

**LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE
PARISH COUNCIL**

Tuesday 7th November 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

MINUTES

1. **Chairmans Welcome** the Chairman of the meeting welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present Councillor** M Thorn-Chairman, Councillor E Parton, Councillor M Corrie Shropshire Councillor C Wild , L Pardoe clerk to the council and one member of the public Apologies were received from Councillor S Jones, who was unwell, Councillor A Bain who was attending a family funeral, Councillor M Budgen and Councillor S Dawes who were unable to attend.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
4. **Council to agree the minutes from Meeting held on September 2023.**It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.
5. **Chairs report.** Councillor S Jones was not present so there was no Chairs report.
6. **Police Report-**There was none available.
7. **Report from Shropshire Councillor.**
 - Councillor C Wild reported that there will be a meeting next week to discuss The Farley Quarry application. The Officers have taken on board Leighton Parish Councils objections and have recommended a legal clause that precludes HGVs utilising the B4380.Give this recommendation, Leighton Parish Council will not speak on this matter at the meeting.
 - There will be a meeting on Friday with Councillor S Jones and members of Buildwas Parish Council and Shropshire Council regarding the highway's issues at Ironbridge. Councillor M Thorn to be included in this meeting if Councillor S Jones is unable to attend.
 - The VAS posts have gone up in Leighton so hopefully the VAS signs will follow shortly. This will then mean that there are three VAS one at each end of the village and one in the middle.
 - There was a discussion on various accidents that have occurred recently leading on to a discussion of Telford & Wrekin Local Plan. Councillor S Jones has circulated a draft response to the other members of the Parish Council which all the members have seen. It was agreed that this should be agreed in circulation due to the low numbers of members in attendance at the meeting.
8. **Telford & Wrekin Local Plan. Council to consider a response to this as there is a proposed development at Horsehay close to Buildwas Bank.** This was covered in item 7.
9. **Clerks Report-**the clerk reported that she had received a communication from Shropshire Council asking for any specific flooding issues that had arisen due to the recent storms. She had also received an e-mail asking for possible areas for tree planting within the parish. Also, the National Pay award for clerks and local council officers had been agreed, which was £1.00 across all pay points, back dated to 1st April 2023
10. **Public Session.** The member of the public did not wish to speak
11. **Parish Survey- Councillor S Dawes to update members on progress to date.** As Councillor Dawes was absent Councillor Thorn read out an update she had circulated (tbd)

Budget

I think we might well use £500 approved budget; £300 survey monkey for one user plus stamps for paper returns and printing (tbd)....

Challenge

Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council

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signed.....

Dated Tuesday 9th January 2024...

Survey team happy to deliver leaflet directing householder to survey online and on request paper copy with stamped addressed envelope for return but do not believe it is in their remit to 'encourage' completion. PC might wish to decide whether or not they wish to 'encourage' and if so how!

Members discussed this and agreed that people should be encouraged to complete the survey.

Visited William Brookes School

Most enjoyable workshop discussion with 6th Form about 'the Voice of Youth' They are quite keen to engage with the Parish, maybe in the Spring.

This was briefly discussed by attending Councillors, who took the view that this would need further discussion in the next meeting.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Previous Applications

- Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6RN Proposal: Construction of a single and one and half storey extension
- Reference: 23/03511/LBC (validated: 10/08/2023)
Address: Leighton Lodge, Leighton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6RN
Proposal: Construction of a single and one and half storey extension. Permission granted 2 November 2023

Reference: 23/03510/FUL (validated: 10/08/2023)
Address: Leighton Lodge, Leighton Permission Granted 22 November 2023

- Reference: 23/03634/FUL
Address: Eye Manor , Eaton Constantine
Proposal: Conversion of barn to one dwelling, erection of 2-bay garage and installation on a package treatment works. Permission Granted 23 Oct 23

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(b) Council to consider any new applications. There were no new applications for consideration.

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13. Highways Matters –

- **Members to raise any highways issues**
The bushes are encroaching across the 30mph signs entering and leaving the village. Clerk to ask the Maintenance Contractor to look at this.
- Kynnersley Lane still has not been resurfaced
- There is a blocked drain at the Rudge , this is shown on fix my street.
- Cressage Advert
Councillor Dawes has written to Cressage Parish Clerk asking them to advise VH of the hazard of leaving Cressage Fair advert at crossroads when the VH email address was returned as 'unknown'. No reply as yet
- A big thank you to Andy Oliver from Shropshire Council for removing excess water from EC side of crossroads before the big funeral at the Church for Angus MacDonald. It could have otherwise been very dangerous.

14. Financial Matters

- i. To accept the Bank reconciliation account for the month ended 31st October 2023 as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present
- ii. To agree and approve Invoices for payment. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.
- iii. Councillors to receive financial papers in preparation for the precept setting in the January meeting.
- iv. Council to agree National Pay award backdated to 1st April 2023. This was agreed proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present

15. PARISH MATTERS

a) **Councillor to report any parish matters.** None

16. Date & Time of the next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Leighton Village Hall.

17. The Chairman thanked all for attending and asked the members of the public to leave the meeting at this point.

It is recommended that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussions of Items 16 & 17 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information.

18. Council to discuss the details of the appointment of a new clerk following the present clerk's retirement. Due to the low numbers of members in attendance it was agree to defer this matter to the January meeting

19. Council to consider tenders for the Grounds Maintenance for the next three years. Due to the low numbers of members in attendance it was agree to defer this matter to the January meeting

20. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm