

**LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**January 2024**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chairmans Welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillor S Jones- Chairman, Councillor M Thorn-Vice-Chairman, Councillor S Dawes, Councillor E Parton, Councillor A Bains and Apologies were received from Councillor M Corrie who was unwell.
3. **Absent: Councillor M Budgen**
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
5. **Council to agree the minutes from Meeting held on November 2023** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by those members present at the November meeting.
6. **Chairs report.** The Chair had just attended a Chairman’s meeting with SALC and highlighted “Martyn’s Law “which will be coming into force, Training will be given on this topic. This is to ensure that Parish and Town Councils are fully aware of the threat of terrorist activities and ready for them. Regarding the Ironbridge Power Station planning application, the routing of construction traffic should not be allowed along the B4380 through Leighton. Councillor S Jones has written to Shropshire Planning Department to clarify this as it is not clear in the Planning Condition. This will also be discussed at the next Liaison Group meeting.
7. **Police Report-**The Police had been invited but did not attend. Councillor Thorn said that he had been present at a function and that he had met Jonathan Lightfoot who was the Rural & Business Crime Officer who would come to a meeting to speak to members of the Council and public if requested.
8. **Report from Shropshire Councillor.** Councillor C Wild reported that she had attended a meeting at Wroxeter the night before and that the recently installed VAS on the B4380 were going to be turned to 40mph. The work on Cressage bridge was about to begin and will be closed from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> April. There will inevitably be extra traffic on the B4380 as a result.
9. **Clerks Report-**The clerk reported that she had contacted the Clerks forum and that she had been pointed in the direction of J Henry for Data Protection. She had also approached another company and was waiting to hear from them. J Henry had replied that they only dealt with Town Councils and larger Parish Councils who had complex issues.
10. **Public Session.** Nothing to report.
11. **Parish Survey-** Councillor S Dawes reported that their schedule is going well, there is lots of enthusiasm and there will be questions included on Planning.

12. **PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) Previous Applications**

- 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 Nov 2023

Reference: 23/03510/FUL (validated: 10/08/2023)

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Dated Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024...

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

- There were no new applications to consider.

**13. Highways Matters –**

- Members discussed Fix my Street. At present there are a lot of things on it but no indication of which matters are a priority. It was noted that repairs are not of a particularly good quality.

**14. Financial Matters**

- i. To accept the Bank reconciliation account for the month ended 31<sup>st</sup> December as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor M Thorn 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 Thorn, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.
- iii. Council to agree budget and set precept for 2024/2025 It was agreed to accept the budget as presented and set the precept at £10,363, which would be an increase of £4.60 per Band D property per year. Proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.
- iv. Council to discuss the tenders for the Grounds Maintenance see item 17 below.

**15. PARISH MATTERS**

- a) **Councillor to report any parish matters.**

**16. Date & Time of the next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Leighton Village Hall.**

*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 17 & 18 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information.*

*During the following items all members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.*

- 17. Council to discuss the details of the appointment of a new clerk following the present clerk's retirement.** Following the withdrawal of the last candidate it was agreed that the Council would advertise the position again.
- 18. Council to consider tenders for the Grounds Maintenance for the next three years.** After discussion it was agreed unanimously that the contract be awarded to SLB Groundcare for the next three years.
- 19. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm**