

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM AT EATON CONSTANTINE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr. S. Jones (SJ), P. Brewer (PB), R. Harper (RH) J. Hayter (JH)

In attendance: Cllr. Wild (Shropshire Councillor), Chris Taylor (Connecting Shropshire),
no members of the public

Clerk: Mrs R. Turner

072/1516 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

073/1516 PRESENTATION FROM CHRIS TAYLOR, CONNECTING SHROPSHIRE

Chris Taylor gave a presentation on broadband. It was confirmed that high speed broadband would be installed in the parish, as previously advised. Chris' presentation can be downloaded from the council website.

074/1516 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs. Godwin and Parton.

075/1516 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Cllr. Brewer declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 081/1516 (a), grant application from Leighton Village Hall.

076/1516 REPORTS

Shropshire Councillor

Cllr. Wild explained that the SC Council Tax has risen by 1.99% with a further increase of 2% for Adult Social Care costs. She supported parishes taking on minor highways maintenance as it offers good value for money. Councillors expressed concern over the practicality of taking on road surfacing repairs.

Police report for December 2015, January to February 2016

Assault: 0	Theft: 0	Burglary Other: 0
Vehicle Crime: 0	Criminal Damage: 0	Burglary Dwelling: 0
Other: 1	Road Traffic Incident: 0	Road Collision: 5
ASB Personal: 0	ASB Environmental: 0	ASB Nuisance: 2

077/1516 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2016

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

078/1516 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

None.

079/1516 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning notifications

(i) 14/02326/OUT - Barn At Home Farm, Home Farm Lane, Leighton, Shrewsbury - Outline application for the redevelopment of Home Farm for residential development (all matters reserved) – **Appeal Dismissed**

(b) Planning applications for consideration received before agenda was sent out

None.

(c) Planning applications received after agenda was sent out

(i) 16/00945/FUL & 16/00946/FUL – Garmston House, The Rudge, Leighton, SY5 6RL – Works to include internal alterations, provide external flues and brick-up side opening affecting a Grade II listed building – **no comments**

080/1516 ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANT

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for the grant and to ask for a higher grant to reflect the fact that the council currently spends more on maintenance than the value of the grant.

081/1516 FINANCIAL ITEMS

(a) Grants to Leighton Village Hall and Under the Wrekin

Cllr. Brewer did not take part in the debate and vote on the grant application from Leighton Village Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to reject the £500 grant application from Leighton Village Hall because due to the council's current financial situation, due to the fact that the Village Hall holds higher reserves than the council, we are not able to issue the grant. The council noted that it may be open to considering an application in future, should its financial situation improve.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a S.137 grant of £50 to Under the Wrekin as the council uses the newsletter to publish material.

(b) Renewal of Shropshire parishes email

It was **RESOLVED** not to renew this.

(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments

Payee	Item	Ref no	Chq. no	Net	VAT	Gross
Leighton PCC	Churchyard maintenance grant	P27-1516	606	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
Eaton Constantine PCC	Churchyard maintenance grant	P28-1516	607	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
Under the Wrekin	S.137 grant	P29-1516	608	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
R. Turner	Expenses Jan & Feb including purchase of hard drive for council	P30-1516	609	£75.36	£8.33	£83.69

(d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments already made:

Payee	Item	Ref no	SO/chq no	Net	VAT	Gross
R. Turner	Salary January 2016	P25-1516	SO10	£136.85	N/A	£136.85
R. Turner	Salary February 2016	P26-1516	SO11	£136.85	N/A	£136.85

(e) Receipts – noted as follows:

Originator	Item	Date	Ref no	Amount
Lloyds	Bank interest	11.01.16	R13-1516	£0.04
Lloyds	Bank interest	.02.16	R14-1516	£0.0

(f) Internet banking

Council noted that the bank had failed to process several forms, including the internet banking form. The clerk therefore needed to get a new internet banking application to re-sign; Council **RESOLVED** that this be signed. The bank would be awarding compensation for the poor quality of service.

082/1516 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and was **NOTED**:

- (i) Connecting Shropshire update
- (ii) NHS Programme statements
- (iii) The Big Conversation – the clerk and Cllr. Jones gave an update on events they had attended regarding this. It is likely that the parishes will be asked to take on certain services, such as minor highways maintenance. It was agreed that the parish council would need to carefully evaluate this before committing to anything.

083/1516 PARISH MATTERS

(a) Previously reported

- (i) Parish website

The Transparency Code Grant had been received and the clerk advised that she will start work on the website once the annual audit paperwork has been prepared.

(ii) HGVs associated with development

Ian Kilby, SC Planning Services Operations Manager, had replied to the council's letter expressing concerns regarding this matter. He stated that should an extension to the land stabilisation project come forward for consideration regard will be had to the routing proposals for construction traffic as part of the overall impact assessment. Council noted that there has been an increase in Bredon Aggregates vehicles passing through Eaton Constantine.

(b) New parish matters

(i) Eaton Constantine traffic calming scheme

The VAS signs are now operational. The signs are not yet on the gates at the entrances to the village.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATED

NEXT MEETING: 10TH MAY 2016 AT EATON CONSTANTINE VILLAGE HALL

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7PM, FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AT
7.30PM**