

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Remotely on Zoom

Present: Cllrs M Buttery (Chairman), D Baker, J Bernard, L Bullock, P Dadge,
P Ferraby, A Fitzgerald, P Haden, P Hewitt, D Todd, S Thompson

In Attendance:

Parish Clerk: Mrs L Bowman

Members of the Public: 2

11/20/1.0 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs J Aston, D Bennett

11/20/2.0 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2020 were approved as a true record.

11/20/3.0 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs A Fitzgerald, D Todd & S Thompson – Planning

Cllrs J Bernard, L Bullock & D Todd – Community Centre Trust

11/20/4.0 Public Participation

Cllr Haden read out an enquiry from a local resident regarding speeding vehicles along Brickworks Road, quoting that it was extremely hazardous trying to cross the road. A further resident requested that a dropped kerb and crossing be installed on the same road between the nature reserve and Sweetbriar Way as lots of people used that route to school. It was raised that Keys Park Road also had speeding issues.

Cllr Todd advised that speed watch had ceased during the current lockdown restrictions. As soon as the speed watch teams could recommence Brickworks and Keys Park Roads would be the first streets to be monitored. County Councillors advised that they would look into the data, speed and volume checks recorded accidents within this area over the last 5 years. It was suggested that residents start a petition highlighting the problems.

11/20/5.0 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reiterated the fact that there would be no public Remembrance Parade this year due to Covid-19 restrictions and encouraged people, that if they did attend the cenotaph, that they did so carefully maintaining strict social distancing.

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11/20/6.0 County Councillors update

Cllr Johnny McMahon cabinet lead for Health in Staffordshire presented to the Council an update on Covid-19. Staffordshire had done considerably well in all areas locally during the first wave of the pandemic. Currently local figures were climbing through the whole of Staffordshire, Great Wyrley being the highest then Cannock West, Norton Canes, Hednesford North, Hednesford South, Hawks Green. He advised that if we had not entered into a national lockdown this week, Staffordshire would have moved into tier 3 restrictions. Cllr McMahon could not stress the importance of maintaining social distancing, wearing of face coverings, hand washing and the genuine use of support bubbles. Mental health was a real issue he advised on the importance of taking a daily walk, or just simply looking out of the window looking at nature, reading or taking up a new hobby.

11/20/7.0 Parish News

- High street update

Cllr Thompson advised that all units on the high street were 100% occupied. This was a very positive sign for the Parish. Cllr Thompson stressed the importance during this second lockdown that people shopped locally, many shops were offering a click and collect service and had participated in lovely remembrance poppy displays.

Cllr Todd advised that the County Council was looking to provide a click and collect service at the library if volunteers were available, books could be ordered and collected from outside of the library on a Saturday morning.

- School parking

Cllr S Thompson and the local PCSO had patrolled around the schools this week, small progress was being made to resolve the problems. The Council was advised that there was a problem on Chaplain Road one day that resulted in the road coming to a standstill. Cllr Thompson gave an update from the local PCSO who was working very hard for the area. Parking around the local schools, specifically 5 Ways, had been a major issue since the schools had gone back. Although the Parish PCSO did not have the powers for parking, she had tried to be as Hi-Vis as possible to try and deter them. Traffic wardens were starting to come out more frequently.

- Gorsemoor Park

Although there had been no issues recently the PCSO's were attending the location and showing a presence to avoid a reappearance once schools break up for Christmas.

Tesco Heath Hayes and the roads surrounding were starting to get more ASB. The PCSO's would attend these locations and move the groups on if causing any problems.

- Tesco rubbish update

Cllr Fitzgerald advised that she had been working hard with the Environment Agency after receiving numerous complaints regarding the industrial bins overflowing. Tesco had a lady that regularly cleared up around the bins. Unfortunately, rubbish had accumulated over the past 3 weeks, this had been reported.

- Litter picks - planned dates

Cllr Haden advised that all dates had been suspended until further notice and encouraged everyone who saw any litter to "pick it up and bin it".

11/20/8.0 Clerks Report

The Council noted the Clerks Report and correspondence. The Council voted on the two proposed logos. Existing logo received one vote, purple background received 7 votes, white background received 2 votes.



It was resolved to: Change the Council logo.

11/20/9.0 Income & Payments

10/20/9.1 The Council noted the income received since the last report.

