

LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE

PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 1st November 2016

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present:** Councillor S Jones- Chairman; Councillor J Hayter- Vice-chairman; Councillor R Harper; Councillor E Parton; Councillor P Brewer; Councillor G Godwin. Also, present Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe clerk to the council and two members of the public.

Apologies were received from Councillor M Corrie who was unable to attend. These were accepted by the council.
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** There were none at this point.
4. **Public Session:** *Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak.* Mr. & Mrs. Gooder spoke on the issue of Fibre Broadband. They wanted to know when it would arrive as it was supposed to be in place by this summer. Councillor C Wild spoke explained that Shropshire Council are in a contractual position with BT until next March. Open reach is trying to catch up on the back log. The Cressage box is not completed yet and this parish is next on the list. There are monthly meetings between Shropshire Council officers and officers from Open reach. Chris Taylor from Shropshire Council has been able to get an invite to the next meeting for Councillor Wild. Some people in rural areas need different solutions and this can throw up difficulties. The whole contract is to be completed by 31st March 2017. Mr. & Mrs Gooder thanked her and then left the meeting.
Standing Orders were reinstated
5. **Police Report:** This was circulated and noted. Councillor R Harper reported that PC Dave Harte retires on 6th December. It was agreed to invite his replacement and PCSO Lyn Birch to the January meeting to meet the members.
It was reported that there had been a break in and burglary in the village of Leighton and items stolen whilst the resident was out.
6. **Reports from Shropshire Councillor.** Councillor C Wild reported that there is a change being proposed to the planning process and urged the Parish Council to think what is important for planning in the village: There are proposals to extend the consultation period for planning applications to 31 days from 21 days with no extensions. There will no longer be paper copies provided to the Parishes. If these are wanted there will be a charge. They want all responses to be made electronically. The Parish Council already respond electronically to any planning applications.
7. **To Confirm & Accept minutes from 6th September 2016:** It was agreed that these were a true & accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by Councillor S Jones; seconded by Councillor J Hayter and agreed by all members present.
8. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** Councillor S Jones reported that the gentleman & his wife who had reported the bus driver had driven past them twice whilst waiting for the bus had received a response from Aviva. They had tracked down the driver and he had been disciplined. The clerk had written to BT complaining about the Broadband delivery locally but had received no reply to date.
9. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - (a) Council to consider new applications.
 - Reference: 16/04647/FUL

Address: Morrells Wood Farm, Morrellswood Lane. Leighton, Shrewsbury.SY56RU
 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to siting of a shepherd's hut for holiday let accommodation in association with existing holiday let business.
 After discussion, it was agreed to fully support this application; Proposed by Councillor J Hayter; seconded by Councillor E Parton and agreed by all members present.

- (b) Council to consider applications received after agenda was sent out: There were no new applications to consider.

10. Highways Matters –

To receive reports of any highways issues. There were no highways issues to report.
 To discuss speeding through the parish and enforcement of limits: it was agreed for the clerk to write to Aviva regarding the speeding of the buses though both Leighton & Eaton Constantine.

11. Council to agree Sites of Community Concern within the Parish. After discussion, it was agreed that these should be updated as follows:

Leighton:

The Parish Council is very concerned about speeding traffic in Leighton. Leighton has a statutory 30mph speed limit. We would like the speed limit to be enforced. We have been turned down for Community Speed Watch but consider enforcement by the Police or Camera Safety Partnership essential to slow the traffic.

We have been advised of several 'near misses' by residents and would like traffic calming measures to be prioritised.

The main areas for concern and consideration are:

- Poor lines of sight for the many residents pulling out of their properties or lanes onto the B4380. Residents take their lives in their hands exiting their properties onto the B4380.
- Poor lines of sight for traffic pulling out of the Kynnersley Arms public house particularly from Shrewsbury end of the village. The Kynnersley Arms has re-opened since the introduction of the 30mph limit making enforcement of the limit more valid and important.
- Poor signing of the entrance to the village from both ends. Improved signing and road markings to show the traffic that it is entering a residential village would encourage traffic to slow.
- Better sighting of the current VAS sign. The traffic from the Buildwas end of the village needs to be slowed before the Kynnersley Lane junction. The hill down into the village from the Buildwas end tends to speed up the traffic making the Kynnersley lane junction potentially lethal. Many near misses take place at this junction.
- Extra VAS sign entering the village from the Shrewsbury end to warn of the dangerous bend in the road and the junction with 'The Rudge'. Several near misses have been reported due to traffic approaching the bend too fast. There is also an extra hazard with the junction on to the B4380 with 'The Rudge' lane from Garmston. Very poor line of sight from the Lane towards Shrewsbury.
- Better lineage of the village as a whole to slow traffic would help slow the traffic. Would suggest making the road appear narrower by removing the central lines and thickening the edging lines to the verge to give the appearance of narrowing. Similar to the scheme at Eaton Constantine.

We are on a National Cycle route. Many cyclists travel through the village adding to the dangers from speeding traffic.

Upper Longwood

The Parish Council had asked for traffic calming measures to be completed with the Eaton Constantine scheme. Unfortunately, this could not happen. We would like to reapply for Upper Longwood to be considered. The main areas of concern are:

- Sharp 90-degree bend in the middle of the hamlet. Residents have told us that there have been several incidents of cars not making the bend and coming off the road into resident's gardens.
- No signage to warn traffic of the bend. There is no sign from either side of the bend to warn traffic of the danger. Better signage is a priority.
- Speed of traffic. There is no statutory speed limit only advisory. It is difficult for residents to cross the road or pull out of their drives due to the poor line of sight caused by the bend and the speed of the traffic. Traffic calming measures to slow the speed would help.
- Many lorries have used this road as a short cut. The firms using this route should be told to use more appropriate routes for the size of their vehicles.

Proposed by Councillor J Hayter; seconded by Councillor P Brewer and agreed by all members present.

12. 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 R Harper and agreed by all members present.

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630	Hutchinson Groundcare	Grasscutting	386.50
631	HMRC	PAYE Mth 7 & 8	80.80
632	L Pardoe	Salary & Exp	361.42
	Total for month		828.72

- b) To approve payment of invoices received after agenda was sent out: It was agreed to pay the extra cheque for postage; £16.00 Proposed by Councillor S Jones; seconded by Councillor R Harper and agreed by all members' present
- c) To accept Bank reconciliation; It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; Proposed by Councillor S Jones; seconded by Councillor R Harper and agreed by all members' present
- d) Council to sign the mandate to pay clerk salary by monthly Standing Order: It was agreed to pay the clerk by standing order; Proposed by Councillor S Jones; seconded by Councillor R Harper and agreed by all members' present
- e) Council to receive papers in preparation for the precept setting in January. These had been circulated to the members by e-mail.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE;** Councillor J Hayter is on the board of the AONB and reported to the members it is in the process of becoming a conservation board which is independent and able to access funding. The correspondence from the clerk was noted.

14. PARISH MATTERS

- a) Councillor E Parton asked if anything could be done about the bad mobile Phone reception. Councillor P Brewer suggested that she contact her service provider and see if she could obtain a box in the house which boosts the signal.
- b) Broadband problems within the Parish; These had been dealt with earlier in the meeting

15. **Date & Time of the next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at Leighton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm