

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

MINUTES

1. **Chair's Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillor S Jones-Chairman, Councillor M Corrie-Vice-Chairman, Councillor E Parton, Councillor G Godwin and Councillor S Dawes. Also present were Shropshire Councillor C Wild and L Pardoe clerk to the council. Apologies were received from Councillors M Thorn & M Budgen who both had business commitments. There were 12 members of the public present.

A public meeting was held prior to the Parish Council meeting called by the Chairman of the Parish Council to allow residents to ask questions from Tim Williams from Smartwater on the benefits of Smartwater. This followed another public meeting held on the Saturday before the Parish Council meeting. There were members of the public present and all their questions were answered by Tim Williams. Councillor Jones made the following notes from the public meeting as the clerk was not present for the public meeting. *A gentleman from Upper Longwood made a complaint about the dangerous speed of traffic travelling though the hamlet particularly during the rush hours at either end of the day. He said it was a serious accident waiting to happen. Cllr Sue Jones explained that we had expected the problems with traffic at Upper Longwood to be added to the Eaton Constantine traffic calming measures in 2013. However, Shropshire Council did not agree to this at the time. We have now added Upper Longwood to our Place Plan for the Parish and classed it as 'Critical-Strategic'. The Plan reads: 'Upper Longwood Concerns- Priority to look at road signage and possible addition of warning signs either side of the 90 degree bend in Upper Longwood. Speed monitoring needs to be done due to resident's complaints to see whether a National Speed Limit of 30mph is needed rather than the advisory one in place'. Claire Wild, County Councillor, suggested the Parish Council get in touch with the police to see if they will look at extending the 30mph speed limit from Eaton Constantine through to Upper Longwood. Cllr Jones agreed to do this.*

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point of the meeting.
4. **Council to agree the minutes from Meeting held in July 2019;** Councillor Parton had made several minor changes to the minutes and these had been done by the clerk and the amended minutes would be put on the website and the draft minutes removed after the meeting. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all members present.
5. **Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda.** There was nothing to report that was not on the agenda
6. **Report from Shropshire Councillor.** Councillor Wild reported that there will be another meeting with Harworth and Shropshire Council in November to consider the traffic implications from the proposed development on the Old Ironbridge Power Station site. Ian Kilby, Planning Services Manager and Hayley Deighton, Principal Policy Officer will be attending that meeting also. This meeting will held sometime in November. Councillor Wild will notify all parishes concerned when the date, time and venue have been agreed.
7. **Police Report.** There had been no report from the Police however, PCSO Lyn Birch had asked for the dates and times of the Parish Council meetings.
8. **Public Session.** No members of the public stayed for the Parish Council meeting.
9. **Council to discuss and consider their response to the following ;**these have been sent to members by e-mail during August
 - Shrewsbury North West Relief Road. The Parish Council agreed they wished to stay on the mailing list for Stakeholders for any information on this in the future.

- Response to the Judicial Review following the bid by the PCC to take over the running of the Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service. The Parish Council felt that they did not have sufficient information to comment further to their original response to the consultation.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Previous applications

- 19/02518/FUL Applecroft Eaton Constantine, SY5 6RJ permission granted
- 19/02299/FUL The Byre, White House Farm Barns, Leighton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6RN permission granted
- 19/02836/LBC Home Farm House, Leighton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6RN. Permission granted

(b) Council to consider any new applications; There were no new applications

11. Highways Matters –

- Councillor Jones asked the clerk to contact Ian Walshaw to ascertain who the local Highways technician for our area is now since Colin Blower has left.

12. 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, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

| chq no | payee | Description | amount |
|--------|-------|-------------|--------|
| 706 | HMRC | PAYE | 43.00 |
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| 708 | Staff | Expenses | 41.92 |
| S/O | Staff | Salary | 172.01 |
| | total | | 299.93 |

- b) To approve payment of invoices received after agenda was sent out. There were no additional invoices.
- c) To accept Bank Reconciliation for month ended 31st August 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 look at the financial implications of a defibrillator within the parish. After discussion it was agreed that the members would look at this again as it was felt that there would need to be two within the parish and the council finances were stretched to take up the Smartwater initiative this financial year.
- e) Council to consider the financial implications of taking up Smartwater and make a decision based on feedback from the community meeting. After discussion it was agreed to take this up with an 80% saturation. The clerk to complete the application forms and let members know when it would be possible to start the roll out of the Smartwater within the parish. Proposed by Councillor S Jones, seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

13. CORRESPONDENCE; this was noted.

14. PARISH MATTERS

- a) **Councillor to report any parish matters;** Councillor Godwin reported that he had noticed that the Millennium bench needed some bricks to make it good and that he would do it for the Parish Council.

15. Date & Time of the next meeting

It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 starting at 7.30pm at Leighton Village Hall.

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

