

**LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE
PARISH COUNCIL
6th July 2021**

MINUTES

1. **Chairs Welcome** the chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillors S Jones-Chairman, M Corrie Vice-Chairman, E Parton, S Dawes, A Bain, M Thorn, M Budgen. Also, present Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe, clerk to the council.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** Councillors M Thorn and M Corrie declared an Interest in Planning Application 21/02530/full.
4. **Council to agree the minutes from Meeting held on May and extraordinary meeting in June 2021** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meetings, Annual Parish Council meeting May 2021 proposed by Councillor E Parton, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members. Extraordinary Planning meeting in June proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members present.
5. **Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda.** The clerk reported that there was a consultation on the proposed Boundary changes. There are proposals to change the Burnell division to the South Shropshire. Councillor Wild explained that the only change was to be the MPs who would have their electorate changed. The services would not change within Shropshire Council only the Parliamentary boundaries.
6. **Report from Shropshire Councillor**
 - Buildwas application has been deferred for a couple of months. This is to look at the lack of affordable housing on the revised application.
 - Graham Downes has said that the grass at the Eaton Constantine crossroads will be cut back to the rails, but it will only be done once.
 - Cressage Bridge, they are going to have to dig two trenches in front of pavement. There are voids there which need to be filled. They will do both sides under the kerbs later in the year after the harvesting has been done. There may also be a weight restriction put on the bridge.**Highways**

It was agreed to continue with the highways matters and bring item 12 forward to this point.

 - Councillor Wild said that Mr Harper would get his potholes filled.
 - Councillor Dawes reported that Eaton Constantine had some potholes filled in but there are many that are marked up that haven't been filled.
 - Councillor Bain reported that the lady from Garmston with the flooding problems had not yet heard from anyone. Clerk to follow this up with Jonathan Ingoldby.
 - Councillor M Thorn reported that the sewage substation outside Leighton has had flooding there following the recent downpours. Clerk to report this to Severn Trent
 - Councillor Wild asked Councillor Corrie if he could see if the gulleys needed jetting out.
 - Councillor Thorn reported that the cutting of the verges by Shropshire Council contractors was disappointing.
 - Councillor Corrie said he felt that the tractors were too big for the contractor to see where they were cutting.
 - Councillor Jones reported that the grass round the Notice Board needed cutting. It was difficult to get near with out getting stung by nettles.
Councillor Wild reported that Shropshire Council will not cut where they cannot get their machines.
 - Councillor Dawes reported flooding across the road outside Eaton Constantine Village Hall. There had been a site visit with Jonathan Ingoldby but they problem is still there. Clerk to report this to Graham Downes at Shropshire Council.
 - Members asked if we could ask the Police to do some speed trap at between 5 and 6 am in the mornings to catch those speeding then. Also, we need to have some speed trapping done on Saturday nights and also on Sunday
 - Members thanked Councillor Corrie for cutting the Kynnersley Lane junction visibility splay

Eaton Constantine Crossroads.

- Complaints had been received regarding the Eaton Constantine Crossroads from several residents. It was agreed that these needed cutting more frequently than the once that Shropshire Council would do. It was agreed that this would be done by the groundsman for the Parish Council.

These additional cuts should be done by Shropshire Council but they will only do one cut per year and this is not enough for the residents who wish for more cuts. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members.

It was agreed to put an article in Under the Wrekin to advise residents that the Parish Council was doing the additional cuts which were the responsibility of Shropshire Council. This is because there have been complaints from Garmston residents and Councillor Dawes reported that there had been a couple of very near misses at the crossroads at Eaton Constantine. The members felt that in view of this they needed to take action and get the grass cut to an acceptable standard.

7. 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.** Councillor Jones reported that she was not very happy with the meeting although she felt that the Shropshire Council members had listened to the report that she had written.

8. Public Session. There were no members of the public present

9. Council to review and if necessary, update their Place Plan Priorities. Members had not had time to look at these . It was agreed to bring these back to the September meeting.

10. Council to review and adopt -It was agreed to adopt these documents “en-bloc” proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members present.

- **Terms of reference for the HR Working Party**
- **Training Policy**
- **Assets Register.**
- **Code of Conduct**
- **Site Visits Protocol**

11. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Previous Applications

- 20/01751/EIA: Farley Quarry, Farley. Awaiting decision.
- Ref: 21/01076/FUL Eye Manor Permission Refused
- Ref :21/01077/LBC Eye Manor Permission Refused
- Ref:21/02149/FUL Eaton House Permission Refused

Councillor M Thorn and Councillor M Corrie left the meeting for the following item.

(b) Council to consider any new applications;

- Reference: 21/02530/FUL (validated: 09/06/2021)
Address: Mill House, Leighton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6RN
Proposal: Installation of double doors and balcony to existing dormer window.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application. Proposed by Councillor E Parton, seconded by Councillor A Bain and agreed by all members present .

Councillor M Thorn and Councillor M Corrie re-joined the meeting at this point.

12. Highways Matters – see above under item 6

- **Members to raise any highways issues**
- **Eaton Constantine crossroads**

13. Financial Matters

- a) To 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

729	Staff	Office exp	152.04
728	HMRC	PAYE	58.60
S/O	Staff June	Salary	172.01
727	SALC	Subscriptions	225.43

- b) To approve payment of invoices received after agenda was sent out It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor S Jones, Seconded by Councillor E Parton. An additional payment of £32 to Eaton Constantine Village Hall for Hall rental.
- c) To accept Bank Reconciliation for month ended 1st July 2021ly 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.
- d) To discuss the addition of extra grass cuts to the Highways Maintenance contract following complaints from residents about the state of the verges and splays at crossroads. After discussion it was agreed that the members would ask the contractor to make the additional cuts as agreed by him and the Chairman of the Parish Council. These additional cuts should be done by Shropshire Council but they will only do one cut per year and this is not enough for the residents who wish for more cuts. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by Councillor M Thorn and agreed by all members.
It was agreed to put a piece in Under the Wrekin to advise residents that we were doing the additional cuts which was being done by the Parish Council although it was the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

14. PARISH MATTERS

- a) **Councillor to report any parish matters.** These had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

15. Date & Time of the next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 starting at 7.30pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall.

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.