MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ACTON EDLESTON AND HENHULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 23 MARCH 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Carol Mace
Councillor Philip Percival
Councillor Nick Jackson
Councillor Tom Doyle
Councillor Claire Lewis-Jones

APOLOGIES:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Sarah Pochin, Steven Davies

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

DISPENSATIONS

No Dispensation Forms were submitted.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2023

AGREED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

BURFORD TRAFFIC LIGHTS

WINDMILL JUNCTION – WREXHAM ROAD

FOOTPATHS

WELCOME TO ACTON SIGNS

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Pochin reported on the following:

The “Welcome to Acton” signs are to be installed on 29 March.

Monks Lane – the design and costings of the road changes, signs etc will be carried out from 1 April 2023. Parish Council to keep on top of this. Cllr Pochin will pass on all information regarding outstanding issues with the new CE Councillor for the Bunbury Ward.

Reaseheath Spinal Road – Pedestrian Crossing – this will be opened when the 750th house is occupied. At present 654 houses have been occupied.

Windmill Junction – make a right of way from Cuckoo Lane – the Parish Council will be consulted on this. Burland Parish Council felt very strongly in favour of this. Highways will come up with a Scheme.

Footpath to complete the Circular Walk – funding for this to come out of the CIL money. Carol Mace to meet Annie Coombs on site as soon as possible. Cllr Pochin to get costings.

Crewe has lost the Railway HQ and HS2 has been delayed.

Crewe Library could become a Museum.

Philip Percival commented on the recent works on Beam Street, Nantwich. He said what a fantastic job had been done that was quick and efficient.

Carol Mace thanked Cllr Pochin on behalf of the Parish Council for all her help over the past few years as their Ward Representative for the Bunbury Ward of Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Pochin left the meeting at 8.00pm.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had no further correspondence to report.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

(a)	Acton Parish Hall – 23.03.23	£15.30
(b)	Nick Jackson Gardening Services	£255.00
(c)	Nick Jackson Gardening Services	£517.50
(d)	Nick Jackson Gardening Services	£495.00
(e)	Donation to Philip Percival for King's Coronation Mugs	£750.00

The Clerk submitted a financial statement of the Parish Council as at 01.03.23.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND CREATION OF NEW BURLAND AND ACTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council considered the CGR and creation of the new Parish Council.

It was noted that this is the last meeting of Acton, Edleston and Henhull Parish Council and Members were asked to **RESOLVE:**

- To confirm that Acton Edleston and Henhull Parish Council ceases to exist on 1 April 2023 and that all matters relating to the Council will be transferred to the new Burland and Acton Parish Council.
- That all monies and assets owned by Acton Edleston and Henhull Parish Council be transferred to the new body - Burland and Acton Parish Council from 1 April 2023 and the date for the first meeting of the new Council will be on Thursday 18 May 2023 at Acton Parish Hall.

- No further payments to be authorised until the first meeting of the new Burland and Acton Parish Council in May 2023 but the Parish Council **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk's April 2023 Payment of £157.33 be paid as normal by Standing Order and the BT Broadband Direct Debit of £48.25 be paid in April 2023.
- Any urgent issues that arise between the 1 April 2023 and the first meeting of the new Parish Council on 18 May 2023 be forwarded to the Ward Member for the Bunbury Ward of Cheshire East Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Car Park – potholes getting bigger – Philip Percival to see if he can obtain some scalpings to fill in the holes.

Claire Lewis-Jones reported on movement on the Canal Towpath – she said this was being looked in to.

Carol Mace reported on the new bench for the Canal – waiting for the Surveryors report.

Carol Mace reported on the dog mess in the village. Nick and Sylvia had been litter picking and had collected over 30 dog mess bags. Not enough dog bin facilities. Carol had contacted Roundells regarding this who said it was the Parish Council's responsibility. Nick Jackson had spoken to Cheshire East about the Dog bin at the end of Wilbraham Road with the possibility of:

(i) New bin to be paid for by Parish Council
(ii) Existing bin moved to outside the Car Park.

No decision has been made on this and needs to be considered. The emptying of the bins would be a big issue.

Carol Mace reported about Sylvia Latham's Volunteering of the years, keeping the car park and surrounding areas clean and tidy. It was **AGREED:** that to say a big thank you to Sylvia a Wheelbarrow, Trowel, Rake and Flowers be presented to her. Nick Jackson to look into the purchase of these.

Philip Percival asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a donation towards the purchase of Coronation Mugs for the Children attending the School and Church.
AGREED: The sum of £750 be donated for the purchase of the mugs.

Claire Lewis-Jones reported that there would be Celebrations over the Coronation Weekend at the Church. The Parish Hall has been hired. School Children are carrying out a mock Coronation and there would be a Picnic afterwards. The Church are holding a village event at the Parish Hall with a Reception first and a Street Party on 6 May.

Tom Doyle thanked the Parish Council and said it had been a pleasure working with everyone over the past 4 years He also thanked Nick and Sylvia for all their hard work.

Carol Mace reported on the issue of the tree in the car park that that had been severely cut back. Dorfolds have said it is the Parish Council's responsibility. Carol Mace had contacted Chalc over the issue but their reply was vague. A letter to be sent to the individual concerned with the cutting back of the tree.

Carol Mace as Chairman thanked all Members of the Parish Council for their continued support, commitment and hard work over the past years.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

The next meeting to be held will be of the new **BURLAND AND ACTON PARISH COUNCIL** and will be the **ANNUAL COUNCIL AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on **THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023**