

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr P Waters, Cllr K Newby, Cllr D Moore, Cllr Mrs S Planton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr K Beardmore, Cllr D Cintas and Cllr P Butters.

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In Attendance: RAF Shawbury - **Flying** Officer Joshua Chrich

Five Parishioners

01.24. Welcome, Public Session and Partner updates.

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and invited any comments from those Parishioners present. Several of the Parishioners spoke about the support other Parish Councils provide to their local village halls, through events and positive co-operation. They also highlighted the regular events provided at the Parish Hall and run by volunteers like the bingo and quiz nights and hoped the Parish Councillors would actively support them. Members agreed to look at ways of proactively supporting the Parish Hall which could stem from ideas for the 60th Anniversary and attendance at the AGM to agree any joint activities going forward. Concern was then raised about the closed Langley Dale play area which, in light of the amount of children playing in the road seemed a lost opportunity for the area. Cllr K Newby agreed to follow up the situation with Shropshire Council on behalf of the Parishioners present. A letter indicating that some street lights in Langley Dale were not operating was also presented to the Chairman for the Parish Council to action.

Flying Officer Joshua Chrich updated the Parish Council on activity and indicated that there has not been much change to report since the last meeting. The Flying Officer indicated that night flying had re-started on the 15/1/24 and would continue until the 29/2/24 operating a seven weeks on and three weeks off rota. Any concerns could be raised directly or through the stations web site and the Aries magazine could also be viewed online. The hedge around the Tern Hill airfield had been cut back by contractors. Members agreed that any obstructions along the footpath around the Warrant Road side of the airfield would need reporting through 'fix my street'. Any ideas for community project could also be reported through to the Clerk for further discussions.

There being no further items the Chairman thanked those present for their input and moved onto the next item of business.

02.24. Apologies for absence:

The apologies were received and agreed from Cllr Mrs S Bartram and Cllr Mrs L Bearman (illness), Councillor Paul Gill (prior engagement) and PC Iain McIntosh (shifts)

03.24. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest: None.

04.24. To approve the minutes of the meetings of the 15th November 2023.

Cllr K Newby moved and Cllr R Wright seconded the minutes of the meetings held on the 15th November 2023 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

05.24. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk updated members on a series of projects and suggested initiatives within their report all of which were noted.

06.24. Eaton upon Tern – Survey results.

Cllr K Newby updated members on the survey results for a mains supply within Eaton upon Tern. The majority of those responding indicated that a mains supply is not required and the results have been published on the Eaton notice board. The next steps will be to release the results to Shropshire Council who requested that public opinion needed to be tested before any Neighbourhood Project could be considered as part of the Place Planning exercise underway.

07.24. Barrier Parish Hall (six month rule).

Members of the Parish Council were reminded of their position as a 'custodian trustee' in relation to the Parish Hall and the day to day management of the site which is invested with the Parish Hall Management Committee. Concerns however were still pressed home by some members in terms of restricted public access to the site previously available prior to the installation of the barrier. The counter argument was also placed before members in terms of misuse of the car park leading to the installation of the barrier. The question as to if planning permission is required had been settled by the Area Planning Officer for Shropshire Council in that their view is that the development does not require permission as it is dealt with under permitted development rights. After an in depth discussion around the subject matter Cllr P Butters proposed and Cllr R Wright seconded that an informative be sent to the Parish Hall Management Committee that they 'consider the public amenity provided by the site during the day'. On being put to the vote four members voted in favour and three members voted against.

08.24. Waste bins – Langley Dale and Wistanswick.

Members agreed to the provision of additional waste bins at Langley Dale and Wistanswick for 24/25. Cllr D Cintas will provide some potential site locations at Langley Dale and Cllr R Wright will provide some potential site locations at Wistanswick, both prior to the next meeting so that a discussion can be held with Shropshire Council about suitability.

09.24. Parish Hall - 60th Anniversary.

Members were supportive of supporting the 60th Anniversary at the Parish Hall in July 2024. Those still present in the public gallery from the Parish Hall Management Committee were encouraged to feed back ideas to the Parish Council on the type of events that could be supported by the next meeting in March 2024.

10.24. Parish Hall AGM.

The Parish Hall AGM is due to be held in April 2024 and several members of the Parish Council indicated their interest in attending the meeting.

11.24. Cemetery Developments: Hybrid site update plan.

Members agreed the draft 'circular' design plan for natural burials at the site in that no plots have been lost due to the re-design of the site. Alternative environmental management arrangements would now need to be put in place for the right hand side of the site to develop it as a wild flower meadow previously agreed.

12.24. Wistanswick old tip: Development Plan update.

Cllr K Newby indicated the project is partway through the design stages and that some tree survey works are required on the site. Cllr Mrs S Planton indicated that she had the suitable equipment that could be used for the survey works and would be willing to undertake the surveys. Once the drafts are completed they would be circulated for public comment in due course.

13.24. Newsletter: No updates, however members commented on the continued high standard of the newsletter.

14.24. Planning Committee reports: Nothing to report.

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15.24. Highways.

1. A41: Plans are being progressed with the two highway authorities to develop safety measures along the A41.
2. Follow up ~~and~~ VAS signs in Wistanswick: Members agreed to a request from Cllr R Wright to develop a similar door to door survey as Eaton upon Tern within Wistanswick as to the merits of VAS signs and if supported how the data could be collected from any system and fed through to the Parish Council for analysis similar to the ~~and~~ project under discussion at Eaton upon Tern.

16.24. Financial matters:

1. Members agreed to a precept amount of £21,463 as recommended by Shropshire Council which would have a nil increase on the Parish Precept for 24/25.
2. The Bank Reconciliation was presented, agreed and signed with the current bank statement.
3. The payments for approval were tabled and members agreed the amounts set out below.

Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
1007852	KG Landscaping (mowing/hedge cutting)	£996.00
1007853	DM Payroll Services (payroll)	£50.00
100854	Allsorts Design (newsletter - reimbursement)	£229.00
100855	Clerks expenses (expenses)	£51.00
100856	Wistanswick Community Champions (service level agreement)	£300.00
100857	Heathcote Community Champions (service level agreement)	£300.00
SWALEC	December(2023)	£142.83

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17.24. Items for future meetings: Additional road sign at Mill Lane, Eaton upon Tern (Cllr K Newby) and the role of a Custodian Trustee (Cllr D Cintas)

Parish Council meeting dates agreed for 2024/25: 15th May, 17th July, 18th September and 20th November 2024, the 15th January (precept), 19th March and 14th May 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next meeting: 20th March 2024

Signed:

Chairman

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Meeting held in Public to Consider Planning Applications in the Parish

On 23rd February 2024 at 2.15pm at the Parish Hall

1. Attendance

Councillors P Waters, S Planton, S Bartram and K Newby were in attendance. 2 Members of the public also attended

2. Apologies

Councillor K Beardmore was unavailable and sent his apologies

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Matters Considered

1. Application No 24/00627/FUL – Alterations to Orchard Place Wistanswick – No Objection

2. Application No 24/00418/FUL – Side and Rear Extensions to 29 Langley Dale – Object
The Parish Council **object** to this application because it is felt to be inappropriate in scale and massing, rendering it completely out of character with the adjacent properties. The Council would also not support any substantial expansion of this property which would result in the loss of one of the few purpose-built smaller properties left in the Parish.

5. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 2.45pm



Councillor Sarah Planton

Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee

23rd February 2024

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