

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 5th March 2024

MINUTES

1. **Chairmans Welcome** the Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillor S Jones-Chairman, Councillor M Thorn -Vice-Chairman, Councillor E Parton, Councillor M Corrie, Councillor A Bain, Councillor M Budgen, also present Shropshire Councillor C Wild, One member of the public and L Pardoe clerk to the council. Apologies were received from Councillor S Dawes.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point.
4. **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 S Jones, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members present.
5. **Police Report-** No report was available, however, the clerk had received a request from West Mercia Police to see if the top Community Issues in our Parish had changed since the last update. It was confirmed by members that these remained as:
 1. **Speeding through the Parish**
 2. **Anti-social behaviour, including fly tipping.**
 3. **Thefts from outbuildings**
6. **Chairs report-** Councillor S Jones reported that there was to be a meeting of the Ironbridge Power Station Liaison Group next week which she would attend with Cllr Thorn.
See item 7
7. **Ironbridge Planning application** -Update from Councillor S Jones & C Wild.
Councillor Wild discussed the negotiations still on-going concerning the road projects involved in the Site re-development. Whether to separate the works or do them all together in one go to reduce the time the road is closed and reduce costs is still to be discussed.
Cllr Jones reported that the Liaison Group for the Ironbridge Power Station redevelopment will be meeting next week. We hope to discuss issues including:
 - Construction Management Plan and the routing of HGV vehicles which is not clear.
 - Leighton Traffic Calming Measures which are currently on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal.
 - Discharge of Condition 58, the removal of Pulverised Ash from the Ironbridge Site. We need to know routing of vehicles to and from the Site.
8. **Shropshire Councillors Report-** Cllr Wild had been contacted by a member of the public about the condition of the road near Morrell's Wood Lane. Mud on the road and flooding are making the road dangerous. She has asked Shropshire Council to look into the matter. Cllr Jones also stated she had received a separate complaint about the flooding and state of Morrells Wood Lane from a resident which she had passed onto Shropshire Council.
Cllr Wild discussed the financial problems that Shropshire Council is facing. 4 out of 5 pounds spent by the Council are on social care which only leaves a small amount left for all the other services. Cuts to services which are not statutory are inevitable. She warned us that our Environmental Maintenance Grant to the Parish Council may be scrapped. Cllr Jones stated that the Parish Council have covered for this when setting this year's Precept.
9. **Clerks Report-**the clerk had nothing to report all matters were covered on the agenda.
10. **Public Session.** There were no members of the public to speak.
11. **Parish Survey-** Councillor S Dawes to update members on progress to date. This will be updated at the May meeting when The Parish Survey will hopefully be presented to the Parish Council for adoption.

12. **Council to consider if they wish to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings in some way.** Eaton Constantine village are having a village Tea Party. The clerk to ask if there will be any commemorative flags for the lampposts as there are for the Remembrance Day commemoration..
13. **Traffic Calming Measures** -Councillor S Jones reported that she had received several complaints about the Vehicle Activated Signs, which she had responded to. She also stated that the data from the January traffic monitoring has come through and makes interesting reading. Speeds were measured in both directions at 2 sites in the village. It appears traffic has slowed slightly from the 2017 traffic monitoring data, however, we are still needing to slow traffic further. As there was too much data to digest in time for the Parish Council meeting, we will look further into the results and report back at a later date. For interest the results showed that one vehicle drove through the village on Wednesday 17th January at 13:00 doing between 80 and 85 mph!!
Leighton's Traffic Calming Measures will be discussed at the Liaison Group Meeting. There needs to be some clarification before we are happy with the final plans.

14. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- (a) **Previous Applications all previous applications have been considered and processed by Shropshire Council**
 (b) **Council to consider any new applications. There are no new applications to consider.**

15. **Highways Matters –**

- Members to raise any highways issues. All issues had been raised at various points during the meeting.

16. **Financial Matters**

- i. To accept the Bank reconciliation account for the month ended 29 February 2024 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 E Parton 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 S Jones, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

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| | 28 HMRC | PAYE Jan & Feb | 136.40 |
| | 29 staff | Office expenses | 68.52 |
| | 30 Leighton Village Hall | Room Rent | 72.00 |
| S/O | Staff | Salary | 255.99 |
| D/D | H Fox | website | 23.99 |
| | total | | 556.90 |

17. **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) **Councillor to report any parish matters.** There were no parish matters to discuss

18. **Date & Time of the next meeting Tuesday 28th May 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall. This follows the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm**

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 16 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information.

19. **Council to discuss the details of the appointment of a new clerk following the present clerk's retirement.** Members discussed dates and time for interviewing the candidates for the position of Clerk.

20. **The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.**