

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.30 pm

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

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12 Parishioners

In Attendance: RAF Shawbury - Flying Officer Joshua Chrich

01.23. Welcome, Public Session and Partner updates.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and inquired if Parishioners had any items they would like to raise with the Parish Council. A spokesman from the Parishioners attending from Rosehill Road and Wistanswick indicated all had attended to listen to the Parish Council discussions on highways and particular what would be raised about dealing with the speed of vehicles.

The Chairman then asked Flying Officer Joshua Chrich for an update from RAF Shawbury. The Flying Officer indicated that the Aries magazine would be provided mainly online in the future. Night flying is continues between the 9th January to the 24th February 2023 any one with concerns can use the contact details on the Stations web site. The Station continues with the 'high viz' campaign for horse riders and anyone wanting to fly drones within the area are encouraged to visit the web site and understand the restriction in operation within the RAF fly zone for the airfields. The community project highlighted for the Parish Council are improvements to the Glebe Field/Millennium Green commencing in the Spring of 2023.

There being no further items the Chairman thanked Flying Officer Joshua Chrich then moved onto the next item of business.

02.23. Apologies for absence.

Members agreed the following apologies for Cllr D Moore (illness), Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill (work) and PCSO Andy King (broken arm). Additionally up to a six month leave of absence be agreed for Cllr D Moore due to recovery from the recent farm related accident.

03.23. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest: None.

04.22. To approve the minutes of the meetings of the 23rd November 2022.

Cllr R Wright moved and Cllr K Newby seconded the minutes of the meetings held on the 23rd November 2022 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

05.23. Highways projects: Update.

The Chairman agreed to bring this agenda item forward as the parishioners present at the meeting had attended to hear the Parish Councils views on the proposals to develop VAS signs across the area instead of the Auto Speed Watch system. Members were reminded of the recommendations agreed at the last meeting and of standing orders in terms of the six month rule. A counter proposal was still raised to consider the Auto Speed Watch system with many interruptions from the public gallery during an intense discussion with the Chairman having to re-gain control of the meeting with extensive use of the gavel. The recommendations however agreed at the November 2022 remain valid allowing the Auto Speed Watch system to be discussed again in six months time. Parishioners were also invited to attend the workshop being organised with two companies recommended by Shropshire Council who supply the units TWM Traffic and Morelock Signs on the 15th February 2023 at Stoke on Tern Parish Hall.

06.23. Clerk 's Report.

The Clerk gave a verbal update to the Parish Council about their steady recovery from a recent illness over the past six weeks. A planned meeting has also been arranged for February 2023 with Eric Davis to look at practical ways of addressing Natural Burials within the area.

07.23. Request from Parish Hall.

A formal request had been received via email (previously circulated and held on file) from the Parish Hall to contact the land registry as advised by ACRE to amend the land registration to state ownership to be as follows. '**Stoke-on-Tern Parish Council as custodian trustee of Stoke on Tern Parish Hall, Charity number 1001912**'. After a very intense discussion around the request members agreed that the land registry title number SL220281 from the 14.01.2013 and the Conveyance Document from 27.07.1964 be circulated via a PDF document to all members and that the subject be revisited at the next meeting. Members also indicated that several would attend the Parish Halls AGM in April 2023 once a date has been published.

08.23. Solar Farm grant offer.

Members considered the recent email from Peridot Solar offering a Community Benefit for the proposed solar farm site near Eaton upon Tern and Childs Ercall. (Planning Application Ref: 22/01866/FUL). The offer is partly in response to the Public Consultation held in Childs Ercall on the 27th January 2022 and subsequent comments and observations made on the planning application portal.

Although a Community Benefit is not legally required for ground based solar applications, the company recognise that there is a disparity with land-based wind turbine projects and local community expectations for similar solar projects across England and Wales and would like to address and balance this. The Community Benefit offer is a one-off monetary figure of £50,000. The company would like to know if the Parish Councils preference is for a 50/50 split of the sum between Childs Ercall Parish Council and Stoke upon Tern Parish Councils.

The Community Benefit offer is without prejudice and not contingent upon any support or otherwise. Payment is offered upon commencement of construction if the planning application is approved, and will be made by Peridot Solar's Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) subsidiary, Eaton Upon Tern Solar Ltd. Should planning be granted, construction would not be anticipated for at least two or more years depending upon a National Grid approved connection date (there is a contractually agreed connection offer in place with WPD/NGED.)

In considering the offer as set out above members agreed that the initial response is to ask for £100,000 due to the disturbance and disruption the application would cause the local communities surrounding the site. A report back would be given at the next meeting.

09.23. Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Wood/Coppice Warrant Road/Dutton Close.

Members agreed to respond to TPO 2023 on land east of Warrant Road with a letter to record the Parish Councils full support for the order, developing within the letter the text already submitted in recent planning applications for the site.

10.23. Dutton Close Street Lighting project update.

The original quote time frame from Western Power for the street lights has run out due to the delay caused by the prolonged discussions with the Prison Service about ownership. The Parish Councils term contractor has now reapplied, once news on the time frame is available for the works to commence this will be circulated via the newsletter. Shropshire Council will also need to be updated about the delays in terms of the agreement already in place to draw down the local CIL resources for the project.

11.23. A41 Campaign Group update.

Members agreed that Councillor Rob Gittins be contacted for an update on the campaign.

12.23. Cemetery Developments.

Agreement is in place for the maintenance working group to start operating again at the site.

13.23. Ollerton Pound.

Cllr K Newby indicated that there is nothing new to report on the project at this stage.

