

**LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE  
ONLINE  
PARISH COUNCIL  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chair's Welcome** the Chair welcomed all to the meeting. For the purposes of the virtual meeting all members introduced themselves and stated whether they had no pecuniary interests on any items on the agenda or not.
2. **Present** Councillors S Jones-Chairman Councillor M Corrie-Vice-chairman Councillor E Parton Councillor S Dawes Councillor A Bain Councillor M Thorn Councillor M Budgen Shropshire Councillor C Wilde and L Pardoe clerk to the council. Also present one member of the public. There were no apologies
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none declared
4. **Council to agree the minutes of meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.** These to be signed when the Parish Council is able to hold a public meeting. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor E Parton, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members present.
5. **Clerks Report.** The clerk reported that she had received confirmation from the External Auditors that they had received our self-certification certificate and that all was in order.
6. **Public session.** The member of the public introduced himself as James Healey who had been selected to stand for Labour in the forthcoming Shropshire Council elections next May. He would be standing for the Severn Valley ward. He stated that he felt that communities should have a larger say in any development that they have within the community.
7. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor Wild reported that there had been a lot of documents placed on the Planning Portal with reference to the Planning Application for up to 1000 dwellings on the former Ironbridge Power Station Site from Haworth Plc. Shropshire Council officers were at present assessing these documents. She had asked for a meeting with Parish Councils, Haworth and Shropshire Council Officers. Councillor S Jones said she was disappointed that the latest Transport Statements concerning traffic assessments and monitoring and was seeking answers to a list of questions the Parish Council has prepared for Grahame French from Shropshire Council. Councillor Wild said that Mr. French was happy to discuss issues.  
Councillor S Dawes asked if she could e-mail Councillor Wild with some questions that she had about the new white paper. Councillor Wild was happy for her to do that.
8. **Update on Local Plan progress** a meeting of The SALC area committee would take place on 10<sup>th</sup> September and Eddie West would be there to talk on issues with members.
9. **Update on Buildwas Power Station Site** see above item 7.
10. **Council to review Standing Orders** It was agreed that these were still fit for purpose and should be readopted. Proposed by Councillor E Parton seconded by Councillor M Corrie and agreed by all members present.
11. **Council to review Financial Standing Orders.** It was agreed that these were fit for purpose and should be readopted. Councillor S Jones asked for paragraph 6.8 and 6.9 be renewed as these have to be renewed every two years. Proposed by Councillor S Dawes and seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present.
12. **Planning matters**
  - 20/2688/FUL: Kynnersley lane, Leighton. Awaiting decision
  - 20/01569/FUL: Wrekin View, Eaton Constantine. Permission Granted 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.
  - 20/01751/EIA: Farley Quarry, Farley. Awaiting decision.

- 20/02860/TPO: The Manor House Leighton. This was granted permission 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

**13. Highways matters**

Leighton. Councillor S Jones said that she was pleased to see in the latest documents regarding the planning application on the former Ironbridge Power Station Site by Haworth Plc for sand and gravel extraction that with the Gravel extraction planning application there was to be a legal agreement whereby HGV vehicles would not be allowed to use the B4380.

**Highways issues in the Parish**

**a) Leighton**

Councillor S Jones reported that the top end of the cul de sac in Kynnersley Lane needs resurfacing badly

**b) Eaton Constantine.**

Councillor Dawes reported that the traffic calming measures at the Upper Longwood end of the village were not visible as the grass around them needs trimming.

The Cressage/Eaton Constantine crossroads had issues with visibility as the splays needed cutting. This is a Shropshire Council highways issue.

Also there is a broken pipe at the Village Hall end of the village and as a result there is surface water on the road. The water to the Village Hall is shut off so it is nothing to do with the Village Hall. There is also drainage issues further up the village on the left hand side of the road Water is over the road and this will become an issue with the autumn and winter approaching. Clerk to request a site visit to look at these issues.

**c) Garmston.**

Councillor Bain reported that the road surface by the entrance of Garmston Farm is in a poor state. The water sits on the road in that area and breaks up the Tarmac.

There is also a drainage problem at The Garmston Farm end of the village where rainwater bypasses the gully and floods a property at Garmston Court.

Speeding traffic is a problem in Garmston. The traffic goes far too fast down the lane by Garmston Farm and at the other end of Garmston lane, past the houses from Eaton Constantine, there is a sign which says that you are exiting a 30mph area. This suggests that you can speed up afterwards. Speeding traffic along here is a problem as the road is narrow and could benefit from a "pull-in" where vehicles can pass in safety and as a refuge for pedestrians. Councillor Bain asked if it would be possible to have some traffic calming measures for the village such as road markings. Councillor Jones requested that Garmston traffic problems be added to the Place Plan priorities which will then be added to the Shrewsbury Rural Place Plan where priorities for spending are also listed.

Councillor Bain also requested that vision splays at Bennets Lane Junction with the B4380 be cut more regularly and asked if the height of the verges could be reduced to improve vision.

Councillor S Jones suggested that the clerk request a site meeting with the traffic people to look at issues in Garmston and Eaton Constantine.

**14. Council to discuss the addition of extra cutting to the Highways Maintenance Contract.** After discussion it was agreed to have on extra cut through Eaton Constantine around the traffic calming measures to improve visibility.

**15. Financial Matters**

- a) To agree and approve Invoices for payment. It was agreed to pay the account as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor D Jones, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

Bt	HMRC	PAYE	43.00
Bt	Staff	Office expences	10.00
S/O	Staff Sep	Salary	172.01
	Total		225.01
30-Jul	D Malley	Data Potection Officer	110.66

- b) To agree retrospectively the payments made to date online by the clerk to maintain council services as per financial regulations. These were agreed. proposed by Councillor S Dawes ,seconded by Councillor A Bain and agreed by all members present

- c) To accept the Bank reconciliation account up to beginning of September 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 M Corrie and agreed by all members present.
- d) Council to agree the addition of extra cutting to the EMC (See above)it was agreed for the council to have some extra cutting done around the traffic calming signs as these were becoming obscured. Proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members present.
- e) Councillor S Jones proposed that the Bank Reconciliations should be checked by a member other than the chairman every three months. This was agreed by all members.

**16. Date & Time of the next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 starting at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

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