**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE GUILD HALL, ASTON CANTLOW**

**ON THURSDAY 10th AUGUST 2016 – NO. 81.**

1. **Record of Members Present:**

Cllr. Harvey, Chairman, Cllr. Wallis, Cllr. Berry and one member of the public.

Part Meeting: County Cllr Horner.

1. **Apologies:**

District Cllr. Gittus was attending a charity event in aid of the new Stratford Eye and Cancer Units.

1. **Written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests where that interest is not already in the register of members’ interests:**

No requests were received.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2016.**

These were approved by all Cllrs. and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Public Participation:**

There were no questions from the member of the public.

**6. County and District Cllrs. reports for information only. (Unless known in advance items raised for a decision will appear on the next agenda.)**

Cllr. Horner reported that the flashing speed sign in Bearley Road is now working correctly. It transpires that the isolator had not been switched on.

Cllr. Horner said that he will be sending his August report in the next day or so and this is now attached on page 5. The main points relate to the preparation of the three year budget for 2017 to 2020 and £70 million savings requirement and the West Midlands Combined Authority which was assented in July with Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council as non-constituent members.

It had been reported to the Clerk that the emergency closure notices are still at the entrances to the E5341 and the Clerk asked Cllr. Horner if he could arrange for the permanent notices of the temporary closure to be put in place. At the same time could the explanations of the closure be given clearer visibility to visitors to the village.

**7. Planning matters – update on current planning applications:**

*Planning Application No. 16/00927/FUL The Olde Barn, Shelfield:* Conversion of store building and part of garage block to two separate holiday lets (resubmission). Permission granted.

*Planning Application No. 16/01070/FUL 18 Chapel Lane, Aston Cantlow:* Single storey rear lean to wrap around extension. Permission granted.

*Planning Application No. 16/01006/FUL Pools Barn Farm, Little Alne:*

Change of use of land to residential and conversion of brick/tile barn to ancillary residential accommodation. Application returned to Agent.

*Planning Application No. 16/02035/FUL Badbury Hill Barn, Shelfield:* Extension to residential barn. Application refused.

The following applications were then considered. The consultation notices had been received after the agenda was circulated:

*Planning Application No. 16/02385/FUL Pools Barn Farm, Little Alne:* Conversion and change of use of agricultural barn to agricultural financial business office and Pools Barn Farm office. This application is the replacement for the incorrect application No. 16/01006/FUL. As indicated previously Parish Council would have no objection to this change of use.

*Planning Application No. 16/02105/FUL Reid Barn, Aston Cantlow:* Construction of an oak framed extension to rear.

After some discussion Cllr. Harvey proposed that this application should be granted as the design appears to be in proportion and in keeping with the property and would not have an adverse effect of the neighbours. Cllr. Wallis seconded the proposal and Cllr. Berry was in agreement.

**8. Progress Report for information only:**

The damaged Aston Cantlow direction sign at the junction of Bearley Road and Salters Lane has now been replaced.

Cllrs. confirmed that visibility over Little Alne bridge had been improved.

**9. Correspondence received**

- Big Lottery Fund - Awards For All (Lottery Grants of between 300 and 10,000).

- Stratford District Core Strategy–Publication of Inspector’s final report.

- Flying a Flag for Commonwealth Day 2017.

- Warwickshire County Councillors Grant Fund 2016/17.

- NALC & SLCC Salary awards 2016-20 final. Amended bank mandate signed by two Cllrs. to reflect revised salary for Clerk.

**10. Parish Plan update :**

Cllr. Harvey advised that the final draft has now been completed and an electronic copy will be made available tomorrow for Cllrs. to review. Cllrs. were asked to email any comments/recommendations they may have to Cllr. Harvey by the 17th August and if they do not have any comments to email their agreement to adopting this final version to enable it to be forwarded to Matthew Neal at SDC to arrange the consultation stage.

**11. Consultations:**

Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority, Functions Scheme

Police and Crime Panel Consultation

Warwickshire PCC: policing and community safety consultation.

It was agreed that all members would respond individually to these consultations.

**12. Parish Council Activities review.**

Cllrs. had put forward various suggestions and Cllr. Harvey will review these and put together a document for further consideration.

Cllr. Wallis agreed to carry out the asset inspection and all will review the Emergency Plan. Information about events etc. for various groups on the website is not being kept up to date and Cllr. Wallis agreed to draft a letter to these groups requesting regular maintenance.

Cllr. Berry asked if we could have sight of usage statistics for the website from SDC and the Clerk will contact Sam Hamilton with this request.

**13. Continued discussion regarding need for a defibrillator in Aston Cantlow.**

Cllr. Berry had made contact with the Chairman of Henley 1st Responders who would support the idea of installing a Defibrillator in Aston Cantlow as they can be used by members of the public without any training. The cost is in the region of £1000.00 to £1,500.00 plus the cost of fixing to a wall.

If there is a grant available to cover the cost it was agreed we could go ahead and purchase one and logically it would be best sited in the centre of the village. Cllr. Berry agreed to look into the possibility of a grant and if none is available we will have to re-consider.

**14. Lengthsman Scheme update:**

Cllr. Berry had a meeting with the Clerk of Bidford Parish Council which he found very informative and helpful. Based on the information he obtained it was agreed that Cllr. Berry should go ahead and apply for year one funding from SDC. From year two funding would be by way of the Parish Council precept.

**15. Consideration of Section 137 Grants.**

The Village Hall committee is most appreciative of the Parish Council’s ongoing financial help towards the playground and, on their behalf, the Chairman has asked if the level of funding could be increased for this financial year. Grass cutting and maintenance of the hedges is very costly and in the not too distant future one or two pieces of equipment will need replacing, the roundabout possibly being the first.

The Clerk was asked to enquire whether any funds have been accrued/raised by the Village Hall committee towards the cost of grass cutting/hedge maintenance and replacement equipment. Cllrs. would also like an indication of likely spend on repairs this financial year and whether regular inspections are going to be organised by qualified Inspectors

**16. Payment of outstanding invoices:**

Mrs. E. Butterworth (reimbursement for sand) £ 35.00 (200467)

Aston Cantlow Village Hall 32.25 (200468)

Mrs. E. Butterworth (Salary increase backdated to

1at April 2016) 10.84 (200469)

**16. Councillor’s reports and items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

Items for the next agenda:

Big Lottery Fund Grant

Flying a Flag for commonwealth Day

**18. Date of next meeting:** 15th September 2016.

No further business – Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m

**County Council Report - August**

The County is starting develop its **three year budget** for 2017 to 2020. This £70 million savings requirement includes the last year of the previous four year budget that has had to be reworked following Central Government unexpected reduction in funding. Adult Social Care is now ring fenced and must deliver a service incorporating the additional 2% Council Tax surcharge included by the Government in the last Budget. The additional funding has gone part way to meeting the costs increases due to raising the minimum wage.

**West Midlands Combined Authority** was assented in July with Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council as non-constituent members. This means that they have no voting rights nor do they have to come under control of a West Mids Metro Mayor. The Leader of Warks CC has been invited to join the WMCA Cabinet and take responsibility for finance. The funding made available by Central Government is no more than an ability to increase borrowing by the members which will then be used as equity in highly mortgaged schemes. There is no new money coming from Central Government, but all might change with the new administration and Chancellor

Warwickshire County Council has completed the improvements to **Junction 12, M40** and access to the Jaguar Landrover/Aston Martin site. The new 1.5 km road took approximately 18 months to complete by Geoffrey Osborne Contractors and cost approximately £10M to design and construct.

**Warwickshire Fire and Rescue** will be offering training to firms on a non-profit basis for annual fire warden, fire awareness and fire extinguisher training, first aid, emergency first aid, community first aid and refresher training, certificate of professional competence (CPC), manual handling, working at height, water awareness, National Examination Board in Occupational Health and safety (NEBOSH), , Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), UKATA Certified Category A Asbestos Awareness and Waste Smart accreditation.

Twelve new members of **Warwickshire’s Children in Care Council** (CiCC) were announced last week. The council has been in place since 2008 but this is the third year that members have been elected through a democratic process. A newly elected youth panel will be speaking up for looked after children and helping to shape services in the county. The twelve seats were filled by young people aged 11-20 whose manifestos won them the votes of the county’s 720 looked after young people and care leavers.

Contracts to **support Warwickshire's most vulnerable residents** to live independently in the community began on 1st August 2016. Two services will be accommodation-based with support provided to residents living in accommodation provided for the purpose. The other two services will be provided in the community on a “floating” basis where support workers visit clients in their current accommodation.

**£800k fund available for Warwickshire businesses.** Warwickshire micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) having difficulty accessing loans to fund their growth, are being given the chance to get loans from a new package of funding worth £800,000 from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust (CWRT). The small business loans programme is designed to help businesses access investment that will help them diversify or modernise their operations, leading to economic growth and job creation. Loans up to £75,000 are available. To find out how we can help please visit our website at [www.cwrt.uk.com](http://www.cwrt.uk.com/) or call us on 024 7655 1777

**John Horner**

For information only.

The following payment was made between meetings:

HMRC (PAYE) £198.60 (200466)