

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE ONLINE PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday 12th January 2021

MINUTES

1. **Chair's Welcome.** The chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present Councillor** S Jones-Chairman, Councillor M Corrie-Vice-chairman, Councillor M Thorn, Councillor S Dawes, Councillor E Parton, Councillor M Budgen, Councillor A Bain, there were no apologies all members were present. Also, present L Pardoe clerk to the council and Shropshire Councillor C Wild and one member of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none declared at this point
4. **Council to agree the minutes of meetings held on 3rd November 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 M Thorn and agreed by all members present.
5. **Clerks Report.** The clerk reported that the bench had been repaired by Mr Jones and the bill had been paid. Councillor Bain reported that one of the marker bollards at the end of the bench had been snapped off, the clerk to ask Shropshire Council to re instate this as soon as possible.
6. **Public Session.** The member of the public did not wish to speak.
7. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor Wild reported that some repairs on the B4380 had been done. She had received feedback from some people who are pleased with the job done on the drainage near the Atcham end of the B4380. She and Councillor S Jones were looking at obtaining funding for some traffic calming through Leighton and making progress with that.
8. **Update on Buildwas Power Station Site.** There is to be a Planning Committee meeting on 20th March. Gemma Lawley from Highways at Shropshire Council has asked for additional information on B4380 from Haworth. Highways England still have concerns over Junction 6 off the M54. There will be a planning meeting between parishes and the Planners. Councillor Wild will keep members up to date on progress for the Planning meeting.
9. **Planning matters**
 - 20/01751/EIA: Farley Quarry, Farley. Awaiting decision.
 - 20/03575/FUL: Fairview Cottage, Leighton. Awaiting decision
 - 20/03659/FUL: The Mount, Eaton Constantine. Permission granted 16 Dec 2020
 - 20/03815/DIS: Old Post Office Leighton Permission Granted
 - 20/04622/FUL Old Rectory Eaton Constantine Permission granted 22 December 2020
10. **Highways matters.** Councillor A Bain reported that he had noticed a pothole before Christmas in Garmston and reported it on the Saturday afternoon and by Sunday morning it had been patched up. Councillor M Thorn wanted to remind that the Parish Council had raised issues on the overlapping on the impact that the Farley Quarry application would have on Leighton Parish. Councillor Wild reported that there are still a lot of issues with the Farley Quarry application being looked at. Councillor S Dawes reported that she had sent a follow up report to Jonathan Ingoldby following their successful site meeting before Christmas with a couple of additional matters but had received no response. She would now contact him again.
Councillor M Thorn raised issues on the Cressage Bridge where there is still work going on where cyclists are having to travel in the centre of the road. This is dangerous.

11. **Financial Matters**

- a) 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

November			
	payee	Description	amount
Bt	HMRC	PAYE	66.20
Bt	Staff	Office exp back pay	102.72
S/O	Staff Sep	Salary	172.01
BT	K Jones	Millenium bench	185.00
	Total		525.93

January			
	payee	Description	amount
Bt	HMRC	PAYE	45.80
Bt	Staff	Office exp	21.69
S/O	Staff	Salary	172.01
BT	SALC	Training	7.50
	Total		247.00

- b) To accept the Bank reconciliation, account up to beginning of January 2021 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 A Bain and agreed by all members
- c) Council to set the precept for financial year 2021/2022. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £6,889 for the forthcoming financial year 2021/2022 proposed by Councillor E Parton, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members
- d) Council to ratify the decision made at the finance briefing in private session for the tenders of the grass cutting contract for three years from 2021 to 2024. Members agreed that the contract would go to S Bott as agreed in financial briefing held in private session in December 2020. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members

- 12. Parish Matters.** Councillor S Jones reported that there had been an accident yesterday in Leighton where a car had gone off the road by The Rudge. Police and Ambulance services were there. Councillor Jones had reported this to Steve Brown at Shropshire Council and asked for the traffic calming measures to be given priority. Also, she had asked the Police to continue with the speed checking. The Police agreed to do this.

Councillor S Dawes reported that there was a whiffy smell at the bottom of Garmston Lane. Councillor A Bain would report this to the Environment Agency.

Councillor M Thorn reported that people were using the car park at the pub to park while they walk their dogs and someone had left a gate open and some sheep had got out.

- 13. Date & Time of the next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 starting at 7.30pm via Zoom or at Leighton Village Hall.

- 14.** The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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The request should be with the clerk 36 hours before the meeting. The rules for members of the public to speak will be the same as normal meetings, that is, during the opportunity to do so in the agenda item allotted for the purpose. Due to time limitations the speaker should limit their question/presentation to 3 minutes