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Minutes of the meeting of Church Aston Parish Council held in the Church Hall (Church Aston) at 7.40pm on Monday 6th February 2023.

Present: Councillors: S. Stacey (Chairman) P. Sansom, M Bennett, F McKeown, B Richards and J Pay.

In attendance: Wendy Tonge (Clerk).

(06/02/23)

Item 1 - Apologies: P. Evans(holiday), A. Stokes (indisposed), B Knight (indisposed).

Item 2 – Declarations of Interest: there were no declarations of interest.

Item 3 – Public Session: One member of the public was in attendance.

Item 4 – Minutes of the Meetings held on 9th January 2023

Minutes of the meetings held on 9th January 2023 were proposed as a true and accurate record of proceedings by Cllr B Richards and seconded by Cllr P Sansom, with all members present voting in support of the proposal.

<p>Resolved: minutes of the meetings held on 9th January 2023 to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record.</p>
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Item 5 – Matters Arising:

- a. **Councillor’s Training:** training for Cllrs Bennett and Stokes was confirmed for Summer 2023, at a cost of £60.00.
- b. **Liddle’s Bank:** Cllr S Stacey confirmed the extension of 20MPH speed limit to the top of the Bank appears to be imminent, further traffic calming measures are likely to be a T&WC Capital Project for the new financial year 2023/2024.
- c. **CCTV Signage:** T&WC have confirmed the new signs are on order and awaiting delivery. Members expressed concern for the delay and requested the Clerk pursue the matter further.

- d. **Community Cuppa:** The group continues to be popular with a regular attendance of 40 people per session, a professional artist provided a workshop which appeared to be fun and enjoyed by those in attendance. Regular hours will return in March back to 10.30-12pm.
- e. **Village Planting Scheme:** The Clerk confirmed she has contacted a number of companies for quotes and will continue to keep members updated. Cllr B Richards kindly offered to contact Shropshire Grass Verges Project for further guidance.

PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 6 – Commemorative Rose – Mike Stacey

Cllr B Richards proposed the purchase of a David Austin 'English Rose' and presented to the family of Mr Mike Stacey in recognition of his years of service to the parish council.

Resolved: that a potted rose be purchased from David Austin Roses at a cost of £31.00 and be presented to Mr Stacey's family.

Item 7 - Police Survey

The Clerk outlined to members the key actions agreed from a recent meeting held 23/01/23 with PCSO Krissy Wills, to discuss local matters raised from a recent community survey in the Parish.

- T&WC have been contacted with a request to deploy 'we are watching you' dog fouling signs, the Clerk will liaise with members on locations and will continue to pursue how to obtain a supply of dog poo bags for the community.
- A meeting is planned for the end of February with local Police Officer who is qualified to deliver a Tag-rugby session for young people, the Clerk will update members at the next parish meeting on the outcome.

Item 8 - Representative Reports

- a. **Village Hall:** Cllr M Bennett provided an overview of matters relating to the village hall. The new chairs funded by the Boughey Trust have arrived and are a welcomed improvement to users of the building. The recent showing of Elvis – The Film attracted in circa of 80 people, the evening was a huge success with plans in place for Top Gun – Maverick as the next showing. Other events include A Live Folk Music evening to be held on 11th March, Defibrillator training 9am on 18th March – all welcome to attend. Notification that the announcements for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service (now known as The Kings Award for Voluntary Service) has been rescheduled to November 2023 to coincide with the King's birthday.
- b. **Bus Users Group:** No update available.

c. **Newport Regeneration Partnership:** No update available.

d. **T&WC:** Drainage & Past flooding: The Clerk was in receipt of correspondence from T&WC Borough Councillor Andrew Eade, clarifying the main issue is trying to illicit a response over the drainage/ past flooding problems from the Engineers at T&WC, despite emailing them twice and the Engineer who is the main point of contact currently being on leave he has no current update to report. However, he will continue to inform members on any updates. Cllr M Bennett requested a letter be sent to T&WC Drainage Engineers Department (copy to AE) expressing frustration over the very long time it has taken to resolve this issue,(multiple years). Cllr Bennett also pointed out that it is high rainfall that is likely to be the main consequence of climate change affecting the UK and the flooding in Church Aston, which will only get worse if no solution is found.

e. **Community Leaders Group:** No meetings have been held.

