

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE

PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

MINUTES

1. **Chair's Welcome** the chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillor S Jones- Chairman, Councillor M Corries- Vice-chairman, Councillor S Dawes, Councillor E Parton, Councillor M Thorn, Councillor M Budgen, Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe clerk to the council and Tim Williams from We Don't buy Crime.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman** Councillor S Jones proposed that Councillor M Corrie be Vice-chairman this was seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members.
5. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** This was done in the presence of the Council members.
6. **Tim Williams from Smart water to speak to members on the benefits of becoming a Smart water parish.**

Tim outlined the benefits of using Smart water within the community. The Police & Crime Commissioner is supporting this with a 25% grant for Parish Councils to become a Smart Water Area. The Parish Council would buy enough packs for the village and receive a grant for 25%. With this, each village would have large signs at both ends of the village, stating that we are a Smart Water Village. The police would support the roll out of it. The Parish Council would provide each household with a pack which would then be registered with Smart water via an app on a tablet or mobile phone and once 70% of the properties are registered then the signage would be provided by the PCC. The Police will roll this out to all the properties within the parish. The cost to the Parish Council would be £8.90 per pack. Each Parish has its own unique number and each resident has their own unique code. This is a very efficient deterrent and in rural areas there has been an 80% reduction in burglaries, a 50% reduction in urban areas. Newport have had a 75% reduction after taking part in the Smart Water initiative.

Each bottle has its own unique DNA and whilst Smart water cannot guarantee that your property, if stolen is returned to you, the aim is to deter property being sold on. The Police also visit all second hand dealers and check that stock is there legitimately and all West Mercia Police carry UV torches on their belts so they can tell if something has smart water on it.

In 2007 smart water was put on Shifnal Church Roof and in 2019 it is still on there. It is guaranteed for 5 years but does last much longer than that.

The Chairman thanked Tim for attending and he left the meeting at 8.05 pm

Members then had a discussion on the benefits and whether the Parish Council could afford to do this financially as there is a significant cost and the Council would be providing the kits to residents at no cost. It was agreed that the members would compile a leaflet and take it round all residences to see if there would be enough interest. The question had been asked if the numbers of residents who already subscribed to this could be counted in the numbers to be able to qualify for the free signage from the PCC. Tim had said that he would get back on this.

7. **Council to agree the minutes from Meeting held on 7th May 2019** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members
8. **Clerk** had nothing to report all items were covered on the agenda
9. **Report from Shropshire Councillor.** Councillor Wild reported that the recent Ironbridge meeting had been well attended and was quite useful. There had been a lot of representatives from Telford. There will be another meeting in October and she encouraged all to attend.
10. **Update on Buildwas Power Station Site.** Councillor M Corrie attended a site meeting with Haworth representatives, Shropshire Council representatives and councillors from other parishes affected by this application. There had been discussion on the transportation of spoil from the site and the effect that this could have on the local road network.
11. **Police Report.** Constable M Milton was unable to attend but had sent a brief report which the clerk had circulated to members.

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12. **Public Session.** There were no members of the public present
13. **Councillors to agree to have e-mail addresses specifically for the Parish Council.** This was agreed after a few of the members had received scam e-mails purporting to be from the Chairman. The personal e-mails would be removed from the site when the new e-mails had been set up.
14. **Council to review their Place Plan Priorities.** After discussion it was agreed to amend these as follows:

