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Minutes of Church Aston Parish Council held at Church Aston Village Hall on Wednesday 12th March 7.00pm 2025.

Present: P Evans (Acting Chairman), R Wynn, F McKeown and J Pay.

In attendance: Wendy Tonge (Clerk). Cllr A Eade (Borough Councillor).

12/03/25)

Item 1 - Apologies: S Stacey (Indisposed), P Sansom (Holiday), A Stokes (Personal commitment), B Knight (Indisposed) and B Richards (Indisposed).

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

Item 3 – Public Session: No members of the public were in attendance.

Item 4 – Minutes of the Meetings held on the 3rd February 2025.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd of February 2025, were proposed as a true and accurate record of proceedings by Cllr Pay and seconded by Cllr Wynn with all members present voting in support of the proposal.

Resolved: minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd February 2025 were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record.

Item 5 – Matters arising:

- a) **Flooding:** Cllr Eade provided members with an overview of his actions taken since the last meeting on all matters relating to flooding from the land at the rear of The Dale. These included, his attendance at a recent meeting held with Senior Officers from T&WC Planning Department, who were able to provide Cllr Eade with a breakdown of all actions and activities the Borough Council have undertaken to resolve the issue. Cllr Eade reiterated his commitment to ensuring the matter be resolved and expressed his belief that T&WC appeared to be very supportive. Members remained hopeful and expressed their sincere thanks to Cllr Eade for his continued support.
- b) **Memorial proposal in memory of Nick Collier:** Due to the low number of members in attendance at the meeting, it was agreed the Agenda Item be deferred until the next meeting in April.
- c) **Play area:** Following a recent on-site meeting with Richard Foden the T&WC Play & Recreation Officer, the parish council have received confirmation that Idverde have arranged for a team to descale the MUGA metal fencing, treat moss from tarmac surfacing, Jet- wash the mud from the goal end and to leaf blow the tarmac surfacing of loose tarmac marbling on the surface. Cllr Eade kindly agreed to earmark money

from his Borough Funding to contribute towards further improvements including, the replacement of the benches in the younger children's play area.

PARISH PROJECTS & COMMUNITY MATTERS

Item 6 - Asset Management.

- a) **Millenium Boulders:** T&WC have offered to provide details of a potential contractor that could possibly help the restoration of the boulders. The Clerk agreed to report back to members on any progress at a future meeting.
- b) **Local Development Plan:** Members were provided with the following information - Subject to T&WC Full Council approval, the Local Plan will be published to allow the public and stakeholders to make final comments, still awaiting confirmation of the exact timescale and Infrastructure Plan. Members discussed the need to form a Working Group to oppose the housing developments in the village. The Parish Council agreed to formally appoint and ratify a Working Group at the next parish meeting in April.
- c) **T&WC Community Governance Boundary Review 2025:** A draft copy of the parish council's response to the Community Governance Review 2025, had been previously circulated to all members for approval. Cllr Evans proposed the document was an accurate reflection of the parish council's view to remain independent, that it be accepted as the final response. This was seconded by Cllr Pay with all members present voting in support of the proposal.

Resolved: that the Clerk be granted permission to formally submit the response on behalf of Church Aston Parish Council, before the deadline of the 24th March 2025.

Item 7- Representatives Report:

- a) **Village Hall:** No update available
- b) **Bus Users Group:** No meetings held.
- c) **Newport Regeneration Partnership:** No meetings held.
- d) **Telford & Wrekin Council:** Cllr Eade confirmed that the unspent Section 106 funding of £3,500 has contributed towards a replacement spring-loaded play item in the play area. He briefed members on the outcome of a recent meeting with T&WC Tree Officer to discuss flooding. The officer suggested they explore the idea of developing an Attenuation Pool, which could help address ~~in~~ the longstanding issue of flooding on the park. Members were fully supportive of the project and looked forward to receiving further updates on the proposal.
- e) **Wellington Road/Linden Hall PPG:** No meetings held.
- f) **Community Leaders Meeting:** No meetings held.
- g) **Wrekin Area Committee:** No meetings held.

Item 8 - Communications Updates:

a) **Correspondence**

- Newport Town Council's recent email was shared with member. The email outlined the proposed arrangements for the signing of the Newport Community Library Partnership Agreement. Members are all invited to a formal celebration event on Monday 31st March 10am at Newport Library.
- The Clerk was in receipt of an email from Mr P Degg, Regional Managing Director of Bloor Homes, Midlands. The email had been previously circulated to members for information. The email provided council with an update on the on-site balancing pond and silt in the water discharged into the Mere.

b) **Newsletter:** The next addition of the Newsletter is ready and awaiting distribution. Members agreed to organise the distribution of the newsletter at the end of the meeting.

c) **Facebook:** Cllr Evans and the Clerk continue to post information on the Council's Facebook page, including details the CGR Consultation and The Local Plan.

d) **Website:** The Website continues to be updated.

e) **Noticeboard:** The noticeboard continues to be updated with new information on a monthly basis.

Item 9- POLICY & PLANNING MATTERS

Planning: To consider the following T&WC Planning Applications received during February 2025.

- TWC/2025/0114 Site of 4 Richmond Close, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire.
Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works.
Decision: No Objection
- TWC/2025/0107 Harwood, 22A Newtown, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire, TF107HT
Erection of a two- storey front extension and single storey rear extension
Decision: No Objection

Item 10 - FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Accounts & Payments

- a) **The Statement of Account:** at close of business on 28/02/25 was £17,529.77p
- b) **Statutory Balance Sheet, Summary of receipts and payments and a Bank Reconciliation of accounts for month ending 28/02/2025** is £17,529.77p. A copy of the Account Balance sheet, summary of receipts and payments and Bank Reconciliation for the account at month end of 28th of February 2025 was previously circulated and noted by members, signed by Cllr Mc Keown and Cllr Evans.
- c) **Approval of Payments made since the last meeting:** was presented for retrospective approval. Cllr Wynn, and Cllr Pay seconded authorisation of the following payments, with all Members present voting in favour.

Payment	Payment type	Statute General Power of Competence	Amount
West Mercia Energy	Transfer		£390.77
HMRC	ST Order		£121.20
SALC	Transfer		£85.00
Lloyds Bank	DD		£6.00

Resolved: the above payments at 10(c) were retrospectively approved for payment at this meeting held on the 12th March 2025.

(d) **Payments for authorisation at this meeting:** Cllr Evans proposed, and Cllr Mc Keown seconded, with unanimous vote in favour from all Members present at the meeting for the following payments to be authorised:

Payment	Cheque No.	Statute General Power of Competence	Amount
Staff Salary & Expenses for March 2025	Standing Order		£631.75
HMRC contributions March 2025	On-line transfer		£121.20

Resolved: the payment set out above at 10(d) was formally approved for payment at this meeting held on the 12th March 2025.

Item 11 - Roads, Hedges & Ditches

Cllr McKeown shared her concern for the high speed of traffic along the Church Aston stretch of the A518. Members shared the same concerns particularly, when pedestrians are seen trying to cross over from Liddle's Bank to the middle Island. It was agreed the issue should be discussed in more detail at the next parish meeting in April. The Clerk agreed to ensure the matter is raised as an Agenda Item for the parish meeting in April.

Item 12 - Future Meeting Dates: The following future meeting date was noted:

Parish Council Meetings: Monday 7th April 2025 in Church Aston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman:

Date