LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE
PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 7th March 2017

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome**: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Present: Councillor** S Jones-Chairman; Councillor G Godwin; Councillor M Corrie; Councillor R Harper; Councillor P Brewer. Apologies were received from Councillor J Hayter who was working Councillor E Parton who had a prior commitment. Also, present L Pardoe clerk to the Council, Shropshire Councillor C Wild and two members of the public (See signing in sheet for Annual Parish Meeting)

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** There were none at this point

4. **Public Session:** There were none as the Annual Parish Meeting had just taken place**.**

5. **Police Report:** This would be circulated to members when received. Clerk to see if PC D Walton could attend the May meeting.

6. **Reports** from Shropshire Councillor: Councillor Wild reported that Broadband was nearing completion in the Leighton area and it was agreed to invite Ben to attend the May meeting.

7. **To Confirm & Accept minutes from 3rd January 2017**It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor G Godwin; seconded by Councillor P Brewer and agreed by all members present.

8. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** Councillor G Godwin reported that he had completed the Bus Strategy questionnaire on line on behalf of the Council as agreed at the last meeting.

9. **Local Plan Partial Review; Council to consider and comment.** Councillor S Jones had looked at this and responded with comprehensive answers to all questions. The members had all been copied into this and were all in agreement with her comments. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to have moderate growth with extra housing being taken up around the Larger Market towns and Shrewsbury Town.; Proposed by Councillor M Corrie; seconded by Councillor G Godwin and agreed by all members present.

10. **PLANNING MATTERS**
    (a) Clerk to report on previous applications: There were none to report on.
    (b) Council to consider new applications. There were no new applications to consider.
    (c) Council to consider applications received after agenda was sent out. There were no applications to consider.
    (d) Council to agree process to deal with Planning Applications in a timely fashion following the new procedures adopted by Shropshire Council: It was agreed that the Parish Council would give full delegated authority to the clerk to compile a response to Planning applications that came between the bi monthly meetings after full consultation with all members of the Parish Council. If there were large or contentious applications, then an extra meeting would be called. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie; seconded by Councillor G Godwin and agreed by all members present.

11. **Highways Matters** –
    To receive reports of any highways issues: It was reported that the fingerpost towards Garmston from Eaton Constantine was smashed. Also, the finger post at Spout Lane where it meets Neves Castle needs attention as the lettering is disappearing
    The finger post at Bennett's Lane has disappeared. This was reported as damaged back in July2016. The clerk to chase these matters up with Highways.
    The Bollard entering Eaton Constantine on the left from Upper Longwood is broken.
    There are two large potholes outside Garmston farm

At the top of Palings to Upper Longwood Farm there is watering running down the road. Clerk to report to Ffion at Shropshire Council

To report on speeding and within the parish and enforcement of limits: This is an ongoing problem. The Parish Council is continually trying to get traffic calming measures in place. Drivers take no notice of Speed signs.

12. **Financial Matters**
   a) To approve invoices for payment: It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
   b) To agree grants to community groups: - St Marys, Eaton Constantine £480.00. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would give £75.00 to St Marys Church Eaton Constantine Proposed Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
   c) To agree grant to St Marys, Leighton £75.00. After discussion, it was agreed to grant £75.00 to St Marys Church Leighton. Proposed by Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
   d) To accept Bank Reconciliation, it was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Business Account £2,432.44 Instant Access Account £873.35 totalling £3,305.79Proposed by Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
   e) Council to consider and confirm appointment of Internal Auditor for the forthcoming financial year. After considering the two quotes it was agreed to appoint Mrs J Griffiths as Internal Auditor to the Parish Council.Proposed by Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
   f) Council to consider website hosting following the announcement of the Transparency funding being continued this year. There was another year of funding from NALC for the Transparency Code. It was agreed to stay with Web Orchard for the time being as the Parish Council was able to obtain funding for the hosting this year. Proposed by Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE;** this was noted

14. **PARISH MATTERS:** There were no matters to report these had be dealt with at the Annual Parish Meeting.

15. **Date & Time of the next meeting** It was agreed that this would be on Tuesday 16th May 2017 starting at 7.30pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall.

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council
April Agenda 2017   Signed…………………………………..
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