

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

MINUTES

1. **Chair's Welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillor S Jones-Chairman Councillor M Corrie Vice-Chairman Councillor E Parton Councillor S Dawes Councillor M Budgen Councillor A Bain Councillor M Thorn Shropshire Councillor C Wild L Pardoe clerk to the Council .Also present one member of the public
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** None were declared at this point
4. **Public Session.** The Chairman invited the member of the public to speak. He introduced himself as the selected Labour Candidate for the Severn Valley in the elections to take place on 2021.
5. **Council to agree the minutes of meetings held on 1st September 2020.**These to be signed when it is possible to meet up safely. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor E Parton seconded by Councillor M Budgen and agreed by all members present.
6. **Clerks Report.** The clerk had nothing to report all items were covered on the agenda
7. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor C Wild reported that Shropshire Council had a good series of site meetings with Local Planning Officers and members of the Parish Councils regarding the Ironbridge Power Station development and the effects it will have of the local parishes and is hoping to be able to resolve some of the planning issues that have been highlighted by members of the Parish Councils. She thanked everyone for their input to the meetings.
8. **Update on Local Plan progress** The Chairman asked for an update on this from Councillor Wild. The Local Plan would be going to Cabinet at the end of November or beginning of December for consultation on the Strategic Policies. There would then be a six week consultation with the parishes on this stage of the Plan
9. **Update on Buildwas Power Station Site** Planners and Traffic engineers are negotiating with Haworth at the moment on the planning application. Highways England want a delay whilst their concerns are addressed. *The Ironbridge Power Station site is located approximately four miles from The M54 Junction 5 and Junction 6 and nearly five miles from M54 Junction 4. The site is of a significant scale. Highways England recommends that planning permission not be granted for a further three months from 29th October 2020 to allow the applicant sufficient time to submit additional information.*(taken from the Highways England response on the SC Planning portal)
10. **Planning matters**
 - 20/02688/FUL: Kynnersley lane, Leighton. Awaiting decision
 - 20/01751/EIA: Farley Quarry, Farley. Awaiting decision.
 - 20/03575/FUL: Fairview Cottage, Leighton. Awaiting decision
 - 20/03659/FUL: The Mount, Eaton Constantine. awaiting decisionNew applications.
 - 19/04934/FUL: Proposed development opposite The Smithy. Awaiting decision
 - 20/04312/FUL ; Morrel's Wood Farm. This application was discussed however as the application had only come in that day it was agreed that the members would look at the application and respond to the clerk by Tuesday 10th November with their thoughts so the clerk could formulate a response on behalf of the Parish Council for their final agreement before posting on the planning portal.

Highways matters Councillor Jones reported that there was a good meeting with members of the Parish Council and the Highways Officer Jonathan Ingleby from Shropshire Council on October 22nd. The following was reported to him:

Leighton:

- Kynnersley Lane. The whole top half of the cul-de-sac needs the tarmac surface repairing as it is broken up.
- Water is still a problem on the B4380 towards Buildwas just out of Leighton. This has been looked into previously but there is still a problem

Garmston: Councillor Bain reported:

- Problems with drainage in Garmston Lane. Gulleys need cleaning and repair by Garmston Farm and further up Garmston Lane beyond the houses where the road floods.

Eaton Constantine: Councillor Dawes reported:

- Traffic Calming Measures: Lines have faded and the police have also reported and recommended repainting as safety is compromised.
- Traffic Calming Measures: The entrance gate near the village hall has never returned after an accident. The Parish Council would like it replaced.
- Gulleys needed to be looked into due to flooding over the road. Work has already taken place at the village Hall end of the village where flooding on the road coming into Eaton Constantine has recently been a problem. Whilst this is better, there is still water on the top road by the village hall entrance. This will be

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watched and assessed if it gets any worse. The gully in the middle of the village is to be looked at as it is not working properly.

Upper Longwood: The signpost on the way into Upper Longwood from the Rushton end of the village needs straightening.

Members that had attended felt that it had been a very good and productive meeting.

11. **Council to agree the accessibility statement for the website.** After a brief discussion it was agreed to adopt the Accessibility Statement as presented by the clerk. This had been drawn up by Hugo Fox as part of their ensuring that the website is as accessible as possible. Proposed by Councillor M Budgen seconded by Councillor M Corrie and agreed by all members present.

12. **Financial Matters**

- a) To agree and approve Invoices for payment. It was agreed that the invoices be paid proposed by Councillor A Bain seconded by Councillor M Budgen and agreed by all members present

Bt	HMRC	PAYE	43.00
Bt	Staff	Office expences	32.50
S/O	Staff Sep	Salary	172.01
BT	Royal British Legion	Lamp post poppies	36.00
	Total		283.51

- b) To accept the Bank reconciliation account up to beginning of November 2020 as presented by the clerk .It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor M Budgen seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

The meeting being conducted on Zoom was terminated at this point due the time constraints of 40 minutes. Parish Councillors only would be invited back to a meeting to discuss the tenders and also the clerk's appraisal.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Wild and member of the public for attending the meeting.

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 remainder 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'

- c) Council to discuss tenders for repair of bench. After discussion it was agreed to offer the job to repair the Millennium bench to Mr K Jones. Proposed by Councillor S Jones seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members present. Councillor Bain to notify him. The clerk would also write to him confirming this.
The clerk then left the meeting.
- d) Council to receive recommendations from the HR sub group following the clerk's annual appraisal. After discussion it was agreed to accept the proposal put forward by Councillors Jones and Parton following an appraisal with the clerk held during October. The Nationally Agreed Pay award would be awarded and back dated to April 2020. Proposed by Councillor S Jones seconded by Councillor A Bain and agreed by all members present.

13. **Date & Time of the next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 starting at 7.30pm via Zoom or at Leighton Village Hall.**

14. **The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm**

On 4th April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely. Members of the public may access these meetings through the Zoom platform by sending an email to the Parish Clerk at lecparrishcouncil@gmail.com stating their device type and whether they wish to contribute audibly or visually and audibly.

