

PARISH OF ENDON WITH STANLEY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Endon Methodist Church on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Cllrs. S Sillitoe (Chairman), J Sambrook (Vice Chair), V Harris, J Sillitoe, E Durose, L Adams, A Church, H Clulow, P Shemilt, S Carey, C Jebb, J Porter, from the floor K Flunder.

Action

There were 38 members of the public in attendance including PCSO Sara Staples and Sergeant Jamie Machin

The Chair stated that although the official period of mourning had passed she felt it right that since this was the first PC meeting since the Queen's death we should acknowledge this and a minute's silence to show respect was held.

91 **Apologies for absence** D Spooner

92 **Declarations of Interest** – None

Chairman's remarks.

93 There had been more congratulations on the Parish Council's Jubilee celebrations. The Chair informed the meeting of the death of a former councillor, Ann Hollingsworth. She then welcomed to the meeting, and to Endon, a Ukrainian family who had travelled for many weeks to seek asylum in Endon. The meeting applauded their courage and welcomed them warmly.

94 **Public Forum**

Standing Orders were suspended.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Karl Edwards from Stoke on Trent City Council who explained the proposed road changes from Norton cross roads to Endon, after the tragic accident. He asked if the Parish Council would endorse proposals for a weight restriction on vehicles passing through that stretch of road of 7.5 tonnes. The Parish Council unanimously endorsed this proposal. The issue of 30mph signs on Clay Lake was raised and it was agreed that representations to Highways should be made to install these.

A large number of young people from the village addressed the meeting through their spokesperson, who said that young people in the Parish had nothing to do and nowhere to go. This resulted in groups gathering on the street, mainly in Station Road. One parent said that they were getting moved on by the police. A resident of Station Road said that some young people were abusing motorists and putting traffic cones on the road and obstructing driveways. A resident who lived adjacent to the Play Area said that at one point there were close to 70 young people in the play area playing very loud music and when he asked for it to be quiet he was verbally abused. One other resident complained that her family were unable to sit outside on their back garden because of the noise and foul language. Other residents said that in the last 18 months it had become progressively worse. Another resident said that she had seen mothers with young children arrive but then walk away because of the young peoples' behaviour.

Sergeant Machin explained that the police were concerned because there was antisocial behaviour and there was a likelihood that in these circumstances drug dealing could occur. He said that if there was antisocial behaviour then the Police can, under the law, demand that the young person tells them their name and address. The Police would do all they could to understand but the type of behaviour mentioned was unacceptable.

It was agreed that all parties had had the opportunity to put their point of view and the Chair concluded by thanking everyone for their input and said that the Parish Council would do what it could to help. The fact that the War Memorial Play Area had been vandalised (glass everywhere, equipment interfered with and damage done etc) meant

that the Parish Council was left with no alternative but to further restrict opening times. The Parish Council will work with the Police and the new Chief Inspector (Karen Cooke) to look for ways to address the problem.

