



Minutes of the Meeting of Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council held on Thursday 7th April 2022 at Lapley and Wheaton Aston village hall

In attendance:

CLlr W Millington - **Wheaton Aston (Chairman)**
CLlr A Anderson - **Stretton Vice Chairman)**
CLlr Sue Whittingham - **Wheaton Aston**
CLlr R Nelson - **Wheaton Aston**
CLlr V Renfrew – **Lapley**
CLlr J Hodgkiss- **Wheaton Aston**
CLlr. M. Griffiths - **Lapley**
CLlr M Smith - **Wheaton Aston**

Also in Attendance:

Mrs A Watson - **Parish Clerk**
PCSO Lloyd- **Staffordshire Police (part of the meeting)**

Two members of the public (part of the meeting)

Apologies:

CLlr S Whittingham - **Wheaton Aston**
CLlr B Cox - **South Staffordshire Council**
CLlr V Jackson - **South Staffordshire Council**
CLlr T Noblett - **Wheaton Aston**
CLlr E Dadd – **Stretton**
CLlr M Sutton - **Staffordshire County Council**

Absent:

Standing orders were imposed 7.00pm

100. To consider apologies

Apologies and reasons of absence were accepted from CLlr Whittingham , CLlr Cox. CLlr Jackson, CLlr Noblett, CLlr Dadd, and CLlr Sutton

101. Declaration of Interest/Dispensation

102. Signing of the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2022 were agreed to be a true and correct copy.

103. Clerks report

Information

- Some large cans full of waste oil were dumped in the springe opposite the bottom entrance to Marston Field. Reported to SSDC Street Scene and removed by Afeb.
- VO removed barbed wire from Primrose play area
- Lapley lane road closure in effect from 12th April 2022 for Severn Trent works
- S106 funding from The Bridge Farm development is not available
- Kiddemore Green is closed and traffic diverted through the Parish 11-14 April
- Fore reported at Marston playing field, shards of glass have been left in the sand, VO has uncovered as much as possible and a warning notice has been erected and notice given on social media

Correspondence actions

Maintenance

- Missing fixings on Youth Shelter replaced by village orderly.
- Village orderly has re-seeded around the Christmas tree post at Lapley Green
- Loose barbed wire removed from hedgerow at Primrose play area
- Broken kissing gate at Primrose play area reported to the ROW team at SCC, officer to raise job to replace gate
- Repairs at Primrose for Playdale equipment ordered 15.3.22- lead time of 10-12 weeks for action

Outstanding items update

- Use of Broadholes Lane update- update due in April meeting
- Birkenshaw Lane update- members have made the recommendation to add the lane to the definitive map. This will now progress the next stage
- Stretton right of way update- No update
- Defib at Marston Field- School has agreed that the install can go ahead, clerk to action
- Lapley Green registration-no new information. All work to be complete before registering. Open reach have completed the work at Lapley Green
- Map board- decision due in April meeting

Consultations

Meetings/Events

28.2.22 Sustainability and climate change

28.3.22 Clerk- legal powers update

National Training Event	Emotional resilience skills for council officers	14/04/2022	10:00
National Training Event	Freedom of Information for Local Councils	14/04/2022	19:00
National Training Event	Strategies to identify and recruit new local councillors	19/04/2022	18:30
National Training Event	Building an effective council communications and engagement strategy	20/04/2022	14:00
National Training Event	Dealing with local and regional media	20/04/2022	18:30
National Training Event	Dealing with a crisis: planning ahead and managing crisis communications effectively	21/04/2022	18:30
National Training Event	Building a two-way conversation with your community	28/04/2022	10:00
National Training Event	Creating accessible council documents and content	28/04/2022	12:00
National Training Event	Creating a social media strategy for your council	28/04/2022	14:00
National Training Event	Public Speaking Skills for Councillors	28/04/2022	19:00
National Training Event	Improving internal council communications	29/04/2022	10:00

Training/CPD/ SPCA Upcoming courses

Items emailed to councillors

28.2.22 SPCA news bulletin
8.3.22 spca news bulletin
8.3.222 ssc planning app 22/00197/VAR
10.3.22 SPCA training bulletin update
14.3.22 Spca news bulletin
15.3.22 spca Ukraine update
16.3.22 Road closure details at Lapley Lane
22.3.22 SCC road closure (kiddemore green)
28.3.22 SPCA newbulletin
29.3.22 SSC Boundary review details
31.3.22 SSC Planning application 22/00192/FUL

Use of devolved powers

Office 365 package for office computers £79.99 (annual)
£1570 transferred from working reserve account to main UT account for costs of Greenbarne notice board
£19.96 additional red bunting material
£21.98 additional thread for bunting

Response to planning comments:

Planning app 22/00197/VAR closing date 29.3.22

SSC Planning Decisions

21/01031/OUT - Withdrawn

104. Report from South Staffordshire Council

The problem has still not been resolved regarding the rubbish being thrown into the pool on Soudley Green. One resident has explored every avenue in an effort to get someone to take responsibility but to no avail. No one you contact about this will offer any assistance, Soudley Authorities insist that it is not down to them to do anything about it.

