MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ACTON EDLESTON AND HENHULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 20 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Carol Mace
Councillor Tom Doyle
Councillor Claire Lewis-Jones
Councillor Nick Jackson
Councillor Joanne Langston

APOLOGIES: Councillor Philip Percival

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 25 NOVEMBER 2021

AGREED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 November 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PARISH PRECEPT 2022-2023

AGREED: The Parish Council agreed the Precept for 2022-2023 be £11,259.

CAR PARK

The Clerk had sent several emails to Cheshire East Highways with regard to the installing the new LED lights on the car park. Clerk to continue to chase up.

An incident of undesirable behaviour had occurred in December when it had snowed and cars were “doughnutting” on the Car Park. It was felt this was an isolated incident due to the weather conditions but monitoring of the Car Park by Members of the Parish Council and Sharon the PCSO would be a good idea. There was no litter in and around the Car Park. Since the School was back the car park was being used to capacity with some cars parking on the road and in Wilbraham Road.

QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022

Philip Percival had drawn up ideas for the above but had not yet shared these with the Church or the Parish Council and had sent his apologies for the meeting. This item to be put on the Agenda for March.

Reaseheath College had offered to plant any trees that the Parish Council obtained.

Joanne Langston asked about the area of land at the end of the old graveyard. It was being mowed 2-3 times a week and Joanne had spoken to Dave who maintains the graveyard asking him if he could resist in mowing as frequently as this was a natural habitat for wildlife and wild flowers growing. Maybe a plaque could be erected marking the Jubilee.

AGREED: The Parish Council will support Philip Percival in whatever plans he has.

CONSULTATION – SPEED AWARENESS

Parish Council Members had viewed the Speed Awareness Consultation and had read through the Survey. Problems within the village including speeding – especially by Tractors; the layby being used incorrectly; cars parking in Wilbraham Road on School Drop off and Pick up times; and speed management. Carol Mace to put a response together from the Parish Council

SPEED GUN

Speed Gun Awareness Group need setting up again. Nick Jackson offered to take the lead on this.

PLANNING MATTERS:

DORFOLD HALL

19/5211N - The application for land south of Monks Lane and West of Chester Road had been put back and would go to Southern Planning Committee in March.

SCOPING APPLICATION – PETROL STATION – BLUESTONES

Carol Mace had spoken with David Malcolm about this. It was felt the Parish Council could not do much as present as no formal planning application has been submitted. Carol said she would speak with Andrew Ross' replacement regarding the above and ask if he could attend a parish council meeting to discuss this scoping application.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Sarah Pochin did not attend the meeting.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

Cycle Consultation – parish councillors to respond as individuals.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

(a)	Acton Parish Hall – 20.01.22	£ 18.15
(b)	Shires Payroll – 4th Quarter	£ 53.40
(c)	Nick Jackson – Car Park and General Maintenance	£570.00

PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Tom Doyle reported that Nantwich Showground would be moving to Reaseheath.

Nick Jackson reported that he had been offered Free bird boxes and owl boxes for the Car Park. Free Trees would be available in November. A tree surgeon had been to the car park and mulched the debris on the car park and chopped down some branches. All this was done for free.

Joanne Langston said she had lots of flower seeds if needed.

Carol Mace reported on the footpath from Bluestone lights to the School. Needs the footpath sweeping but Cheshire East said they are not doing it. There is lots of sludge and it was felt this would be a shovel job. Ansa could do the job but at a cost. The Parish Council could get a quote but this would be time consuming as the work needed doing urgently.

Tom Doyle reported he was still waiting to hear from Highways on the bollard at Monks Lane.

Claire Lewis-Jones had reported to Waterways the state of the towpaths at the Bason End and Aquduct. There are large cracks in the path.

Carol Mace reported that she had been contacted by the Trustees of the Parish Hall asking for a representative from the Parish Council. Carol Mace agreed to be the rep.

Carol Mace reported that the Parish Council's Insurance needed to be re-aligned after the recent claim for the car park barrier.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

The next meeting is on **Thursday 24 March 2022.**