



CHESLYN HAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at the Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, Cheslyn Hay at 7.00 pm

1. 16/03/255 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 No members of the public in attendance.

2. 16/03/256 - MEMBERS PRESENT

- 2.1 Councillor S. Hollis (Chair)
Councillors :- P. Appleby, P. L. Appleton, B. L. Bladen, J. C. Davison,
E. A. Davison (Mrs), R. Denson, A. W. Emery, S. Hollis,
G. Keatley, J. King, A. Pugh (Mrs), C. Wilkinhson (Mrs) B. Woolley.
Melanie Brown – Parish Clerk

3. 16/03/257 – APOLOGIES

- 3.1 Apologies for absence from Councillor P. Wilkinson.

4. 16/03/258 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 No declarations of interest recorded.

5. 16/03/259 – MINUTES

- 5.1 That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd March 2016 be recorded as a true record.

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Appleby and seconded by Councillor A. W. Emery that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 be recorded as a true record.

6. 16/03/260 – PLANNING MATTERS

- 6.1 15/00748/OUT – Revised design and access statement for Landywood Lane development.
- 6.2 The Chairman reported that the planning application for 10 Littlewood Lane has been refused by South Staffordshire District Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk send previous comments relating to the Landywood Lane application to Councillor J. C. Davison who volunteered to check that planning objections have been used.

7. 16/03/261 – FINANCE

- 7.1 Report 1 - Financial Reports – The financial reports for February 2016 were discussed by the Clerk and the bank statements verified and signed by Councillors P. Appleby and C. Wilkinson (Mrs).
- 7.2 Report 2 – Payments – Payments proposed by Councillor E. A. Davison (Mrs), seconded by Councillor J. King with Councillor P. Appleton as third signatory.

RESOLVED:

That any outstanding payments be made in respect of those items listed on the green paper circulated at the meeting.

8. 16/03/262 – MINUTES OF THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT MEETING – 27.01.16

- 8.1 The minutes of the Budget and Precept Meeting held on the 27th January 2016 had been sent out prior to the meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the confidential minutes for members' perusal.

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor J. C. Davison, seconded by Councillor B. Bladen, all in favour that the minutes of the Budget and Precept meeting held on the 27th January 2016 were a true and accurate record.

9. 16/03/263 – CLERKS REPORT

- 9.1 West Midlands Rail Franchise Consultation – The Clerk distributed the consultation questions and a copy of the business unit map for members' information. Councillor Denson has researched the consultation and the Chairman thanked him for his efforts. Councillor Denson reported as follows:-
- West Midlands Rail Limited includes the seven metropolitan district authorities in the region and seven shire and unitary authorities;
 - WMR is aiming to provide a modern rail network which is more response to the needs of passengers and businesses and is focused on five key areas which are Capacity, Connectivity, Customer Focus, Clarity and Cost Effectiveness;
 - Passenger journeys by train have almost doubled over the past eighteen years from 845 million in 1997/98 to 1.65 billion in 2014/15.
- Members discussed the quality of the rolling stock, electrification, journey prices, coal wagons from Rugeley Power station, freight terminals and car parking issues.

