**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020 – NO. 111.**

1. **Record of Members Present:**

Cllr Harvey, Chairman, Cllr. Berry, Cllr. FitzGibbon, Cllr. Mainwaring and 6 members of the public.

Part meeting: District Cllr. Forman,

**2. Apologies:**

County Cllr. Rickhards.

**3. Presentation by Elaine Johnson CEO of the Parenting Project.**

Unfortunately Ms. Johnson did not attend.

**4. Written requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary/Non-pecuniary Interests where that interest is not already in the register of members’ interests:**

No requests had been received.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2019.**

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

**6. Public participation:**

Mr. Padbury, Mr. Dean, Mr. Shephard and Ms. Edkins were attending expressing concerns about the amount of standing water in Chapel Lane due in part to gullies being blocked. Severn Trent had been called out but said the issue is actually a Highways problem.

A lengthy discussion took place due to differing opinions about where the water is coming from and Ms Edkins offered to send the Clerk some photographs to show in context where the problems are arising.

It was also mentioned that vehicles, in particular delivery drivers, are being driven recklessly in Chapel Lane. Cllr. Harvey suggested, that where possible a phone call should be made to the company whose driver is causing concerns and also the issues should be logged with the local police. Speeding traffic is a police matter.

Ms. Edkins very kindly thanked Councillors for all their hard work during the past year.

Mr. & Mrs. Harris from Newnham asked whether there was any news

relating to the ‘U’ route but there is nothing to report.

**7**. **County and District Cllrs. reports for information only.**

District Councillor Forman reported as follows:

The application for the proposed power station in Haselor is still

on-going with further amendments having been made. The revised target date for determination is now 29th January for representations and provisionally looking at Planning Committee on 19th February or 18th March 2020.

SDC Budget 2020: Less grant money will be available from Government over the coming period. To compensate SDC needs to both save money and generate an income to off-set the upcoming deficit. SDC can only increase Council Tax by either £5 for a Band D property or a maximum of 2%/year. SDC reserves are being used to fund the gap but they must retain a minimum of approximately £2.5m in reserves. The recently introduced green bin charge has been introduced to try and generate a surplus.

Cllr. Harvey thanked Cllr. Forman for attending and giving her report.

County Cllr. Rickhards provided the Clerk with a short report as follows:

Little Alne Speed reduction: Mr. Salter has left and Mr. Hanson will now be taking over the relevant works to create the design and complete the exercise in the next four to six weeks.

Marion Borman is still working on her report and this will go to public enquiries. Meanwhile no action is being taken that might be obstructive.

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

*18/03797/FUL and 18/03798/LBC The Cart Hovel, Glebe Farm, Aston Cantlow:* Retention of roof lights and satellite dish together with minor internal alterations to enable use of loft space as additional residential accommodation. Permission granted at committee.

*19/01922/LBC and 19/01921/FUL* Cantella Farm, Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow: Take down existing boundary wall and rebuild using reclaimed bricks as per drawin5 513-O1A. Permissions granted.

*19/01778/FUL* Tudor Rose Cottage, 29 Chapel Lane, Aston Cantlow: Installation of new oil tank in rear garden. Permission granted.

*19/02444/FUL* Walnut Tree Cottage: Demolition of lean-tos and garage/domestic outbuildings, erection of two storey side extension, erection of garage building, change of use of land from agricultural/paddock to domestic, closing up of existing vehicular access, reopening of former access and alterations to driveway.

Advisory received that amended plans had been submitted following correspondence from the Agent and comments from the Parish Council. Permission granted.

*19/01604/FUL* Apple Barn, Salters Lane, Wootton Wawen: Change of use of agricultural land now being used as domestic garden land and proposed construction of domestic garage.

Amendments/additional information received for consideration. Application withdrawn.

*19/02607/FUL The Byre, Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow:* Proposed garage extension with store and toilet and internal alterations. Planning permission refused.

*19/02627/FUL Lower Ling House, Newnham:* Change of use of existing store room into two holiday let bedrooms. Pending consideration.

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

*Lengthsman:* Two quotations were sought for removal of a large tree bough in the ditch by the bridge in Little Alne. One company has indicated they are too busy to undertake the work and a quote is awaited from the other company. It was proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Berry and agreed by all, that if the quotation is received prior to the next meeting it could be considered, and possibly agreed, electronically providing it is below £500.00. A contact number was requested for the landowner to enquire if access could be gained from the land as opposed to the bridge. Cllr. Harvey will provide the contact number she uses if she needs to make contact.

*Events:* Cllr. Harvey confirmed that plans to celebrate V.E. Day in May are taking shape. The Village Hall, W.I, Tennis Club, History Society and Lace making group have responded positively to an invitation to participate. No response has been received from the Social Club and Kings Head Public House to date. Cllr. Harvey proposed a maximum expenditure of £4,000.00 for the Parish Council to include a five piece band that she has received a quotation from. Cllr. Berry seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

Cllr. Berry agreed to contact Richard Sheriden to ask for a definitive response regarding joining with the Parish Council for V.E. Day celebrations.

Cllr. Harvey had been informed that Wilmcote P.C. was also intending to organise V.E day celebrations and asked the Clerk if that is true. It had been considered as far as the Clerk is aware there are no plans to pursue it unless any other group in Wilmcote is proposing to do anything.

*Assets inventory:* Cllr. Berry had not yet managed to check the condition of the sand hopper, sand or sand bags but will endeavour to do so ahead of the February meeting.

*S137 grant to Village Hall for playground grass cutting during 2019:*

Cllr. Harvey, Chairman, did not participate in this item.

As this had been agreed previously and included in the precept for 2019/20, the Clerk was asked to implement the online bank transfer for £1,500.00.

*Ringfenced Broadband funds:* Advice had at last been received to retain these funds in the reserves so that if there is a shortfall at any time SDC can put in a request for some or all of it. Cllr. Harvey proposed that this sum remains ringfenced for now. Cllr. FitzGibbon’s seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**10. Correspondence:**

- Bearley NDP Regulation 16 Submission Consultation.

- WRCC Housing Needs Survey report.

- District & Parish Councillors Weekly information.

- Heart of England update on planting plans for Newnham.

- Mr. Evans had contacted the Clerk with the following issues:

Double bend sign that has been turned the wrong way on the B4089 between Little Alne and Great Alne. Clerk to report to WCC Highways

Black and white marker posts need replacing/repairing in Brook Lane/Wilmcote Lane. Clerk to report to WCC Highways.

Satellite dish attached to the wall of a property in Aston Cantlow conservation area without permission and hedge belonging to the same property encroaching onto the highway needs cutting back. Cllr. Harvey agreed to go and speak to the owners.

Mr. Evans has asked again if the 30mph speed sign in Bearley Road could be changed to one that flashes actual speeds.

It was agreed that if we have a number of residents raising the same issue we would take if forward.

The following were received after the agenda was circulated:

- SDC Consultation on additional planning guidelines relating to Climate

Change.

- WALC Training on Planning and historic buildings 4th February. Cllrs.

Harvey and FitzGibbon asked to be registered for this session.

**11. Agreement of final Precept figure for 2020/21:**

Cllr. Berry had prepared a draft Precept and this was circulated to all Cllrs. ahead of the meeting.

Cllr. FitzGibbon proposed that no increase from last year was necessary and the figure of £9,400.00 be requested. Seconded by Cllr. Berry and agreed by Cllrs. Mainwaring and Harvey.

**12. WRCC Housing Needs Survey report for adoption:**

The Housing Needs survey has been completed and a report of the survey findings has been provided to the Parish Council by WRCC. Cllrs. are requested to have a look through the report and if they are happy with the survey they should formally accept it. Acceptance of the report merely indicates that the Councillors are happy with it as a representation of the survey work and does not give it any legal status.

As this report was received prior to the November meeting, which was cancelled due to floods, Cllrs. agreed to read through it without delay and reach a conclusion electronically in this instance.

**13. Risk Assessment:**

Cllr. Harvey proposed taking a look at the Risk Register, updating where necessary and providing draft recommendations for consideration prior to the next meeting. Cllr Berry seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

**14. Village Hall Update**

Cllr. Harvey reported that three members of the committee may be standing down in April.

Fundraising needs to continue for the playground upkeep and hopefully towards a roundabout for children with disabilities. The Annual inspection is due to be carried out next month.

On a positive note, since upgrading the cottage the funds have increased by £8,000.00.

**15. Items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

Risk Register

**16. Date of next meeting:** 13th February 2020

No further business – Cllr. Harvey closed the meeting at 10.30 p.m.

For information only.

The following payments were made between meetings:

HMRC £ 268.20 BACS

Aston Cantlow Village Hall 11.00 BACS

Community Heartbeat Trust 104.40 BACS

Aston Cantlow Village Hall 13.00 BACS

CPRE Subs 36.00 BACS

HMRC 268.00 BACS