Not sure who else to contact, if the Parish Council can suggest anything I would be most grateful.

The Eyesore on the Ivestsey Road I am sorry to say still remains there.

In my last report following an email from County Councillor Mark Sutton advising me that the County Council Officers had visited the site, and that the person had been told to remove the offending items.

I was really hopeful that it was just a matter of time before the verge was cleared of all rubbish, and I passed this information on to the residents who had been complaining.

The person who has put the rubbish there and is ignoring County Council the question is being asked by the residents, why County are not taking stronger action to see that the rubbish is removed.

County seem extremely reluctant to take the matter further.

I have email Mark Sutton and advised him of the situation.

It has now become a talking point in Wheaton Aston.

The matter of the heavy plant vehicles constantly parked in Caspian Way, it appeared that there were no Vehicles parked there following the complaints by residents. A discussion with the residents followed and it was decided that no further action was necessary as the problem seemed to have resolved itself.

Comment on report- the details on Caspian Way given at the last meeting were incorrect

105. Report from Staffordshire County Council

Unavailable

106. Staffordshire Police report

Increased patrols have been implemented to locate a push bike and tackle drug dealing, vehicles potentially associated with this are no longer present in village, wing mirrors smashed at Sowdley Green this is being monitored, asb reported at tow path, increased patrols in area, reports from data 60% reduction in asb and crime down by 60%. Marston Field sand pit fire which caused glass shattered in the sand, this will be added to the patrol route. Push for smart alert out and all residents are encouraged to sign up

PCSO Lloyd left the meeting 7.10pm

107. Financial matters

To following financial matters were considered and it was resolved:

- a. To approve the financial summary to 31st March 2022
- b. To approve the financial comparison to 31st March 2022
- c. Resolved to accept the use of devolved powers

108. Planning recommendations

Resolved to respond with the following comments:

- a) planning applications received 22/00192/FUL- 'In principle there are no objections to the proposal however the plans were of poor quality and it was difficult to reach a decision without adequate information. , it was noted that 'no' was given in response to if the application for a change of use, should this be 'yes' given that the area is to be used as a gym?'
- b) planning application 22/00113/FUL- 'no objections'
- c) planning applications received after the agenda papers distributed- 22/00305/FUL- 'no objections'

109. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Resolved to move this agenda item until the end of the meeting when a representative of St Marys PTA is due to attend

110. Allotment update

Clerk advised that SSC will be holding a meeting and inviting members to discuss further. Officer's initial comments are supportive of the change of use. Clerk will obtain costs for plans and relevant ecological reports as outlined in the planning application pre app advice. A working group meeting is required for guidance. There has been 19 plot requests received to date.

111. Forward Planning and Maintenance

To consider the following maintenance items:

- Pendulum report and repair at Marston Field **resolved** not to repair the pendulum and remove the structure, funds allocated for the repair to be used. The official inspection in October 2021 recommended a resisitograph of the lower beams is required. VO has conducted a further study (march 22) and ascertained deterioration.
- Allotment working group- members: R Nelson, W Millington, T Noblett, M Smith, V Renfrew
- Map board- approved the addition of Monks walk and to add in defib locations. Clerk to progress to manufacture stage and will arrange a meeting at WA green to locate
- Goal post request for Marston Field – resolved not to progress at this point as the Sports and Social club are looking at installing goal posts. This can be reconsidered with the future development of Marston Field

112. WMI update

Update received from Cllr Anderson- a short meeting has been held with interested parties. Phase one will begin soon (roadworks) routes have been decided. A bronze age burnt mound has been discovered, this is of interest and will result in a deeper dig. Penkridge by pass is in discussion. First three warehouse will begin in 2022 with rail following in approx. 5 years

113. A5 update

Update received from Cllr Anderson – a number of emails have been shared regarding complaints involving Theo Clarke MP and Staffs County Council. No clear outcome achieved, it has been advised that this is a policing issues.

One email highlighted that speed reduction could cause further issues. A road policing view and road safety review will possibly be called for. No new information from other local pc's to further this issue

114. Dog fouling

This is an issue in the parish. LSWA PC spend over £800 annually providing dog bags to the parish. Residents are encourage to report to envirocrime at SSC envirocrime@sstaffs.gov.uk

115. Defibrillator committee update

The committee has resolved to install a standalone solar powered unit for the defib at Marston Rd to overcome the issues with sourcing power. The committee have resolved to cease the committee as it has served its purpose. Minutes will be brought to the next full council. Cllr Millington and Cllr S Whittingham are to approach Shropshire homes to enquire if they would like to donate their show home defib once the development has been complete

116. Policies for Review

Resolved to accept the updated following policies:

- Climate Change Policy
- Community Engagement
- Disciplinary Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Litter Picker Risk Assessment
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Pension Policy Statements
- Snow Clearance Emergency Plan
- Risk assessment

117. Change of Broadband/Phone Supplier

Resolved to move the Broadband contract to moving to BT at a cost of £38.72 ex vat (excluding EE discount full value is £56.95) including smart hub 2 for router on a 24 month contract delivery charge £9.95

Meeting suspended at 8.10pm
Meeting commenced at 8.20pm

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

In pursuance of the powers contained in section 1 of the above act I move that The Press and public be now excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the business about to be transacted is of a confidential nature and that publicity will be prejudicial to the interest of the public.

