

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE

PARISH COUNCIL

Eaton Constantine Village Hall

Tuesday 7th May 2019.

MINUTES

1. **Chair's Welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Election of Chairman** Councillor E Parton proposed Councillor S Jones to be Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members present.
3. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** Councillor Jones signed this in the presence of the members. This was witnessed by the clerk.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman;** Councillor S Jones proposed that Councillor E Parton be Vice-chairman who declined. It was proposed that Councillor Corrie be Vice-chairman, the clerk pointed out that as he was not at the meeting and had not indicated either way whether he was prepared to stand they could not elect him in his absence. It was agreed to leave this until the July meeting for further discussion.
5. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** See above
6. **Election of members to outside bodies**
 - **SALC** Councillor S Jones would attend this on behalf of th Council
 - **LJC** Councillor S Jones would attend this on behalf of th Council
 - **Buildwas Power Station Group** Councillors S Jones & E Parton would attend this on behalf of th Council
7. **Present and Apologies** Councillor S Jones, Councillor E Parton, Councillor S Dawes, Councillor M Thorn, Councillor G Godwin. L Pardoe clerk to the Parish Council, Shropshire Councillor C Wild and one member of the public and PC Mark Milton and Apologies were received from Councillor M Corrie.
8. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** None at this point
9. **Council to agree the minutes from Meeting held on 5th March 2019;** it was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.
10. **Clerk had nothing to report that was not covered on the agenda**
11. **Report from Shropshire Councillor.** Councillor Wild reported that there was to be an exhibition about the proposals for the Power Station Site on 22nd May at The Power Station itself. She encouraged as many members to attend as were able.
12. **Update on Buildwas Power Station Site.**
 - **Councillor S Jones to report on meeting with Shropshire Council about traffic concerns from surrounding parishes during demolition and development.** This had been a good meeting and Shropshire Council seemed positive in taking on the parishes concerns over the traffic and other issues.
Councillor Wild left the meeting at this point.
13. **Police Report; as per the Annual Parish Meeting.**

PC Milton introduced himself, he has spent 28 years in the force and has taken over from PC Dave Walton. He spoke on the matter of the sheep slaughtering that has been happening and explained that the people doing this are professional and those places targeted are usually on the edge of the A5 with access to motorways to get away. He advised that if anyone saw anything suspicious to call 101 immediately. Or they could send an e-mail to Shrewsbury rural east. He would get the newsletter started again. The Chairman spoke on the PCC survey and the poor visibility of the Police and asked what they are going to do to address this. PC Milton explained that Telford had had a lot of the Police to cover their backlog of cases and his area only has 5 officers to deal with all circumstances and they are hard pressed to cover their area in the time that they have. The Chair asked if they could find time to come and do some speed checks through the village. He said that he and Lynne would try and find time to do

some checks but that to do the checks they did need two officers. He said he would have a word with Brain Williams again to look at Leighton having Community Speed Watch.

The clerk was instructed to write to the PCC again about enforcement of the speed limit through the village of Leighton.

The Chairman said that fly tipping was a big problem and asked what the police were doing about it. PC Milton said that fly tipping is not a Police issue now but Shropshire Councils.

Councillor C Wild said that looked after children and county lines are a real issue now and asked if we were doing enough to protect these children and catch the perpetrators. This is where criminals come into the county and use vulnerable children and people to deal their drugs and let them use their properties for these activities. It is sometimes the case that the parents of these children are aware that their children are dealing drugs. PC Milton agreed that this is a problem and that they only have a small team looking into this and they have a huge amount of work to do. The small drugs unit was closed down.

Councillor Wild spoke on the benefits of Smart Water and PC Milton confirmed its value as a deterrent to criminals, and the scheme being run by the PCC at the moment with a discount of 25% to Parish Council taking up the initiative.

Clerk to invite someone from Smart Water to attend the July meeting.

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

14. **Public Session.** There were no members of the public at this meeting

15. **Council to consider whether it wishes to respond to the consultation on placement of A boards on the footpaths for advertising.** Clerk to resend the link to this to members for them to complete individually.

16. **Council to review and adopt**

- **Risk Assessment Policy**
- **Complaints Policy**
- **Grants awarding Policy**
- **Freedom of Information Policy**
- **Financial Regulations**
- **Standing Orders. These are the new ones the council adopted last year..**
- **Privacy Policy for members of the public**
- **Privacy Policy for Members, staff and post holders.**
- **Retention of Documents Policy**

It was agreed to adopt these above documents "en bloc"

Proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor G Godwin and agreed by all members present.

17. **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) **Previous applications**

- **Reference: 19/01366/FUL Mill House Leighton awaiting decision.**
- **Reference: 19/00089/Ful; Old Post Office Leighton; awaiting decision.**
- **Reference: 18/05418/Ful 7 Upper Longwood; Awaiting decision**
- **Reference: 18/00269/Ful; Agricultural building Eaton Constantine Granted permission.10/4/19**

(b) **Council to consider any new applications;**

- **Reference: 19/01366/FUL (validated: 25/03/2019)**

Address: Mill House, Leighton, SY5 6RN

Proposal: Erection of a two storey dormer extension to side

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer no comment to this application.

18. **Highways Matters –**

- **Members to raise any highways issues.** There were none raised.
- **Council to discuss the Millennium bench stonework which is becoming cracked.** Councillor G Godwin said that he would take a look at this for the council and report back at the July meeting
- Clerk to contact contractor to ask him to ensure that the grass cutting is done regularly.

19. Financial Matters

- a) **To approve invoices for payment;** it was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor S Jones and seconded by Councillor E Parton
- b) **To approve payment of invoices received after agenda was sent out.** There were no late invoices
- c) **To accept Bank Reconciliation for month ended 30th April 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.
- d) **Council to receive Year End Accounts;** The Council received the Year end accounts
- e) **Council to receive Internal Audit Report** The Council received the Internal Audit
- f) **Council to agree to declare themselves Exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, their annual gross income and expenditure both being under £25,000. The Council agreed to declare themselves exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.**Proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor G Godwin and agreed by all members present.
- g) **Council to agree the Annual Governance Statement Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19.**The Council agreed **Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/2019** Proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor G Godwin and agreed by all members present.
- h) **Council to agree the Accounting Statements Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19** The Council agreed **Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/2019** Proposed by Councillor M Thorn, seconded by Councillor G Godwin and agreed by all members present.

20. CORRESPONDENCE; this was noted. It was agreed that Councillor S Jones and S Dawes would attend the Parish Plan meetings at The Guildhall on Wednesday 22nd June starting at 7.00pm

21. PARISH MATTERS

- a) **Councillor to report any parish matters**

22. Date & Time of the next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 starting at 7.30pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall.

23. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.