- 95 Matters arising from the 9th August 2022 meeting not on the agenda.**
Station Kitchen- the Clerk explained that there had been quite a lot of correspondence but summarised, by saying that Network Rail were reviewing the situation because of the effect on village life and the business. Karen Bradley (local MP) had agreed to look at the situation and had received the documentation. SS explained that there could be funding available for resurfacing the area and a quote will be obtained. In addition the insistence by Network Rail on fencing was questioned, both as an absolute requirement and the size, which if reduced would help with costs. It is ongoing. DB
- 96 Antisocial behaviour**
SS reported that conversations with the Police (PCSO Sarah Staples) had been very useful and she had had a meeting with Chief Inspector Karen Cooke who endorsed the early closing of the Play Area because of the circumstances. Police patrols had been increased and many young people had been approached by the Police so that there was no misunderstanding of the situation. SS reported that the Lengthsman team had to clean up the whole area taking a whole day for 3 people, taking them away from their normal work schedule, after one bout of antisocial behaviour. J. Sil gave a definition of what constituted antisocial behaviour. SS will talk again to K Cooke and if necessary a meeting of local residents could be arranged. L A suggested that creative activities could help. It was agreed that if required the Parish Council would attend any meeting called by the Police. SS
- 97 Grounds and Amenities**
Playing Fields.
1. Hillswood.
A play area developer has asked if they could advise and quote for any development on Hillswood. They will be at the Play Area on the 18th Oct at 12.30 if anyone wishes to attend. JS said that new steel supports for the swings should be installed soon. SS reported that a new sign "No Dogs" would also be installed soon. SS
- 98 Clay Lake**
Standing Orders were suspended for Cllr Flunder
JS reiterated the Parish Council's request for 30mph notices to be installed on Clay Lake as at the moment there were none. Cllr Flunder responded that he had been told that because of the areas residential status this was not possible. He would however take it up with David Williams (Highways) to see if anything could be done (he had seen quotes of £8k to install these signs). Karl Edwards said that he would talk to David Williams about the whole issue that he addressed earlier. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support the 7.5 tonne restriction mentioned earlier. KF
The pavement on Clay Lake was still an issue and Cllr Flunder agreed to talk to David Greatbatch KF
PS said that the Speed Watch group had received training but there was a shortage of volunteers from Endon.
Cllr Flunder asked the Clerk to email him about the salient points of this discussion. DB
- 99 Cllr Flunder**
Addressed the meeting giving information of Health care and funding and boundary changes.
- 100 Flood Action Group**
JS informed the meeting that he had written to Jamie Cooper about developments and ultimately received a reply saying that some changes to the proposal were required which could delay the development. JS had asked for more information. KF agreed to JS

contact Mr Cooper. Alan Williamson has asked for a meeting to be arranged which should be on Tuesday 25th Oct at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Finance

101 1. Report. This was agreed

102 **Accounts and Expenses.**

				Cheq	No
		<u>Payments</u>			
D.Boulton	Sal	£	742.40		
	Exps	£	4.50		104036
			£ 746.90		
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)		£	214.44		37
J Gibson – Lengthsman	General	£	1147.16		
	Cemetery	£	151.72		38
	District.	£	35.70	£ 1334.58	
BT – Telephone (DD)		£	27.54		DD
Endon Village Hall-Rent- Grant Little Learners		£	120.00		39
Kate Walker – Little Learners		£	39.10		40
Endon Methodist Church – Rent		£	95.00		41
Mazars – Audit Fee		£	360.00		42
G Lancett – Gardener		£	630.00		43
Kensington Engineering – Hillswood repairs		£	822.00		44
Water plus Drainage charge		£	54.29		45

All payments were agreed

103 **Newsletter and social media**

JSil

J.Sil. trying to arrange printing this week. The main organiser for distribution had been ill and was unable to carry on. JS said that he needed volunteers and all councillors who were able to do so agreed to help.

104 **Lengthsman and Maintenance.**

105 **Planning**

- Ref. SMD/2022/0514 244, Farwinds, Leek Road, Endon
Outline permission, Dormer Bungaloww – No objections
- Ref SMD/2022/0512, 34, Tregarn, Basnetts Wood.
Retrospective application for replacement veranda. – No objections
- Ref. SMD/2022/0497. The Croft, Moss Hill.
Demolition conservatory, single storey rear extension– No objections
- Ref. SMD/2022/0459. Cricket Ground, Post Lane
Proposed practice facility. – No objections
- Ref SMD/2022/0537 43, The Meadows, Endon.
Loft conversion with dormers– No objections
- Ref SMD/2022/0539. Hawthorn House, Puddy Lane.
Erection detached garage to front of house– No objections

106 **Reports**

LA reported boys throwing stones near to her property. CCTV would help and she will try and contact the Stockton Brook Scouts
VH asked about a reported £70K refurbish cost for a play area paid for by SMDC. SS said that this was a District Council owned play area.
ED asked about the Plough. J Sil reported that the Estates Department from Mitchell and Butler were visiting.

JP

107 Correspondence

1. Litter bin on Kenley Avenue
JP apologised that the Parish Council had been blamed for this location which was inappropriate. He will contact appropriate department
2. My Staffordshire- Information
3. Community Volunteers Event - Information
4. Road closure – Park Lane-information
5. Road Closure-Gratton-Information

JP

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Minutes approved by Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2022

Signed by the Chairman _____ Dated _____