14.23. Newsletter.

Cllr Mrs S Bartram thanked everyone for their help with the delivery of the newsletter. A volunteer is also required to help deliver Cllr D Moore round whilst he is off recovering from his injuries. Cllr Mrs S Bartram also reminded members of the 'clip clop appeal' fund raising campaign highlighted in the newsletter to help with the fees and expenses for the Ollerton to Peplow claimed route as it progresses towards a likely Public Inquiry. The amount already raised is £750 with a target of £1,000, any contributions are welcome. Details can be found at www.hodnet.org.uk/clipclop,

15.23. Planning Committee reports.

The October, December 2022 and January 2023 minutes of the Planning Committee already circulated and agreed will be included in the final PDF of the minutes placed on the web site from this meeting. One outstanding planning application remains to be resolved.

16.23. Highways.

Members agreed that the whole issue of the highways feasibility study be raised again, this time directly with Councillor Paul Gill requesting that he facilitate a face to face meeting with Highway Officers to try and resolve the impasse. The problem of visibility around the signage at the Sweet Apple Tree junction looking left to Newport will be raised with Councillor Rob Gittins. Also the dangerous pothole on Warrant Road by AR Richards will be raised directly with Highways as it has already been recorded on 'fix my street' for some time and not resolved.

17.23. Financial matters .

1. Precept 23/24: Members unanimously agreed the figures provided by Shropshire Council that the precept requirement for 2023/24 would need to be £21,426.00 and that details be brought forward in due course about a potential investment account.

2. Grant applications: The Envirogrant application for a bin at Eaton upon Tern had been unsuccessful. The project would be developed from capital project resources held after April 2023.

3. The payments for approval were tabled, members agreed the amounts set out below.

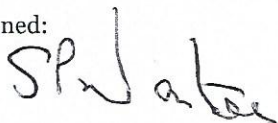
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| 1007804 | Robin Carr Associates (fees Ollerton – Peplow Project) | £1,668.00 |
| 1007805 | KG Landscaping (grass cutting) | £924.00 |
| 100806 | Eaton upon Tern CC (service level agreement) | £600.00 |
| 100807 | Allsorts Design & Print (newsletter) | £229.40 |
| 100808 | Clerks expenses (expenses) | £77.51 |
| 100809 | Land Registry (title deeds – Ollerton House) | £7.00 |
| 100810 | Hodnet footpath group (donation) | £50.00 |
| 100811 | Wistanswick CC (service level agreement) | £600.00 |
| 100812 | Heathcote CC (service level agreement) | £600.00 |
| SWALEC | November (2022) | £146.71 |
| SWALEC | December (2022) | £160.79 |

18.23. Items for future meetings: Padlock on the gate at the Old Tip at Wistanswick.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm**

Signed:



Chairman

15th March 2023

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Meeting held in Public to Consider Planning Applications in the Parish

on 9th February 2023 at 2.30pm at the Parish Hall

1. Attendance

Councillors P Waters, S Planton, S Bartram and K Beardmore were in attendance

2. Apologies

Councillor K Newby had previously declared an Interest in one Application and had indicated that he would not attend.

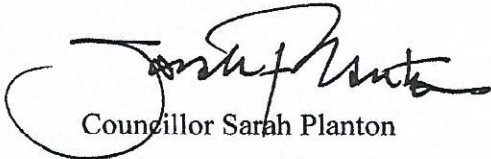
3. Declaration of Interest

Councillor K Newby had previously declared an Interest, as stated above

4. Matters Considered

1. Application No 22/05753/FUL – Construction of a Garage Block at Cornerstone, Rosehill Road – No Objection

2. Application No 23/00141/FUL – Erection of a Flue at Eaton Grange Barns – Following the earlier email representations from both the Applicants and the Objectors to this Application the members held a site inspection and then reverted to the Parish Hall to hear the points raised by the members of the Public, before our deliberations. Following a lengthy discussion it was felt that it was not possible to come to a decision without checking the past Planning History of the barns to decide the merit or otherwise of some of the statements made, and to attempt to locate any Environmental Health response to consider the suitability or otherwise of the flue design, and in particular its height. It was agreed to re-consider and discuss this by email exchange once this information was available.



Councillor Sarah Planton

Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee

9th February 2023

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Further Discussion by Emails to Consider a Planning Application in the Parish

During the week 13-17th February 2023

1. Attendance

Councillors P Waters, S Planton, S Bartram and K Beardmore were in attendance

2. Matter under Consideration

1. Application No 23/00141/FUL – Erection of a Flue at No 2 Eaton Grange Barns –

Further to our Public Meeting and a follow-up request for additional information to Shropshire Council, the Parish Council has held lengthy discussions and by a majority decision has decided to request that the Application as it stands be withdrawn. The reasons are as follows; the location of the flue on the rear-facing single storey elevation of No 2 Eaton Grange Barns is not comparable to that of No 5 Eaton Grange Barns having a disproportionate potential impact on No 1 Eaton Grange Barns, the Application is therefore inequitable as all of the impact and none of the benefit would be derived by No 1, and it would appear that the implementation would not be achievable given the impasse between the occupants of the two properties. It is felt that a withdrawal would allow alternative options such as the re-positioning of the flue or alternative heating options such as an electric woodburner-type of fire to be considered for a more mutually benefit outcome. Should Shropshire not be minded to consider requesting a withdrawal and to consider the Application as it stands, then the Parish Council would be minded to **Object** to the Application on the grounds set out above.



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17th February 2023

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