC regards enforcement, to draft a press release highlighting issues and proposed actions, and to investigate provision of more scoop bins and additional signage.

Presentation: (draft) T&W Local Plan 2016-2031

Tom Laws (SPO) made the presentation explaining that it was a part of wider consultations on draft proposals for a new Local Plan covering the period 2016 to 2031.

Clare Francis would be making a note of issues / queries raised as part of the consultation process and ensuring these were fed back.

The presentation covered:

- ✓ Process and timeframe for consultations between 3/08/15 and 25/09/15;
- ✓ Proposals set out in the plan including housing, employment, environment & green spaces, etc.;
- ✓ Public Inquiry: an examination in public of the draft proposals around April 2016;
- ✓ Adoption of the Local Plan in December 2016.

..... followed by a question and answer session for Cllrs and for members of the public.

A resident from Pinewoods expressed concerns about loss of green space citing The Barns development as a recent example and referring to past developments that had made Church Aston contiguous with Newport. The resident also expressed concern about access / egress from The Barns development onto 'Back Lane';

Cllr Peter Scott (NTC & T&WC) commented on proposals to establish a protected green area between Lilleshall and Muxton (the Lilleshall Gap) and suggested that a similar safeguard was needed between Lilleshall and Church Aston – for the purpose of retaining the uniqueness and character of the respective settlements;

Cllr Eade commented that the Lilleshall Gap proposals remain undefined in context and in policy terms, and that the status of this proposal needs to be clarified;

In response to a question about the former Sainsbury site Tom Laws commented that this was an allocation only at this stage – representing the only housing allocation in the proposed plan for Newport;

Cllr Eade commented that the draft Local Plan was

	<p>proposing 15,500 new homes for the borough whilst a consultants' report had only recommended 10,000 new homes. He asked why there was a discrepancy given the proposal is well above the national forecast, and what the implications might be for jobs and services;</p> <p>Tom Laws acknowledged that development can be contentious and that the Local Plan was simply a tool to deliver development within a framework.</p> <p>Cllr Eade asked how much the new housing was generating for T&WC in terms of the New Homes Bonus, council tax, etc. He understood the sum to be in the order of £11 million);</p> <p>Cllr Evans asked why there was a need for a development boundary when recent developments in and around Church Aston had been permitted outside of the current boundary. He also asked what guarantee could be offered that the new Local Plan boundaries will not be breached;</p> <p>Cllr Scott asked how current housing allocations provide for refugees following the Prime Ministers' announcement allowing up to 20,000 Syrian refugees into the UK.</p> <p>Mr Laws replied that this was not provided for within current projects but that on a national scale the additional demand was minimal;</p> <p>Cllr Scott referred to a proposal within the draft Local Plan to designate 150 green spaces, with 100 locations already identified. He asked where the other 50 locations are likely to be. Tom Laws confirmed that these would be determined in a number of ways including via parish nominations.</p> <p>From the discussion following it was suggested and generally agreed that the Wallshead Way Play Area should be put forward.</p> <p>A resident enquired about his understanding that a series of new roundabouts were to be located along Wellington Road to provide safe access / egress into the various new housing developments and helping to control traffic speeds. Tom Laws confirmed that these were not part of the current development proposals.</p> <p>Cllr Pat Sansom asked whose responsibility it was to ensure there were adequate services (health, schools, etc.) to provide for the new developments. Mr Laws replied that there are a range of joint agency commissioning groups in place to ensure all aspects of development are provided for.</p> <p>Mr Derek Tremayne reinforced the point about ensuring adequate schools provision especially secondary school</p>
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		<p>places give the high demand to attend Newport schools.</p> <p>Cllr Billie Knight expressed concerns for adequate provision at doctors surgeries ensuring they would be able to provide good access for appointments.</p> <p>Another resident commented about a relative lack of use of the recently installed cycle route along the A518 from Church Aston towards the Red House PH and onwards to Donnington. She questioned how the scheme was justified and suggested that this was a waste of valuable funds. Mr Laws suggested that question be directed to the T&WC highways team for a response.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the presentation and Q&A session Cllr Paul Evans thanked Tom Laws, Clare Francis and all members of the public for their contribution to an interesting and informative discussion, confirming that CAPC would be making a 'representation' regards the draft Local Plan and that this would reflect points raised at the meeting.</p> <p>There was a few minutes break for packing away of equipment and vacation of the Church Hall by the visitors and members of the public.</p> <p>Cllr Evans confirmed that standing orders were now back in place and that the Parish Council meeting was resuming.</p>
4.	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July 2015 – proposed Cllr Pat Sansom, seconded by Cllr M. Stansfield, and unanimously agreed.
5.	Matters Arising	<p>a) Repairs to footway & road bridges over former railway line: the Clerk reported that there had not been a response to the enquiries made about the works. Agreed: Clerk to write to T&WC seeking a details and a plan for the works, plus an assurance about its structural safety;</p> <p>b) S.106 funding for play area: a meeting had been arranged with Derek Owen (T&WC) to progress a scheme now that funding had been confirmed. Cllr Eade to attend the meeting;</p> <p>c) Formal complaint regards the T&WC Planning Committee Chairman: response to the follow-up complaint now received which was equally unsatisfactory. Agreed: matter now resolved.</p>
PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS		
6.	House Next to the School	Noted that the site is now better that it has been for some time. Some of the materials had been moved into a shed. No evidence of rodents. Agreed: continue to monitor.

7.	Projects for the Parish	<p>a) 20 mph Speed Limit: NK (T&WC) had confirmed that the traffic regulation orders were to be made at the same time as a similar scheme in Madeley probably towards the end of September – noted.</p> <p>Action: Cllrs asked the Clerk to remind NK about proposed speed checks on Wellington Road and Wallshead Way.</p> <p>b) Planters: Nit was agreed to plant out again over the winter period. Clerk to get a price from Bloomsbury Nursery and progress as appropriate;</p> <p>c) Wild Flower Planting Scheme: overall the scheme had worked well bringing colour and vitality to the village. Unfortunately the reseeded area did not work well. Agreed; to repeat the scheme for 2016. Action: Clerk to notify T&WC of CAPC decision for 2016;</p> <p>d) Street Lighting Contract: noted that the new street lighting contract is now in place and appears to be working satisfactorily. Cllrs asked the Clerk to find out when the proposed lamp cleaning and replacement lighting units were likely to be carried out.</p> <p>e) Social Media: Cllr Evans reported that the face-book trial had been a success with a growing number of followers. Care was needed to sensitively manage content and ensuring issues were actioned quickly so that residents could be updated. It was agreed to produce a flyer / notice to inform residents of the face-book service.</p> <p>The Clerk informed Cllrs of a government funded scheme providing grants to small Councils with new obligations under the Transparency Code. Agreed: Clerk to prepare and submit a funding bid;</p> <p>f) New Bus Shelter: in light of recent bus service issues it was agreed to consider potential for a new bus shelter adjacent the play area on Wallshead Way along with other potential projects as part of a parish capital programme;</p>
8.	Representatives Reports	<p>a) Parish Newsletter (SS): a brief discussion concluded that there was a place for the Parish Newsletter despite rapid growth in interest in the face-book site.</p> <p>b) Village Hall (BK): Cllr Knight reported disappointment of the Village Hall Committee that Aldi would not be able to proceed with repairs to the car park due to the extent and higher costs required for a scheme. Correspondence sent to Aldi by a member of the VH committee had significantly reduced any scope for</p>

		<p>negotiation. Cllr Eade indicated his disappointment having worked hard to secure the original offer.</p> <p>It was noted that TWS do not appear to have weed treated the car park. Agreed: Clerk to contact TWS and see what if anything is happening.</p> <p>c) Rural Forum (PE): nothing to report;</p> <p>d) Bus Users Group (BR): Cllrs were informed about a schedule of consultation dates / locations relating to a review of subsidised bus routes. Route 5 through Church Aston is a commercial service so looks to be secure for the future, whereas route 519 is subsidised and may be at risk.</p> <p>Next Bus User Group scheduled for 18.00 to 20.00 on 16th September. Clerk to attend.</p> <p>Cllrs were reminded that Cllr Richards is not able to attend future meetings of the Bus User Group and a replacement nomination is required – all to consider.</p> <p>e) Newport Regeneration Partnership & Shaping Places: NRP meeting on 8th September and Shaping Places covered by the earlier presentation.</p> <p>f) T&WC: Cllr Eade updated Parish Cllrs about the Conservative Group approach and response to the draft Local Plan.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>(a) The clerk has received the following general correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invitation to a presentation, about the Army and its current role, at Lilleshall Hall on 22nd September • Details of amendments to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme – no effect for CAPC; • Various applications received in respect of the Community Grant Awards Scheme 2015 – to be considered at next meeting. <p>(b) Resident Request to Relax a Restrictive Covenant:</p> <p>A formal request has been made by the owner of 16 Primrose Drive, Church Aston for relaxation of a restrictive covenant on former railway land that now forms part of her garden.</p> <p>The covenant restricts the use of the land to that of a domestic garden. The landowner has obtained planning consent to build a detached dwelling on the land.</p>

		<p>Cllrs carefully considered implications of the request both for the specific site and circumstances, and also in a broader context should similar covenants exist elsewhere in the parish.</p> <p>Members resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. consider each such application on its individual merits taking into account any circumstances particular to that site; b. adopt insofar as is possible a consistent approach to consideration of such applications, and to not unduly restrict development; c. ensure that all costs required to effect a relaxation of a covenant are met by the landowner (as opposed to the local taxpayer); d. agree to the request to relax a covenant on land at 13 Primrose Drive, Church Aston; e. authorise the Clerk to instruct solicitors to prepare a 'Deed of Release of Covenant' in respect of the above. <p>These matters were proposed by Cllr Mike Stansfield and seconded by Cllr Pat Sansom with all members present supporting the motion.</p>
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POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS

10	Shaping Places / Newport Indicative Master-Plan	Agreed: Cllr J Pay to draft a consultation response for submission to T&WC planning service prior to the (draft) Local Plan 2016-2031 consultation deadline date of 25 th September
11.	Planning Applications	Nothing significant to report

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

12	Accounts and Payments	The Clerk reported verbally on the account balance at 1 st September 2015.
13.	Personnel Committee	No matters arising
14.	Compliance Matters	It was noted that the Annual Audit Report had been received. It was noted that Church Aston PC has a clean bill of health and that the specific recommendations made by the External Auditor (Mazars) would be considered at the October meeting.

ROADS, HEDGES & DITCHES

16	Roads, Hedges and Ditches	<p>a. Cllr Evans reported (on behalf of Cllr Richards) issues raised by residents of Newtown regards the parking of two box vans adjacent the junction of Greenvale and Newtown where forward visibility is poor due to a bend, and visibility for traffic exiting Newtown is obstructed. Agreed: Clerk to report to the Neighbourhood Policing Officer for action;</p> <p>b. Cllr Evans and Cllr Stansfield each raised issues about dog fouling of footways and the play area. Agreed: Clerk to contact T&WC regards enforcement, to draft an appropriate press release, and to investigate the option to erect relevant signs.</p>
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Date and time of next meeting confirmed as 5th October 2015 at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.40pm

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm
Signed Chairman:

Date: