



LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at Leighton Village Hall on Tuesday 7th March 2023 starting

Present: Cllrs Alan Bain, Malcolm Corrie, Sue Dawes, Sue Jones (Chairman), Mark Thorn

In Attendance: 4 members of the public; Cllr Claire Wild (Shropshire Council); Lorna Pardoe, Parish Clerk & RFO; Ian Cruise-Taylor, Locum Clerk

1. **Chairman's Welcome** – the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies** – apologies were noted from Cllr Elaine Parton
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** – there were no declarations of interest
4. **Council to agree the minutes from the January Council Meeting** – Council unanimously approved the January 2023 minutes
5. **Chairs report** - none
6. **Report from Shropshire Councillor** – Cllr Claire Wild

Cllr Wild reported that an incident of fly-tipping of cannabis plants had been reported to police and was being followed up.

Cllr Wild reported on the Ironbridge Power Station Redevelopment Liaison Group meetings which have been held on the Ironbridge Site.

At a recent meeting, the phasing of the development was discussed. Harworth (the developers on the Ironbridge site) have agreed to produce a newsletter to inform local residents and the general public on what is happening currently on site and the future phasing of development works.

Regarding the implementation of Traffic Calming Measures in Leighton, there is to be a meeting this month with Cllr Wild, Harworth, Shropshire Council Highways, and local parish councillors to discuss measures which are being funded by the developers Harworth. Initially VAS signs (vehicle activated signs) are to be installed, as soon as possible and before any building takes place on the Ironbridge Site. The funding for these VAS signs is already in place. The Parish Council is to be involved in the decisions regarding locations. Ideally councillors would be seeking to ensure that the signs would be able to monitor traffic movement as well as act a speed deterrent.

Plans for sports facilities at the Development were also to be discussed with local organisations and clubs as well as national bodies such as Sport England.

7. **Public Session** - one member of the public asked if the council had a view on the proposed boundary changes; and if there was any further news on the implementation of rail services from the power station development site. Cllr Wild reported that the boundary proposals were not yet finalised and that the initial rail link for sand and gravel removal was delayed due to funding issues in relation to the necessary rail bridge repair, and that there was no further information regarding the passenger rail element.

8. **Police Report – if available**

- Council to agree top 3 policing priorities for the Parish:
Council agreed that the 3 priorities were:
 - 1 Speeding
 - 2 Antisocial behaviour including fly-tipping
 - 3 Theft from outbuildings

9. **Planning Matters**

(a) Previous Applications/decisions: None notified

(b) Council to consider any new applications: None Notified

10. **Highways Matters – Members to raise any highways issues.**

Council to consider and agree next steps in relation to the Leighton Lay-by – the Chairman reported that she had been in contact with Shropshire Council and they are looking into the matter but no decision has been made as yet.

The Chairman also reported that she had been in correspondence with Shropshire Council regarding Kynnersley Lane and it had been agreed that it needed resurfacing and would be included in the capital works programme as soon as possible.

Serious potholes in Garmston had been reported to Shropshire Council and had now been marked for repair. It was agreed to chase up Shropshire Council for urgent action.

It was reported that the safety line markings throughout Eaton Constantine were to be repainted on 13th March, and that the 30 mph signs in Upper Longwood also needed to be refreshed.

Concern was also expressed about drainage arrangements in Kynnersley Lane, which have been referred to Shropshire Council.

Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council resolves That by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1992 , the public and press be excluded for the next item of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts'.

An extra item was included which was not on the Agenda to discuss a confidential staff issue.

Standing orders were then re-instated

11. Financial Matters

- i. To agree and approve Invoices and other payments for payment and bank reconciliation – see appendix A – Council approved the payment of payroll costs for March.
- ii. Council to note an error in the November payments list. Clerk pay should read £278.49 not £244.12 and locum £272.74 not £175.92. - noted
- iii. Council to consider and agree the grounds maintenance specification for 2023-24 – draft specification circulated – Council unanimously approved the revised specification.

12. Parish Matters

- a) Councillors to report any parish matters.
Cllr Malcolm Corrie reported an increase in fly-tipping around and near the Meanders beauty spot. He reported not only food packaging being discarded but large items such as a sofa and TV. The Parish Council will ask Shropshire Council for advice and help in reducing this problem.
- b) Council to consider and agree next steps in relation to Parish Plan and/or Community Led Plan – Council agreed to:
 - (i) seek the views of residents via an article in 'Under the Wrekin' and at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2023
 - (ii) invite the Shropshire Council Place Plan Officer to a future Parish Council meeting
- c) Council to consider and agree next steps in relation to dog waste bins – Council agreed to the installation of one re-cycled bin, once a decision on location had been made.

13. Date & Time of the next meeting: Wednesday 31st May 2023 starting at 7.00pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall. (Note change)