

**LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** The outgoing Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Councillor S Jones- Chairman; Councillor J Hayter-Vice-chairman; Councillor R Harper; Councillor E Parton; Councillor P Brewer; Councillor M Corrie. Also, present L Pardoe clerk to the Council; Rob Jones from B T and Ben Walker from Connecting Shropshire. 14 Members of the public (Please see sheet attached the signed minutes) Apologies were received from Councillor G Godwin. **Standing Orders were lifted to allow the members of the public to speak.**
3. **Public session: Ben Walker** introduced himself and explained that 60,000 households now have access to fibre broadband. The move to come on line in Phase II is ending in 2018. He introduced Rob Jones the project Manager from BT. Overall there 144,000 properties connected of which 60,000 are commercial and 60,000 residential with 24,000 left to be connected. British Telecom don't work on parish boundaries and Leighton and Eaton Constantine come under the Cressage Exchange. There are 144 properties unable to order fibre broadband at this time. There is additional work to be concluded for these to be ready. There is further build work to be completed south of Cressage. There are 50 premises to go on at the moment and these will be released over the next few months. These will all be released in one phase and not individually.  
Members of the public were invited to ask questions. Why they were not connected when the cable goes right past their door one resident asked? R Jones from BT replied that they needed extra work for these premises. Councillor Wild asked if they could not release the premises in batches of 6-10 to ease people's frustration. R Jones said he would take this away and see what he could do. Councillor E Parton spoke of the frustration when BT made appointments with people and then failed to turn up. R Jones apologised for the lack of communication. He told those present to go on Open Reach When & Where to see where their properties were in the programme.  
R Jones said they intended to work in 1/4s and Cressage FTTP would be complete by the end of June. The public session closed. The Chairman thanked Rob Jones from BT, Ben Walker from Connecting Shropshire and members of the public for attending. **Standing Orders were reinstated.**
4. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by all members:** This was done by all members present in front of the clerk.
5. **Election of Chairman:** Councillor S Jones proposed that Councillor Hayter be Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor M Corrie and agreed by all members present.
6. **Signing of declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman:** this was signed in the presence of the Council and Councillor Hayter then took over chairing the meeting.
7. **Election of Vice-Chairman:** Councillor E Parton proposed that Councillor Corrie be Vic-Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
8. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Vice-Chairman:** This was signed in the presence of the Council.
9. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** There were none at this point.
10. **Police Report:** Apologies were received from the Police who were down to attend this meeting.
11. **Reports from Shropshire Councillor and Others.** Shropshire Councillor C Wild reported that the Environmental Maintenance Grants would continue this year but at a much-reduced rate.
12. **To Confirm & Accept minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor S Jones; seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

**13. Matters Arising from those Minutes**

**14. Appointment of members to groups;**

- a) **Wrekin Partnership Trust:** It was agreed that Councillor E Parton would represent the Council on this.
- b) **AONB:** It was agreed that Councillor J Hayter would continue to represent the Council on this
- c) **LJC:** It was agreed that Councillor S Jones would represent the Council on this.

**15. To agree meeting dates for 2017/2018**

**Dates for the next year were agreed as:**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Eaton Constantine Village Hall**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Eaton Constantine Village Hall**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Leighton Village Hall**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at Leighton Village Hall**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Leighton Village Hall**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at Eaton Constantine Village Hall**

**16. To review & adopt:**

- a) The Councils' Standing Orders
- b) Financial Regulations
- c) Complaints Policy
- d) Freedom of Information Scheme
- e) Grant Awarding Policy
- f) Assets Register
- g) Risk Assessments Documents
- h) Financial Risk Assessments Documents
- i) Insurance

After discussion, it was agreed to accept all the documents as presented by the clerk and renew the Insurance with Came & Co. The Risk Assessment and Financial Risk Assessment Documents and Assets Register were signed by the Chairman; Proposed by Councillor R Harper; seconded by Councillor M Corrie and agreed by all members present.

**17. PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) Clerk to report on previous applications**

**(b) Council to consider new applications.**

- Reference: 17/01646/REM

Address: Baxters Farm, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury. SY5 6SF

Proposal: 6 Approval for Reserved Matters ((appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to Outline Application 14/04154/OUT for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to include means of access. *After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would have no objection to this planning application so long as it fully complies with the regulations governing Agricultural Workers dwelling.*

*Proposed by Councillor S Jones; seconded by Councillor J Hayter and agreed by all members present.*

- Reference: 17/01869/FUL

Address: The Villa, Eaton Constantine, Shrewsbury.

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey infill between garage and dwelling with terrace above; internal alterations to dwelling.

*After discussion, the Parish Council agreed to pass no comment to this planning application.*

*Proposed by Councillor J Hayter; seconded by Councillor R Harper and agreed by all members present.*

**18. Highways Matters –**

To receive reports of any highways issues; after discussion and the correspondence regarding the minor changes with the traffic calming measures proposed by Mouchel. It was agreed to wait for a date to walk through the village with Jon Plumridge from Mouchel to look at the proposals.

**19. Financial Matters**

- a) To approve invoices for payment

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L Pardoe Clerk & RFO

Signed.....

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- b) To approve payment of invoices received after agenda was sent out
- c) To accept Bank reconciliation
- d) Council to receive Internal Audit Report
- e) Council to agree Annual Governance Statement
- f) Council to receive Year End Accounts

20. **CORRESPONDENCE;** this was noted and Councillor S Jones and E Parton requested to attend the Planning Training Session in June.

21. **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) Councillor S Jones reported that a resident had complained to her of an obstruction being caused by a large van outside some cottages. Members discussed this and felt that it was not a general problem. It was natural traffic calming and that van was not there all day
- b) Councillor P Brewer explained that residents were thinking of getting The Kynnersley Arms registered as a Community Asset.

22. **Date & Time of the next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 starting at 7.30pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall

23. Councillors J Hayter and M Corrie gave their apologies for the July meeting as they would be on holiday then.

24. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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