

## **EATON AND ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2021**

PRESENT: Cllr J Richards (Chair); Cllr A Deakin; Cllr D Shepherd; Cllr J Middlehurst. Apologies were received from Cllr Bond and Cllr R Houghton.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Annabel Farbon and Sarah Dawson from the Eaton Estate Office and Cllr Mark Williams (CW&C).

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Chair presented his report to the Council in which he highlighted the challenges for the Council to meet during Covid 19. He referred to the impact of increasing numbers of visitors to the village and particularly the impact on parking and increased litter and debris. The Chair thanked the Estate Office and Cllr Shepherd for their efforts.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none declared.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were agreed as a correct record.

#### **3 MATTERS ARISING**

a) Annabel Farbon reported that there was also a defibrillator at the Estate Office.

4 FINANCIAL MATTERS The following were agreed:-

a) Street Orderly Invoice £888.03

b) JDH Business Services £316.32 (This included the unpaid 2020/21 Invoice)

c) Community Infrastructure Payment CREDIT £975.00. The Chair reported that the Village Hall Committee were meeting in August to discuss whether this money should be spent on a new heating system. He would inform the Clerk of any decision as the Clerk was required to complete a return to CW&C.

d) The Clerk reported on action required as a result of the internal audit for 2020/21. This included publicising the Notice of Public Rights to inspect the Accounts and adopting Standing Orders. The Clerk reported that he was seeking advice from CHALC on the process of the adoption of Standing Orders and other matters.

#### **5 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk and Chair reported on recent Planning Applications which included a number of applications regarding tree work at the following locations:-

- a) The avenue of trees growing in the hedgerow in close proximity to the highway along the bottom end of Paddock Road
- b) The Rectory Church Road
- c) Smithy Farmhouse Hill Road
- d) Eccleston Paddocks Paddock Road
- e) The Old Rectory Eaton Road
- f) Former Eaton Stud Building, Eaton Park. Proposal: Alteration to garage door opening and repositioning of window.

There were no comments.

## 6 OPEN DISCUSSION

Cllr Williams thanked the Chair for the invitation to attend the meeting and was keen to hear from Councillors and the Estate Office about the problems they had experienced over the last year. In addition to problems re parking and litter, the discussion went on to signage and the differing ownership of land including the river footpath which Annabel Farnon confirmed was Estate land. Cllr Williams agreed to speak to Cllr Stuart Parker re a possible meeting with StreetScene and referred to some possible grant funding from his own Member's Allocation.

The discussion included the current speed review on the B5445 Wrexham Road. The Clerk indicated that he thought it unlikely that any subsequent application re Rake Lane could be "added on". He reminded Councillors that there were national guidelines set by the Dept of Transport and costs of increased signage associated with any successful review. The Clerk reported that he had found communication with CW&C Highways to be problematic. Cllr Williams suggested that the Clerk speak to Cllr Keith Board about the process and invite him to the next meeting.

## 7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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