

Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council

MINUTES of the Full Council meeting of Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council held on 23rd November 2022 at 7:30pm at Church & Chetwynd Aston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs; Askin, Good, Harper (Chairman), Hardy, Page, Tate (from item 22/23.54)

In Attendance: Mr C Furnival (Clerk), Cllr Eade (Telford & Wrekin Council), K. Fenwick (Pegasus Group), PCSO Hudson and 1 member of the public.

22/23.51 Apologies and declarations of Interest

No apologies received and no declarations made.

22/23.52 Public Session

No members of the public wished to ask questions.

22/23.53 Presentation by Pegasus Group on TWC/2022/0854

Mr Fenwick introduced himself as the representative of the agents Pegasus Group who have put forward the proposals for the application under TWC/2022/0854.

The original outline plans were only proposing 65 houses, however this included industrial and residential where this new application is for residential only. Mr Fenwick clarified the concerns of the application being "valid". Mr Fenwick said that as this is not a reserved matters application it does not follow on from the original outline planning permissions, this is a full planning application and considered a fresh application by the LPA.

Cllr Harper noted that the parish council still has the concerns over the density of the development.

Cllr Harper noted that this development will bring the total growth of properties in this parish to a total of over 700 dwellings, this increases the current parish population of dwellings by 326.83%.

Cllr Harper raised the parish councils concerns with regards to Pave Lane being used as a rat run and that if the development were to be successful then the parish council would seek support for traffic calming measures. Mr Fenwick confirmed that he has spoken with his clients, and they are happy to support local traffic calming measures but would need support through the Highways Department.

Members confirmed that the parish council has already been working with highways to develop a scheme for Pave Lane, this is outside of the proposals being put forward by Talia Homes.

Mr Fenwick noted that his client and their highways consultants have already reviewed what they would support enhanced road marking, speed indication devices and surface treatments. His clients are happy in principle to offer financial support to any scheme that the parish council are developing, this may be through s106 arrangements.

Cllr Good noted that there is a public footpath from Station Road through Wright Avenue to the proposed development area and he asked if they intend to maintain the right of access, Mr Fenwick confirmed that they are looking to apply for a diversion to route it around the site through the open green space.

Cllr Page questioned their commitments to affordable housing and Mr Fenwick confirmed that Talia Homes is proposing deliver up to 20% affordable housing on the site.

22/23.54 Police reports

PCSO Hudson gave the following report supplied by PC Edward:

Many thanks to the parish council for providing the latest SID data, the local safer neighbourhoods team (SNT) are yet to review this but will be doing so very shortly. The SNT team members will be continuing to undertake speed checks / enforcement as shifts and other commitments allow.

Information on crime locally:

Crime figures from 21st Oct to 21st Nov, 5 offensives, two thefts of vehicles at Aldi, a vehicle windows smashed, one burglary at residential dwelling and two thefts of alcohol from Aldi.

Response to Parish Police Charter Priorities:

- 1) Speeding – speeding on A41 and the possible introduction of average speed cameras (ASC) in areas of concern such as Woodcote. It has been published in the local press that the police and crime commissioner has put aside £400,000 for ASC on the A41 between the M54 and Whitchurch. I'm waiting on a response from the PCC's office as to whether locations have already been identified and what the criteria would be for a location to be considered. I have had a response from the Road Safety Team who state that West Mercia Police are currently undertaking a review of all potential high-risk routes within our force area this will entail taking into account the function of the road, the history of speed related collisions, existing traffic speeds and the roads geometry and engineering to establish its suitability for introducing an average speed camera system. The whole length of the A41 has been included in the review and the outcome of this process is expected to be known in spring 2023. I imagine that any decision on ACS will be made following that review but we will update the parish council when we know.
- 2) Thefts, no reports.
- 3) Drugs, no reports.

Cllr Eade notes that the Police & Crime Commissioner has met in Woodcote to review this area for consideration of an average speed camera and asked that the parish council write to PCC to support this request.

22/23.55 Co-option of Councillor

Members considered applications received for the Councillor vacancy for Chetwynd Aston Ward from R. Bowering and L. Tate.

Both applications provided details of why they wish to stand for this vacancy and were then asked to leave the room for a secret ballot to be conducted.

Following a secret ballot between members it was confirmed that L. Tate was duly co-opted to serve on Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council until May 2023 by 5-1.

22/23.56 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 15th November 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Askin and seconded by Cllr Hardy, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting as a true record.**

22/23.57 Matters arising, for information, from the 15th November 2022 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

Owners of Woodcote Church have confirmed that we can visit the site in the second week of Jan 23.

Cllr Hardy noted that at the last meeting the Chairman made comments about Councillors meetings outside of Full Council to discuss planning applications in the area. His concerns are that the information being discussed is in the public domain and the Chairman did not advise them not to meet.

Clerk clarified that these meetings are not formal meeting of the council, and no one can stop councillors meeting outside of Full Council meetings. Cllr Hardy asked if the Chairman would withdraw his comments at the time.

The Chairman noted that he is only offering advice about where to discuss matters relating to the business of the parish council outside of parish council meetings.