Item 9 – Communications Updates:

Correspondence: the following correspondence was shared with Members:

- **T&WC** Transfer of land under Church Aston Bridge: the Clerk read out an email from the Officer in Prosperity & Investment Dept, who are dealing with the land transfer to T&WC with the Land Registry Dept. Members expressed their concern on how little progress had been made to date.
- **T&WC** A 'Save the date' invitation to the Chairman/Deputy Chairman has been received to attend a Town & Parish Council Conference on the 6th October 2023.
- **T&WC** Notifications for costs and Timetable for proceedings for the forthcoming Election on Thursday 4th May 2023 had been previously circulated to members for information, this was noted by members.
- **T&WC** Following a recent request for a Grit Bin, copy of T&WC Grit Bin Policy had been previously circulated for members information, which was noted.

Newsletter: Members agreed to delay the next Parish Newsletter until post-election in May 2023.

Facebook: Continues to be updated on a weekly basis including the recent '**Need for ID** for the forthcoming elections in May.

Website: Continues to be updated.

Noticeboard: Continues to be updated, including a poster for the **Need for ID** for the forthcoming elections in May.

POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS

Item 9 – TWC/2023/0054 Site address: 20 Newtown, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7HT Description of proposal: Erection of a two- storey front and side extension, single storey side and rear extension and erection of a detached garage
Decision: **No objection.**

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Item 10 – Accounts & Payments

(a) The Statement of Account: at close of business on 31/01/23 was
=£10,741.67p

(b) A copy of the Statutory Balance Sheet/Bank Reconciliation of account at 31st January 2023 was noted by members and signed by Cllr S Stacey (Chairman).

(c) Approval of Payments made since the last meeting: was presented for retrospective approval. Cllr J Pay, and Cllr B Richards seconded authorisation of the following payments, with all Members present voting in favour.

Payment	Cheque No.	Statute	Amount
Telford & Wrekin Council	BACS	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,s 72(s)	£2,000.00
e.on	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957,s3	£459.90

Resolved: the above payments at 10(b) were retrospectively approved for payment at this meeting held on 6th February 2023.

(c) Payments for authorisation at this meeting: Cllr F McKeown proposed, and Cllr J Pay seconded, with unanimous vote in favour from all Members present at the meeting for the following payments to be authorised:

Payment	Cheque No.	Statute	Amount
WME	BACS	Higways Act 1980,s,301	£277.47
HMRC February 23	300323	LGA1972s112	£44.80
Staff Salary February 23	STD	LGA1972s112	£449.19
Staff Expenses	BACS	LGA1972s112	£11.42

(d) Due to an overpayment in December, the Clerk informed Council she was in receipt of a Credit Note from RBS £297.49p.

Item 11 – Roads, Hedges and Ditches

a) Maintenance of Village Gateway: Cllr B Richards reiterated the importance of the need to maintain the village gateways, this was noted and agreed that it should be an Agenda item in the new financial year.

b) Other matters raised:

Cllr M Bennett recently met a representative from an Energy Company to explore the installation of an electric car charger (most likely the Village Hall). He is waiting for confirmation of costings and details of the scheme and will continue to keep council informed of progress. Members expressed disappointment for the lack of and the high number of 'out of order' car charges in the local area.

c) On behalf of his family, Cllr Stacey thanked members for attending the recent funeral of his Father, it was very much appreciated.

Item 12 – Future Meeting Dates: The following future meeting dates were noted:

- **Parish Council Meetings:** 6 March, 3rd April 2023. A decision was made that due to Bank Holiday's the May meeting (Annual Parish Meeting) will be held on Wednesday 11th May at **7pm. At Church Aston Church Hall.**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Chairman:

Date