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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Mike Stansfield, Cllr Fiona McKeown, & Cllr Brian Richards.

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

1.	Apologies	Cllr Simon Stacey & Cllr Marjorie Revill
2.	Declarations of Interest	None
3.	Public Session	No Members of the public present
4.	Minutes of the last meeting	Subject to a minor amendment to the minute of item 12 (i.e. delete reference to 0871 and replace with 09???) the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd November 2015 were proposed Cllr Pat Sansom, seconded by Cllr John Pay, and unanimously agreed.
5.	Former Railway Bridges: Structural Reports	<p>Steve Hollins Group Engineer (T&WC) attended the meeting and provided a précis of the two structural reports.</p> <p>Whilst both the footbridge and road bridge are showing signs of wear due to their respective ages the structural surveys show them to be in relatively good condition, with no work planned in the immediate future.</p> <p>Surveys will continue to be carried out as part of a two-year cyclical programme. SH confirmed ongoing monitoring of cracks in the road bridge.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the medium to longer-term prospects for the bridges, particularly the footbridge as the only pedestrian route linking the two-halves of the village.</p> <p>SH confirmed that additional pre-cast slabs have been made for the footbridge and are kept in store ready for future replacements.</p>

		<p>SH agreed to investigate budget costs for replacing the foot bridge (anticipated to be in the order of £90k).</p> <p>SH also agreed to arrange for cores to be taken where depressions are evident on approaches to the road bridge, which it was agreed need levelling irrespective of the core findings.</p>
6.	Matters Arising	<p>a) S.106 funding for play area: Councillors considered progress of the improvement scheme, and a request from T&WC to make a contribution of £5,000 so that the paved areas may be extended. Cllr Richards proposed the £5k contribution and Cllr Sansom seconded the proposal with a unanimous vote in favour.</p> <p>Cllr Richards enquired about contract procedures and it was agreed that the Clerk would ensure all required procedures and related audit trail were in place prior to payment being made.</p> <p>b) Subsidised Bus Routes - Consultation Report: Cllr Evans summarised proposals regard a review of subsidised bus services. As a commercially operated service 'Service 5' passing through Church Aston Village is unaffected by the review. However, a number of other services that may be used by Church Aston residents could be affected by the review including Service 519 (Newport to Shrewsbury).</p> <p>The outcome of the review is awaited.</p>
PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS		
7.	House Next to the School	<p>Noted that the horse-drawn cart has reappeared in the grounds. Agreed to continue the watching brief.</p>
8.	Projects for the Parish	<p>a) 20 mph Speed Limit: the legal order has been drafted and published with a public consultation period open for comments.</p> <p>b) Planters: Winter pansies not doing as well as expected due to extended period between purchase and planting out. No suitable replacements available so agreed to leave them to flower in the spring, and to re-assess options for spring planting.</p> <p>c) Wild Flower Planting Scheme: Cllr Evans provided a brief update confirming proposals for 2016.</p> <p>d) Street Lighting Contract: bulb replacement & cleaning programme now complete. Next steps are to identify the worst condition lighting columns / units that could</p>

		<p>form a small replacement scheme. Once this has been completed the Clerk will obtain quotations from Eon for consideration. Agreed: Clerk to obtain budget quotation for budgeting purposes.</p> <p>Cllr McKeown reported that CA33 (Pinewoods) is out. Discussion suggested that an adjacent resident had previously reported concerns about the light shining into a bedroom and affecting their sleep. Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>e) Social Media: Cllr Evans reported increasing usage of the face-book page with several examples of information flow in the past month.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a bid to DCLG for grant funding for web-site development had been accepted. Outcome of the process to be announced in January 2016.</p> <p>f) New Bus Shelter: no response received to initial contact - Clerk to pursue with T&WC.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Representatives Reports</p>	<p>a) Parish Newsletter (SS): nothing to report</p> <p>b) Village Hall (BK): Cllr Knight reported that the Village Hall committee had acquired a defibrillator with the secretary (Gill Stokes) trained in its use. Request to advise local groups. Issues of vandalism and dumping reported under the former railway bridge (Clerk to advise Carl Fletcher of CAPC willingness to fund a skip if required). Janet Bennett has resigned but husband Malcolm has replaced her on the VH Committee. AGM scheduled for 14th January 2016 – open invitation to all Cllrs.</p> <p>Agreed: Clerk to send a message of support to Carl Fletcher on behalf of Church Aston PC.</p> <p>c) Rural Forum (PE): nothing to report;</p> <p>d) Bus Users Group: Next Bus User Group scheduled for 18.30 Wednesday 20 January 2016 at Addenbrooke House with Cllr Simon Stacey attending.</p> <p>e) Newport Regeneration Partnership: Cllr Pay reported that the next NRP meeting is on 8th December (following evening) with the main agenda item the HAU funding bid for an Agri-tech centre per Autumn Statement.</p> <p>f) T&WC: nothing to report.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>(a) The clerk reported on various email and written correspondence received since the last meeting.</p>

POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS

11.	Local Plan 2016/31 and Newport Indicative Master-Plan	Final draft of the Local Plan 2016-2031 to be presented to T&WC Cabinet in 7 th January 2016. Dates for public inquiry are awaited
12.	Planning Applications	See planning schedule for December meeting. Amend reference to TWC/2011/0871 to 0916 and remove reference to the hypermarket. TWC/2015/0057 – amend to note this application has not been approved but the land has been allocated for housing within the draft Local Plan 2016/31.

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

13.	Accounts and Payments	(a) The Clerk provided a statement of account at 30 th November 2015 which was noted; The Clerk reported on accounts payable and requested authorised signatories; (b) A second 'Precept Planning Note' had been circulated to Cllrs setting out the financial implications of incremental changes in precept from 0 to 5%. Cllrs briefly discussed options for the 2016/17 precept and agreed, in the absence of the Chairman, to holdover until the January 2016 meeting. The Clerk was requested to update the Parishes Project Programme to assist Cllrs consideration of this issue.
14.	Personnel Committee	Nothing to report
15.	Compliance Matters	No matters for consideration.

ROADS, HEDGES & DITCHES

16	Roads, Hedges and Ditches	a. Brief discussion on proposed site for the extension of Newport Cemetery (in Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish area).
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Date and time of next meeting confirmed as 4th January 2016 at Church Aston Church Hall starting at 7.40pm

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: