



Minutes of the Meeting of Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall

In Attendance:

Cllr T Noblett	Wheaton Aston (Chairman)
Cllr W Millington	Wheaton Aston
Cllr. M. Griffiths	Lapley
Cllr P Elson	Wheaton Aston
Cllr Mrs B Cox	Wheaton Aston
Cllr M Fox	Lapley
Cllr P Timson	Wheaton Aston
Cllr H Jones	Wheaton Aston
Cllr S Whittingham	Wheaton Aston
Cllr B Wells	Stretton

Also in Attendance:

Mrs A Watson	Parish Clerk
6 members of the public	
Cllr R Wright	South Staffordshire Council

Apologies:

Cllr M Sutton	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr B Cox	South Staffordshire Council
Cllr A Anderson	Stretton

Absent:

Public Forum

Chair welcomed and reminded all of standing orders. Disruptions during the meeting will not be tolerated.

Parishioner read a statement from the Lapley Green Committee, a proposal was put forward for the Parish Council to accept the wishes of the residents regarding any tree work.

Chairman advised that the maintenance working party have met and will recommend to full Council that the residents meet with representatives of the Council on 25th January at 7.30pm to discuss the work going forward.

A concern was raised regarding the play equipment at Primrose Play area. Resident is very disappointed that the play equipment has been ordered and feels that the residents haven't been consulted. Cllr Wright advised that this area was designated as a play area and has been long

established. Planning permission is not required to install the equipment neither was there a need to consult as the project is to replace equipment.

Parishioner has collated a number of comments from residents.

Resident does not believe that the equipment is necessary and still requires planning permission, also feels that the funds have not been best spent.

Queried on how much has been spent on public footpath and bridleways, this is a County matter
Queried the zipwire repair, this is in hand.

The process of how an item raised by a parishioner is discussed further was queried, advised that the Council will add the item to a future agenda should they feel it necessary.

Concerns that the verges at Lapley have been left in disrepair by Western Power, Clerk is aware and has been in conversation with the project manager.

It was confirmed that the street lighting is the responsibility of Eon and Highways. The Parish Council are unable to commit to the maintenance of ornate lighting as previously resolved.

Queried how Wheaton Aston have Edwardian lights within the village, Chairman confirmed that this was refurbishment completed by the District Council.

Residents feel that the lighting installed is far too bright, Clerk is to contact Eon with the residents concerns, residents are to provide the Clerk with details.

148. To consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr B Cox, Cllr Sutton and Cllr Anderson

149. Declaration of Interest/Dispensation

None declared

150. Signing of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2017 were signed as a true and correct copy.

151. Clerks Report

January 2018

Information

The fence at Marston Field has been repeatedly broken, M Bissell has attempted repairs but they are broken within days. Advised to consider installing new metal fencing

Motorbikes are damaging the surface at Marston Field

Thanks received from Lapley Church restoration for budgeting a donation in 2018/19.

The work to underground the cables by Western Power is complete; work needs to be done to repair the verges

Cllr Jones has taken the lead on CSW.

An extra bin at Primrose has been requested, SSC have agreed to install one following the installation of the new equipment

Please note details of farm vehicle drivers seen to be using a mobile phone whilst driving and report to Parish Clerk

Requested AFEB to install a post to prevent quad bike access to Marston Field as an interim measure

A number of electrical column boxes have been damaged, these have been reported to highways

Shelutions will begin the work on the bus shelters on 12.1.2018

Thanks received from St Johns Church in Stretton

Consultations:

www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/have-your-say - Please respond to the consultation on increasing the precept to provide police services

Meetings / Events

Lets Work together 19th jan 2018

Training/CPD

GDPR-ongoing

Items emailed to councillors

5.12.17 D Pattison revised code of conduct

5.12.17 J Lawton Draft housing consultation

7.12.17 SPCA Newsbulletin

7.12.17 SSC Community finding

7.12.17 Staffordshire Police Press release re Cannabis factory

12.12.17 Planning application 17/01066/Tree

12.12.17 V Partridge Parish Service delivery

14.12.17 SPCA newsbulletin

3.1.2018 V Partridge Lets Work together agenda 19.1.18

4.1.18 SPCA newsbulletin

Enforcement

Use of devolved powers

£49.53 moved from village improvements to Village orderly salary to account for the stump removal on the car park

Funds from reserves (play area) moved to play are budget to account for the purchase of new play equipment.

Decisions issued

17/00885/VAR- Approved STC

17/0943/FUL- Approved STC

17/00929/FUL- Approved STC

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Clerk asked Councillors to express their interest in the Councillor training course held on 6th February 2018

Cllr Wright advised that the work by Western Power is not complete and the company will be returning.

It was advised that the gateway at Marston Field is being blocked by cars, that has previously been discussed. It was suggested that the landowner installs a 'no obstruction' sign on the gate, Clerk to contact the owner.

153. Police Report

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT.

Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and objectives outlined within it.

The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.

The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.

CRIMES IN THE AREA from 05/12/2017 – 11/01/2018

1. **Burglary Residential.** - 1 Reported incident
Stretton – Shed broken into quad bike stolen.
2. **Burglary Business.** -1 Reported incidents.
Ivetsey bank – Entry attempted to petrol station rear door, no entry gained and nothing stolen.
3. **Theft of Motor Vehicle.** - 0 Reported incidents
4. **Theft from Motor Vehicle.** - 2 reported incidents
Wheaton Aston – 2 x vehicles broken into and metal detectors stolen.
5. **Drugs.** – 1 Reported incident
Ivetsey Bank – Large cannabis factory located. Found at the location was 3500 cannabis plants worth in the region of £1.5 million pound (street Value). Thanks to the local community for the information leading to the arrests of 6 males.
6. **Violence.** – 5 Reported incident.
Ivetsey Bank - 2 x patient on staff assault.
Wheaton Aston – 3 x neighbour dispute resulting in violence.
7. **Anti-Social Behaviour.** – 10 Reported incidents of ASB, These include...
 - Wheaton Aston – 10 x incidents.

Neighbour disputes x 1
Nuisance vehicle x 1
Youth related x 8

154. County Report

Unavailable

155. District Report

The budget is complete and the Council has budgeted in advance where possible for 5 years,. The Council is assumed to be financial viable for this time. By that time central fund will be reduced. A meeting regarding the Interchange to take place next Tuesday, the application has gone to Government, Council to consider timescale of action following the application.

138. Financial matters

- a) **Resolved** to accept the financial budget comparison to 31st December 2017
- b) **Resolved** to accept the financial summary to 31st December 2017
- c) **Resolved** to approve the expenditure for December 2017
- d) **Resolved** to approve the payments noted under delegated powers- £49.53 moved from village improvements to Village orderly salary to account for the stump removal on the car park

Funds from reserves (play area) moved to play are budget to account for the purchase of new play equipment.

156. Planning Recommendations: Resolved:

- a) Planning application: 17/01066/TREE - No objection
- b) Planning application after papers sent: 17/01094/FUL- No objection
17/01109/FUL- No objection
- c) Planning decisions:
17/00885/VAR- Approved STC
17/0943/FUL- Approved STC
17/00929/FUL- Approved STC
17/00933/FUL – Approved STC
- d) Enforcement Cases

None

- e) Delegated responses sent: None sent

158. Draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy Consultation

Resolved: To respond that the ratio for affordability versus price is too great. This needs to be reduced via a better mix of smaller properties in locality two that are affordable to younger families as the aging population is a concern for the sustainability of children's services. More properties designated for older individuals/couples are required to service the ageing population and to increase housing stock mobility.

159. Parish Service Questionnaire

Resolved : Completed Clerk to return

160.South Staffordshire Community Fund

Clerk has spoken with various agencies who have agreed to attend a forum to consider the impact of ASB.

A suggestion from this is that the Parish Council provide a youth provision/centre. Clerk to apply for funding from the South Staffordshire Community Fund based on providing a Youth Centre for two hours a week twice a week at the village hall and initial set up

Clerk to continue with organising a forum to organise this.

Clerk to investigate about using the old Scout hut, suggestions of installing an additional covered area at Marston Field

The Youth Service area at St Mary's First School is another consideration.

123 Working Group reports:

- **BKV:** No meeting
- **Christmas Lights:** No meeting, one to be held early 2018.
- HR: a meeting to be held early 2018
- Forward Planning and Finance meeting to be held
- Maintenance: the following recommendations were made/updates received:

Bus shelter update

Shelutions have secured the permit to dig and work to install the shelters is scheduled for 19.1.18. Clerk has requested a copy of the permit plus relevant insurances ahead of work beginning

Tree surveys update

Quotes were received, recommend to Council that Morfe Valley is appointed to conduct an arboricultural hazard inspection survey at a cost of £780.00.This does not include any trees at Lapley Green. **Resolved** to appoint Morfe Valley.

Play equipment

The order has been placed, Playdale have not confirmed a start date, it is expected to be early February. An additional bin is to be installed once the play area is installed

Lapley Green works

There has not been any TPO's made in response to the application submitted to clear the green of trees. However SSDC have recommended that 3 trees remain -purple maple, A cedar and Pine along with the holly hedge

Recommendation to council is either: option 1- to clear the area as previously resolved with the exception of the trees noted by SSDC and then consult with residents for landscape ideas
Option 2- Consult with residents about landscape ideas prior to any works being undertaken and retain the trees as highlighted by SSDC. Should option two be undertaken then a meeting is to be held at 7.30pm at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village hall on 25th January 2018

Resolved: to adopt option two and invite residents to the meeting.

Marston Field update

M Keeling has been contacted about jetting the drains. No further information

Play area inspection reports

A number of items have been completed to date, outstanding items include those to be actioned by the Playground Company at Marston Field. These are due to be dealt with in January along with the repair to the Zipwire.

Clerk has contacted the Play Inspection Company for advice on how to ascertain if dents on slides

need repairing. Currently the slide is being monitored.

Bench for Marston Field

Recommendation to Council that the current bench is retained and repaired by M Bissell. **Resolved** to retain and repair

Gates at Marston Field

Recommendation to Council that one large and one medium kissing gates are to be purchased for the entrances to Marston Field at a cost of £256.93 an £340.78 plus carriage of £85.00 (all ex vat) plus installation. Clerk to ask Street Scene and M Bissell for quotations to install

The interim measure of a post in the entrance has been successful on preventing bike access; however the post has been damaged in an attempt to remove it

Clerk to investigate if the Crime Commissioners fund could be applied to for this, the People Power Fund opens for bids on 1st March 2018. **Resolved** Clerk to apply for funding and purchase the gate at the above cost if funding is received.

Footpath Maintenance

Recommendation to Council: the footpath at Fentonhouse Lane/ Marston Road has been cleared, suggest that the Clerk obtains as quote from AFEB to maintain the area twice a year

Recommendation is to apply to the CPI fund to maintain the above footpath and the alley ways in the village. **Resolved** Clerk arrange the maintenance subject to a successful bid,

161.CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

In pursuance of the powers contained in section 1 of the above act I move that

The Press and public be now excluded from the meeting on the grounds that

the business about to be transacted is of a confidential nature and that

publicity will be prejudicial to the interest of the public.

162.Birkenshaw Lane

A Tedstone invited to present to the PC **resolved** Clerk to ask Cllr Sutton for support.

163. Items for future consideration

None

164. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30pm, Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall.

Meeting closed pm

Signed.....Chairman...

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Council Attendance

Date												
	BJC	PE	HJ	TN	PT	SW	AA	WM	BW	MF	MG	
18/05/17	?	?	?	?	Apologies	Apologies			Apologies	?	?	6/11
15/06/17	?	?	?	?	?	?			?	Apologies	?	8/11
6/07/17	?	?	?	?	?	?			?	?	?	9/11
7/09/2017	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	9/11
5/10/2017	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	9/11
02/11/17	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	10/11
7/12/17	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	8/11
11/01/18	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	9/11
1/02/18												
01/03/17												
05/04/17												

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Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/17

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
213	fp71825082 171205aw	£36.19	100/13	05/12/17	Mrs Amy Watson - reimbursement for agenda postage	£36.19
215	chq300061	£450.00	180/2	06/12/17	St. John's Church, Stretton - grant 2016/17	£450.00
202	dd141217	£8.90	100/10	14/12/17	Mainstream Digital Ltd. - montgly charge	£8.90
206	fp70329275 9171228pd	£9,227.81	140/1	14/12/17	Playdale - 50% deposit for equipment	£9,227.81
214	fp58508503 7171228mb	£14.85	130/2	14/12/17	Mr. Malcolm Bissell - november expenses	£14.85
218	774109211 171214aw	£34.20	100/18	14/12/17	Mrs Amy Watson - dec mileage	£90.20
203	dd171217	£54.12	100/10	17/12/17	EE - monthly charge	£54.12
208	fp72771749 3171424bl	£2,645.70	160/1/1	24/12/17	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd - installation costs	£2,645.70
212	fp27048947 0171228ric	£392.02	100/12	24/12/17	Ricoh U K Limited - charges	£392.02
217	fp17283568 2171228es p	£94.34	100/9	24/12/17	Espo - stationery	£94.34
204	fp84315312 4171228tu	£8.94	120/1/4	28/12/17	Trade UK Ltd - monthly charge	£8.94
207	fp51301030 6171228ss c	£260.00	100/2	28/12/17	South Staffordshire District Council - office rent	£260.00
209	fp28459737 1171228bl	£733.80	160/1/1	28/12/17	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd - timers and strutral certificates	£733.80
210	fp89064578 8171228ms	£88.68	100/19	28/12/17	Microshade Business Consultants Ltd - monthly costs	£88.68
211	fp43210556 171228bg	£201.00	120/1/2/1	28/12/17	Bloomin Gardens & Landscapes Ltd - monthly cost	£201.00