- 9.2 Police Update – The Clerk reported that a new PCSO has started this week, PCSO Mark Griffiths, collar number 23051, email mark.griffiths@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk. Mark has asked that members receive a copy of the new smart app initiative information which gives free localised crime alerts and community safety advice.
- 9.3 Network Rail Response – The Clerk reported on the response from Network Rail to recent complaints received from residents in Cheslyn Hay regarding noise and removing vegetation. A 3.5 metre airspace needs to be kept between any live equipment and vegetation. Any alleged claims for damages will be dealt with by Network Rail insurers.
- 9.4 Hanging Basket Stanchions – The Senior Groundsman has suggested continuing the hanging basket stanchions outside the Police Station and near Park Street on Station Street with the third option of outside Salem Church (if not used in the Chapel Square repair). Discussions were held regarding sites outside Pinfold House.
- 9.5 Housing Plus Garage Site Update – The Clerk reported that there have been no developments with the housing plus garage sites since the Parish Council last met with them. No garage owners in Cheslyn Hay have been approached to move or vacate their garages. Housing Plus will contact the Parish Council when any developments occur.
- 9.6 The Clerk reported that a resident had complained regarding litter and broken glass at the top of Mount Pleasant which is currently an un-adopted road. Councillor Appleton kindly removed the debris and broken glass and the resident has requested the assistance of District and County Councillors.
- 9.7 Councillors requested the Clerk to investigate an obstruction issue at the corner of Tennescore Avenue and Sutherland Road.
- 9.8 Councillor Denson reported that he has contacted Staffordshire County Council again regarding the issue with the gas main vibration in Station Street, this may not be the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council.
- 9.9 Members discussed Sutherland Road open space and requested the Clerk to obtain an update from Severn Trent.
- 9.10 The Clerk reported that Sharon Benton, based at the Village Hall, from Staffordshire County Council library services will be leaving on the 31st March 2016.
- 9.11 The Clerk reported that the photographer will be on site at the Village Hall from 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6th April 2016 for individual photographs and an elected members 2015-2019 group photograph.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk and Councillor Denson respond to the West Midlands Rail Franchise by the deadline of 22nd March 2016.

That the Clerk request Staffordshire County Council to check for underground cabling outside the Police Station and near Park Street on Station Street, outside the Salem Church and outside Pinfold House on High Street to ascertain if these sites are suitable for hanging basket stanchions.

That the Clerk investigate the obstruction issue at the corner of Tennescore Avenue and Sutherland Road.

That the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Sharon Benton from the library service for her hard work and contribution at the Village Hall library site.

That the Clerk invite County Councillors and District Councillors to the photography session at the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th April 2016.

10. 16/03/264 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Response from South Staffordshire Council elections office stating that our Casual vacancy has been advertised on their website until the 24th March 2016 – **noted**.
- 10.2 Thank you from South Staffordshire CAB for the Parish Council contribution to their telephone charges – **noted**.
- 10.3 Request for funding from Air Ambulance Association.
- 10.4 Letter from South Staffordshire Council requesting if they can attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the Parish taking over the removal of un-authorised signs and flyposting in the Cheslyn Hay area.
- 10.5 Response from Staffordshire County Council 'Clear Streets' indicating the number of penalty notices issued in certain roads/streets in Cheslyn Hay.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk inform the Air Ambulance Association that their request for funding will be discussed with the section 137 grant applications in June 2016.

That the Clerk inform South Staffordshire Council that Cheslyn Hay Parish Council do not want to take part in the removal of un-authorised signs and flyposting in the Cheslyn Hay area.

That the Clerk request Staffordshire County Council 'Clear Streets' department to provide the dates and times of the penalty notices in Cheslyn Hay.

11. 16/03/265 TABLED ITEMS

- 11.1 South Staffordshire Council, Crime Prevention Monthly, March 2016 edition.
- 11.2 Staffordshire Parish Council's Association Bulletins – 3rd and 10th March 2016.
- 11.3 Landywood News – March/April 2016.
- 11.4 South Staffordshire Council – National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness.
- 11.5 Gavin Williamson MP newsletter – March 2016.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk email any appropriate documents to members after this meeting.

12. 16/03/266 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12.1 The Chairman reported that a joint meeting had taken place on Monday 14th March between 6.00 and 8.00 pm at the Village Hall with the Parish Council and the Police, attendance was poor and publicising the event on facebook was recommended. The Chairman has agreed to hold the joint meeting bi-monthly.
- 12.2 The Chairman reported on the findings for Locality 3 'My Place, My Say' Panel Survey conducted by South Staffordshire Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk copy any relevant extracts from the 'My Place, My Say' Panel Survey to email to Members for information.

13. 16/03/267 – SECTION 17 STATEMENT

- 13.1 The Chairman read the Section 17 statement.

Items 9.2, 9.7, 11.1 and 11.4

14. 16/03/268 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- 14.1 Confidential minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2016, regarding a legal issue, were signed as a true and accurate record.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.