Critical -Strategic

- Safety measures to improve safety for pedestrians
- Overdue implementation of agreed traffic calming measures which were drawn up in 2017 to mitigate safety issues on a National Cycle Route and various residential areas. With the inclusion of an additional Vehicle Activated Sign in Leighton so there can be one at either end of the village. This is likely to be exacerbated by further delay and particularly the development at Ironbridge Power Station.
- Enforcement of the speed limits which are not presently enforced as they are set at 30mph. There is a requirement for enforcement by the Camera Safety Partnership. Poor lines of sight for the many residents pulling out of their properties or lanes onto the B4380. Residents take their lives in their hands exiting their properties onto the B4380.
- Poor lines of sight for traffic pulling out of the Kynnersley Arms public house particularly from Shrewsbury end of the village. The Kynnersley Arms has re-opened since the introduction of the 30mph limit making enforcement of the limit more valid and important.
- Poor signing of the entrance to the village from both ends. Improved signing and road markings to show the traffic that it is entering a residential village would encourage traffic to slow.
- Better sighting of the current VAS sign. The traffic from the Buildwas end of the village needs to be slowed before the Kynnersley Lane junction. The hill down into the village from the Buildwas end tends to speed up the traffic making the Kynnersley lane junction potentially lethal. Many near misses take place at this junction.
- Extra VAS sign entering the village from the Shrewsbury end to warn of the dangerous bend in the road and the junction with 'The Rudge'. Several near misses have been reported due to traffic approaching the bend too fast. There is also an extra hazard with the junction on to the B4380 with 'The Rudge' lane from Garmston. Very poor line of sight from the Lane towards Shrewsbury.
- Better lineage of the village as a whole would help slow the traffic. The Parish Council would suggest making the road appear narrower by removing the central lines and thickening the edging lines to the verge to give the appearance of narrowing. Similar to the scheme at Eaton Constantine.

Priority - local strategic

- Widening of Pavements
- Better maintenance of pavements
- There is a need for signage warning of Wild Deer as there have been a number of fatalities of deer in recent months.

Key- Community

- Replace Parish Notice Boards
- Improvements to both Village Halls in Leighton & Eaton Constantine
- The need for litter signage by The Meanders

15. **Council to set up a Planning Committee** It was agreed that all parish councillors would respond to the clerks planning application comments requests.
16. **Council to review and adopt following documents;**
- Assets Register
 - Financial Risk Assessment documents
 - It was agreed to adopt both these documents proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members present.

17. **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Previous applications

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- Reference: 18/05418/FUL 7 Upper Longwood; Awaiting decision
- 19/00960/FUL Bennets Lane Garmston application removed from planning portal and therefore consideration by council
- 19/01809/FUL Fairview Cottage, Spout Lane, Leighton application withdrawn
- 19/01366/FUL Mill House, Leighton. Granted permission
- 19/02019/LBC The Byre, White House Farm Barns, Leighton pending consideration
- 19/02020/FUL The Byre White House Farm Barns Leighton, pending consideration

(b) Council to consider any new applications;

- Reference: 19/02518/FUL
Address: Applecroft Eaton Constantine, SY5 6RJ
Proposal: Erection of detached single garage with store over and rendering of existing dwelling. After discussion it was agreed to pass no comment to this application proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 19/02299/FUL (validated: 22/05/2019)
Address: The Byre, White House Farm Barns, Leighton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6RN
Proposal: Insertion of window to side elevation. After discussion it was agreed to pass no comment to this application proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor S Jones and agreed by all members present

18. Highways Matters –

- **Members to raise any highways issues.**
- **Members to consider requesting a concealed entrance sign for resident having trouble exiting her drive safely on to the road.** It was agreed that the clerk would write and request a concealed entrance sign from Shropshire Council.

19. Financial Matters

- To approve invoices for payment. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor S Dawes, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.
- To approve payment of invoices received after agenda was sent out, there were no additional invoices for payment
- To accept Bank Reconciliation for month ended 30th June 2019, 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.
- The clerk explained to the members that she had needed to pay the Insurance Company between meetings, and had done so under her powers in Financial Regulations to pay any bills that were essential to the running of the Parish Council.

20. CORRESPONDENCE; this was noted,

- The form for the Polling Station Review was completed. It was noted that there was no sign indicating where Leighton Village Hall was from the road. Clerk to request one.

21. PARISH MATTERS

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

22. Date & Time of the next meeting it was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 starting at 7.30pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall.

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

