MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ACTON EDLESTON AND HENHULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 24 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Carol Mace
Councillor Philip Percival
Councillor Nick Jackson
Councillor Tom Doyle

APOLOGIES: Councillor Claire Lewis-Jones
Councillor Sarah Pochin

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

DISPENSATIONS

No Dispensation Forms were submitted.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2022

AGREED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

DRAFT BUDGET 2023-2024

AGREED: The Draft Budget was agreed and signed by the Chair.

PRECEPT 2023-2024

AGREED: The Precept proposed by Cheshire East Council due to the merger on 1 April 2023 with Burland Parish Council was accepted and agreed by the Parish Council.

WELCOME TO ACTON SIGNS – The Parish Council **AGREED** the design of the sign by email and Cllr Pochin was contacted to ask for the work to commence.

CIL MONIES – MALBANK WATERS - Carol Mace suggested a quote be sourced from the CIL monies for the footpath from Queens Drive to the Farmers Arms at Ravensmoor.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – Ongoing meetings between the two Parish Councils to discuss the way forward.

MONKS LANE UPDATE – see Cllr Pochin's report below.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2022-2023

AGREED: The Risk Assessment for 2022-2023 was signed by the Chair.

CLERKS SALARY – PAY AWARD 2022-2023

AGREED: The Clerk's Salary Pay award was accepted by the Parish Council and backdated to 1 April 2022.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Sarah Pochin sent her apologies for the meeting but did send an email to the Clerk to be read out at the meeting:

Apologies for not being with you tonight.

I met the CEH officer on site at Monks Lane junction and agreed that we would proceed with a traffic monitoring exercise at the junction. This is get evidence as to which direction would be the best way to form the one-way system. The traffic counting was due last week of November so should be any time now.

I have also had a meeting with CE about the s106 monies. I have agreed to fund the traffic counting above out of my ward budget just to get things moving. The CE Highways officers are now aware that the s106 funds are available of £675k to fund the improvements to the main road to include new signage and road markings highlighting the new one-way system, once we have established which way it should go.

We also discussed the improvements to the windmill junction (s106 £180k) and the Burford lights, and agreed that the scheme had to be looked at as one. This will obviously take time but it was important that these issues were raised and they have one away to consider the whole area in terms of traffic flow.

At this stage I mentioned the footpath you want from Queens Drive to the Farmers Arms in passing but that would come after these major projects have been decided upon.

Can I stress that this money will not disappear into Nantwich TC funds which Carol was worried about or anywhere else for that matter. S 106 monies are legally bound to the planning conditions. I have started the ball rolling on improvements to Acton and will champion this for you as long as I am around.

Best wishes
Sarah.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had no further correspondence to report.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Parish Council **AGREED** the following payments:

(a)	Acton Parish Hall – 24.11.22	£13.90
(b)	Acton Parish Hall – 09.11.22	£13.90
(c)	Nick Jackson – Gardening Services – Sept/Oct 22	£555.00
(d)	Nick Jackson – Gardening Services – Oct/Nov 22	£585.00

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(d)	Karen Bedford – Salary Back pay to 01.04.22	£110.64
(e)	Donation towards replacement/repair of benches on Canal	£1000.00
(f)	Shires Payroll – 5 Oct to 5 April	£111.00

PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Philip Percival mentioned about the 3 Wards that will make up the new Parish Council.

Carol Mace had reported to highways about the potholes and leaves in the village.

Carol Mace had been contacted by the Canal Trust Volunteer Groups about the Parish Council funding a seat for the elderly to use on the Canal near to Queens Drive – there are currently no seats along this stretch of the Canal.

AGREED: The Parish Council source and fix a seat in this area. It was suggested that a "Sponsored by Acton Edleston & Henhull Parish Council" sign be put on the seat.

Tom Doyle had some trees for the Churchyard. He also said that the other trees had been distributed as requested. Carol Mace also said she had some trees and hedging for the Churchyard.

Carol Mace asked if tributes placed in the Churchyard could be left in place. Philip Percival said he would speak to the Gardener.

Nick Jackson had planted some hedging around the Car Park.

Philip Percival asked if the Church could use the facility of the Wifi at the Parish Hall. The Church would need a dish erecting on the Parish Hall. The Clerk to write to the Trustees of the Parish Hall to ask permission for this.

Carol Mace reported that there was an overkill of advertising signs around Acton. Tom Doyle said he would check with Reaseheath College about these signs and ask if the advertiser had had permission to put them up.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

The next meeting will be held on **THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023**

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