29/09/2020	HMRC	£593.36	Vat Recovered 2019-2020
05/10/2020	Cannock Chase Council	£37,500.00	2 nd Part Precept

10/20/9.2 The Council noted the payments since the last report that had been authorised by the Audit and Governance Committee.

30/09/2020	Unity Trust Bank	£18.15	Bank Charges & Debit Interest
23/10/2020	Administration Expense	£2,812.81	Salary, Pension, Tax
23/10/2020	Staffordshire Parish Council Ass	£75.00	Councillor Training Course
23/10/2020	Staffordshire Parish Council Ass	£25.00	Budget & Precept Training Course
23/10/2020	J & S Garden Care	£20.00	Gardening within the Parish
23/10/2020	Design 380 Limited	£750.00	Deposit building of new Parish Website

11/20/9.3 Bank Reconciliation

The Council noted the Bank Reconciliation.

Reserves Brought Forward 31 st March 2020	£4,242.97
Income	£77,903.51
Payments	£34,176.52
Balance 23/10/2020	£47,969.96

11/20/10.0 Planning

Cllr Bullock advised on the Planning Applications received during October.

CH/20/338	29/09/2020	14 Truro Place WS12 3YJ	Two Story Side extension & Single Storey Rear Extension	No Objections
CH/20/343	29/09/2020	10 Centenary Close, Cannock, WS12 2EE	Lawful Development Certificate - addition of dormer windows	No Objections
CH/20/352	05/10/2020	13 Rose Bay Meadow, Cannock, WS11 7FW	Single storey rear extension	No Objections
CH/20/348	12/10/2020	45 Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes, Cannock, WS12 2EE	Ground floor rear extension to create disabled access	No Objections
CH/20/356	14/10/2020	19 Keys Close WS12 2GX	Two Storey extension to side of property including over existing garage	No Objections

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CH/20/372	22/10/2020	50 Kings Croft WS12 2GT	Demolish existing double garage, erect detached dwelling with double garage & replace double garage to existing home	No Objections
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11/20/11.0 Events Committee Meeting

10/20/11.1 Remembrance Sunday Meeting 14th October 2020. The minutes were approved.

Cllr A Fitzgerald advised that Remembrance Sunday pre-recorded service had gone well. Beavers, cubs, scouts, schools, Councillors, MP, bugler, drum core had met individually at the memorial to record their wreath laying, R Fullelove reading had been recorded. A Remembrance service at St John's church had been recorded, the virtual service would be available to watch on the Parish Website and Facebook page from 10.15am on Sunday, 8th November 2020. Cllr Fitzgerald thanked everyone involved especially the magnificent volunteers which knitted poppies.

11/20/12.0 Audit & Governance Committee

- Audit & Governance Committee Meeting 12th October 2020. The minutes were approved.
- The Council considered the Clerks Precept Report
- Proposed Budget

Cllr J Bernard presented the Council with the proposed budget, which was discussed in great detail, including the benefits that the Council could offer the Parish if the precept was increased. The Audit & Governance proposed an increase of £35,000, resulting in an additional cost per band D household of £8.65. An expenditure totally £110,000.

On a proposal of the Audit & Governance Committee that the Council increase its precept from £75,000 to £110,000 for the next financial year, Cllr Hewitt requested that the voting of members be recorded as follows:

For the proposal:

Cllr M Buttery, Cllr D Baker, Cllr J Bernard, Cllr L Bullock, Cllr P Dudge, Cllr P Ferraby, Cllr A Fitzgerald, Cllr P Haden, Cllr D Todd, S Thompson

The Chairman declared the proposal approved and it was:

RESOLVED: That a precept in the sum of £110,000 be demanded from Cannock Chase Council to meet estimated expenditure for the financial year 2021-22.

- NALC National Salary Pay Scales

NALC pay scales were noted. The Clerk would move to SCP 34 an increment rise as of 1st April 2021 as agreed in her Terms & Conditions of Employment.

11/20/13.0 Councillors update on Training Courses attended

Cllr P Hewitt attended numerous courses he advised that he had found the courses had duplicate information, Cllr Bullock advised that the course he attended was a good refresher of the rules. Cllr Haden found the courses very useful and to receive official guidance.

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11/20/14.0 Items for Information or Future Agenda's

The Events Committee were discussing Christmas and the possibility of purchasing Christmas trees for the islands/roundabouts within the Parish. This was awaiting permission from the County Council.

11/20/15.0 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 2nd December 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting Ended at 8.50pm.

Signed 

Dated ~~21/11/2020~~ . 2/12/2020 .