22/23.58 Correspondence

Members reviewed the National Salary Award 2022-23 and noted the scale uplift to be backdated from the 1st April 2022. Cllr Hardy asked when the last salary review for the Clerk was conducted, and the Clerk confirmed that since his appointment in Sep 21 he has not received a review.

Following a consideration of scales, it was proposed by Cllr Hardy and seconded by Cllr Askin, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to review the clerks pay at the next meeting.**

22/23.59 Reports from Telford & Wrekin Council

No further reports.

22/23.60 Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Page noted that at the last village hall committee meeting, the committee agreed that they need more chairs and Cllr Page asked if the council would like to make a contribution towards the purchase of the more chairs.

Following discussion of funding available and the need for the chairs it was proposed by Cllr Good and seconded by Cllr Tate, three other members were in favour and there was one abstention, thus **RESOLVED to approve a grant of £180 towards Church & Chetwynd Aston Village Hall for the purchase of new chairs.**

Cllr Page, planters have been re-planted with winter planting. Awaiting feedback from contractors on planting schemes in the location of the land off Lilleshall Hall.

Cllr Mattison has planted some daffodils near the Jubilee tree and will fix lettering on noticeboard.

Cllr Askin reported that the back pinboard for the noticeboard by the Wheatsheaf is now up.

Cllr Askin noted that he has been chasing for updates on Clythia Cottage regarding the planning status of the outbuilding and is communicating this with concerned residents who are not satisfied with the feedback, and they may have or could raise this with planning. Cllr Harper noted that the last document he had from Telford & Wrekin Council was an acceptance of planning application documents on 4th November 2022. Encourages any concerned residents to raise any complaints with planning directly as that is what they are there for.

Cllr Askin reported that there are potential revenue streams to work with local residents to put towards voluntarily to funds to support road safety mitigations, however there are reservations around funding small projects such as white lines rather than something more significant. Once proposals are drawn up and accepted by the Highways Authority residents could be consulted to consider making contributions towards this scheme.

Cllr Askin put forward the suggestion of a Chetwynd Aston 5k which is supported by the parish council and run with Newport Running Club and sponsored by local businesses and the parish council.

There would be age categories and only open to residents of this parish. Working with the Wheatsheaf there is the possibility of offering a free pint to participants and prizes for children.

Members agreed that this was a wonderful idea and willing to support in principle. Cllr Askin will come back to the council as plans progress.

22/23.61 Parish Projects

Items addressed elsewhere in this meeting.

22/23.62 Planning

Members considered the following applications and listed their comments as follows:

Applications/enquiries to be considered;	Comment
TWC/2022/0889 - Units 6D-F, NI Park, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9LH Conversion of 3no. units (6D, 6E and 6F) to 1no. unit	No comment
TWC/2022/0930 - Inwood Farm, Littlehales Road, Chetwynd Aston, TF10 9AJ Erection of a part single-storey, part two-storey side and rear extension (Part retrospective)	No comment
TWC/2022/0931 - 5 Wright Avenue, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7FY Erection of a porch and conversion of garage into habitable room	No comment
TWC/2022/0948 - 4 Rectory Fields, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9BU Erection of a single storey side and rear extension	No comment

Members noted the following application as decided since the last meeting:

Applications decided/withdrawn since last meeting;	CAWPC Response	Decision
TWC/2022/0186 - Site of Mere Park Garden Centre, Stafford Road Erection of childrens nurse school (Use Class E(f))	No objection	Refused

22/23.63 Financial Reports

Members reviewed the latest banking statements and bank reconciliation prepared by the Clerk and confirmed that they were happy that the reconciliation had been accounted for correctly. These statements bring the councils adjusted balances to the 11th October 2022 to £15,192.25. Two members were randomly nominated by the Clerk to sign of the master copies of these statements.

The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
Watering of planters	P27	LGA 1892 s.8 (1)(i)	£290.00
GDPR fee	P28	LGA 1972 s111	£35.00
Salary	P29	LGA 1972 s112	£225.32
PAYE	P30	LGA 1972 s112	£56.20
Travel expenses	P31	LGA 1972 s112	£20.56
		TOTAL	£627.08

The following payments to be made were approved as accurate and the Clerk nominated two members to sign off the master copies of invoices/receipts. Prop Page and second Good.

Date	Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
06.12.22	Salary (back dated pay from Apr 22)	P32	LGA 1972 s112	398.12
06.12.22	PAYE	P33	LGA 1972 s112	99.40
06.12.22	Travel and home office expenses	P34	LGA 1972 s112	164.40
06.12.22	ALC affiliation fees (SALC)	P35	LGA 1972 s111	279.44
06.12.22	Watering and planting of flowers	P36	LGA 1972 s137	150.00
			TOTAL	£1091.36

The Clerk noted that he is currently undertaking a review of the parish councils budget and encouraged members to review the draft budget that has been sent out, a further update will be sent in due course with considerations for next years ambitions for the parish.

Members will have the opportunity to review a final budget at the January meeting.

Meeting finished: 21:26

Date of the next meeting: 25th January 2023, 7:30pm at the Aston Room, Church & Chetwynd Aston Village Hall

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....