

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD 10TH AUGUST, 2023 AT THE PARISH ROOM, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

40/23-24 Attendance and Apologies

a. Attendance

Present were Cllr S Codie, Cllr J Dyche, Cllr G Jones (Chairman), Cllr J. Maun, Cllr N Hussain, Borough Cllr. A. Chaudhry, East Staffs Enforcement Officer, N Hussain and the Clerk Mrs E Coleman.

Prior to the meeting, ESBC Enforcement Officer N Hussain provided a detailed verbal report on the efficacy of the recent ward clean up initiative. He thanked Council for their support.

b. Apologies

Apologies citing illness were accepted from Cllr N Nadeem.

41/23-24 Declarations of Interests & Leave of Absence Requests:

No interests were declared or dispensation requests made. Cllr J Maun has written confirming that, following is recent ill health, his leave of absence is to run from 31st August to 28th February 2024.

The Chair moved agenda item 9 forward enabling Cllr A. Chaudry to report verbally and leave. The Minute follows in the Agenda order (49/23-24)

Cllr N Hussain left the meeting at 7:45pm.

42/23-24 Minutes

Council resolved to accept the Minutes for the July meeting as a true and accurate record.

43/23-24 Co-Option Opportunity

None.

44/23-24 Finance:

a. Council received the Financial Statements to 30th July.

b. Funding Applications:

i East Staffs Borough Council Anti Littering Initiative – £1,200 for Skip Provision

No claim has made to date.

ii Burton Youth for Christ

Council ratified the £2,000 payment made after Councillors questions had been addressed. The group was very appreciative; they will ask the school (in September) if they are prepared to display the grant plaque.

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c. Payments to be Made:

The following payments were authorised:

PAYEE	FOR WHAT	AMOUNT	PAYMENT
Clerk	Net Salary & Exps M 5	939.80	BP
HM Revenue & Customs	Month 5	153.91	BP
Staffordshire Pension Fund	Month 5	333.04	BP
Perennial Landscapes Ltd	Month 4	90.00	BP
Trentside	Room Hire	30.00	BP
QSCC	Room Hire	30.00	
SPCA	GJ Training	90.00	
SLCC	Clerk's Membership	232.00	
Gallagher's Insurance	Annual Insurance Cover	847.85	
ICO	Annual Payment	35.00	DD
TOTAL	PAYMENTS to be made	£2,781.60	

45/23-24 2023/2027 Action Plan

Council systematically reviewed and commented on the draft document presented. The updated will return to Council for adoption next month with reviews scheduled for March 2024/2025/2026 and 2027.

46/23-24 2023/ 2027 Action Plan:

Council reviewed an outline produced from the discussions earlier in the year. The Clerk is to use the comments and selections made to draft a document for approval in August. This is then reviewed/ updated/amended in April next year.

47/23-24 To Receive and Consider Responses Required to the Correspondence

a. New Planning Applications

No new registrations were identified. Cllr Jones drew Council's attention to a list of earlier applications that have been subsequently withdrawn.

b. Other Correspondence

- i Anglesey Road Flytipping –The resident was advised to use the Borough Council's online reporting. The Borough Council are now looking at placing a camera to observe the area close to the Noticeboard at the Branston Road end of Anglesey Road.

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48/23-24 Budget Setting Process

With too few Councillors to form a Finance Committee, it was agreed that the Clerk & Chairman work on the detail before bring a draft 2023/2024 budget to Council for a detailed review.

49/23-24 To Receive Any Third-Party Reports Offered

Borough Councillor Ali Chaudhry gave a verbal report to Council. This covered several areas including the recent Clean-Up Initiative in the Uxbridge Street area and the parking issues across the parish. Work continues in the background around the St Matthews street area in particular.

50/23-24 To Receive the Clerk's Report

The contents of the Clerk's report were noted.

a. Community Engagement:

Seeking to engage and attract new blood, Councillors were encouraged to attend the Community Fun Day at the Queen Street Community Centre on 26th August which is being sponsored by the Council. A table has been booked.

b. Cambridge Street Railway Access Parking Issues

This is the problem of vehicles parking on the access route to the railway. Network Rail are supportive of Council's efforts to find a solution but have no suggestions to make. Staffs County Highways has responded saying that the County Councillor has some information arising from a recent meeting. The police have not made comment but the track is off the highway. East Staffs Enforcement has yet to comment.

c. The Café/ Changing Room Project:

The Council's Minutes from around 2010 has identified some matters that will need to be considered. No historic planning application can be traced. Cllr Dyche apparently has a copy of plans from the failed project of 2012.

d. Allotments:

The Clerk continues to investigate funding for the plaques and fencing between the plots.

e. Banking Arrangements:

The opening of a Unity Deposit account with £20,000 remains the only outstanding matter pending the addition of more Councillors to the Bank mandate.

51/23-24 To Receive Items of Information

a. Planning decisions received were noted.

b. The SPCA Bulletins were noted including the appointment of a new Chief Executive.

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th September, 2023

Chairman: To Sign: Date: 14th September, 2023