118. Employee request

- **Resolved** employees will be paid the relevant pay scale for attendance at meetings outside of regular working hours with the exception of full council meetings which will be offered as time in lieu
- **Resolved** all employees with holiday unused can roll over a maximum of five days annual leave

Two members of St Marys PTA arrived and were invited to participate in the next agenda item 8.20pm

109. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Update received from chair of St Marys PTA. Event will take place Sunday 5th June 12-4pm and will be a community party at St Marys School field, no charge to get in, refreshments and entertainment for the children will be available. Children from St Marys will be planning entertainment including singing and re-enactment of the coronation t, local groups from the Village are invited to show case their talents. There will be a community bake off competition and Royal Crown making competition for adults and children. Volunteers will need to set up and marshal at the event. Fire engine, police car, combine harvester are attending

PC members asked to volunteer to help on the PC cake stall, this will involve purchase of refreshments, set up and man the stall.

119. Items for future - Each councillor may use this opportunity to report on matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.**

- Lapley green village status
- Stretton War memorial booklet
- Allotments

120. Date of next meeting: 19th May 2022 at 7pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall preceded by the Annual (electors) Parish meeting at 6pm

PC Surgery: a representative from the Council will be available from 5.30pm for parishioners to raise any concerns.

Signed..... Chairman.....

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Council Attendance

Date	RN	JH	MS	WM	TN	SW	Sue W	ED	AA	VR	MG	Total Attendance
6/5/21	X	Ap	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Ab	9
1/7/21	X	X	X	X	X	Ap	X	X	X	X	Ab	9
2/9/21	X	Ab	X	X	X	Ab	X	AP	X	X	AP	7
21/10/21	X	X	X	X	Ap	Ap	X	Ap	Ap	Ap	X	6
9/12/21	X	X	Ap	X	X	ap	X	X	X	X	x	9
3/3/22	X	X	Ap	X	X	Ap	X	X	X	X	Ap	8
7/4/22	X	X	X	X	Ap	Ap	X	Ap	X	X	X	8

Crime and Disorder Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications when exercising its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that is reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. Where relevant any decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have taken this duty of Care into consideration

Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary of receipts and payments between 01/04/21 and 31/03/22 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account	£52,002.85
Fair FX prepaid card	£89.17
Unity Trust - Current Account	£36,145.22
Unity trust working reserves	£27,723.66
Total	£115,960.90

RECEIPTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Parish Council	£118,243.29	£0.00	£118,243.29
Total Receipts	£118,243.29	£0.00	£118,243.29

PAYMENTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Parish Council	£111,031.33	£9,993.59	£121,024.92
Total Payments	£111,031.33	£9,993.59	£121,024.92

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account	£52,008.05
Fair FX prepaid card	£32.78
Unity Trust - Current Account	£13,294.74
Unity trust working reserves	£47,843.70
Total	£113,179.27

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/21 and 31/03/22 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/21

2021/2022

Movements

INCOME

Parish Council

	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	
4 FX card	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10 Precept	£105,561.00	£0.00	£105,561.00	£0.00
20 Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£3,950.00	£3,950.00
32 Unity Trust Bank Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
33 Reserve Account Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£29.70	£29.70
40 Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£3.72	£3.72
45 Crime Prevention	£0.00	£0.00	£14.00	£14.00
50 Barclay's Savings Account	£0.00	£0.00	£8.30	£8.30
90 Prizes and Awards	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
99 Vat Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£8,679.67	£8,679.67
Total Parish Council	£105,561.00	£0.00	£118,246.39	£12,685.39
Total Income	£105,561.00	£0.00	£118,246.39	£12,685.39

100 General Administration	£23,840.00	£0.00	£13,106.85	£10,733.15
110 Salaries	£51,355.00	£0.00	£46,525.49	£4,829.51
120 Repairs & Grounds Maintenance	£22,750.00	£0.00	£22,754.86	-£4.86
130 Villages' Improvements	£8,045.00	£0.00	£8,707.45	-£662.45
140 Play Areas	£6,615.00	£0.00	£1,886.60	£4,728.40
150 Subscriptions	£760.00	£0.00	£814.00	-£54.00
160 Christmas Celebrations	£10,351.00	£0.00	£11,836.14	-£1,485.14
170 Debit Card - General Expenses	£410.00	£0.00	£725.44	-£315.44

180	Donations	£4,000.00	£0.00	£3,400.00	£600.00
190	CCTV	£840.00	£0.00	£979.43	-£139.43
200	Capital Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
201	councillor tablet	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
202	queens jubilee celebrations	£0.00	£0.00	£295.07	-£295.07
Total Parish Council		£128,966.00	£0.00	£111,031.33	£17,934.67
Total Expenditure		£128,966.00	£0.00	£111,031.33	£17,934.67
Total Income		£105,561.00	£0.00	£118,246.39	£12,685.39
Total Expenditure		£128,966.00	£0.00	£111,031.33	£17,934.67

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