MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ACTON EDLESTON AND HENHULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 25 NOVEMBER 2021

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Sarah Pochin, CE Council

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Foster, Jackie Hatton, Annie Coombs, Nick Jackson and Joanne Langston

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

DISPENSATIONS

No Dispensation Forms were submitted.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

AGREED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 September 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Annie Coombs briefed the Parish Council on the proposed submission.

AGREED: The Clerk to submit the Parish Council's responses for Acton, Edleston and Henhull Parishes. The response to be Strongly Disagree (the Parish Council's detailed submission was attached to the survey response).

The Parish Council thanked Annie Coombs for her work on this item.

DRAFT BUDGET 2022-2023

AGREED: The Parish Council agreed the Draft Budget 2022-2023.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2021-2022

AGREED: The Parish Council agreed the Risk Assessment for 2021-2022.

CAR PARK

The Clerk had contacted CE Highways regarding the installation of LED Lights on the Car Park. Awaiting Invoice which needs paying when received so that the lights can be ordered and installed. Clerk to contact CE Highways again to say that the works needed to be carried out urgently as only 1 streetlight was now working and was a safety concern.

Tom Doyle agreed to carrying on litter picking the car park.

Philip Percival to fix padlock to barrier.

Mr Nick Jackson agreed to carry out the Grounds Maintenance works on the Car Park, Wilbraham Road and the path down to the Canal and the area around the Battlefield Site when needed.

AGREED: The Parish council agreed to Nick Jackson carrying out the above as and when needed

DOG BINS

AGREED: An article be put in the Parish Magazine and on the Parish Website with regard to Awareness of disposing of Dog Mess in an appropriate way.

DORFOLD HALL

The Planning application had now been deferred to 22 January 2022.

Permission had been granted to Dorfold for licensing for events held there to include 4 firework displays and New Year's Eve and Bonfire Night. Claire Lewis-Jones reported that the Spooktacular event fireworks were extremely loud.

PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

The current insurance policy to be reviewed in time for the next renewal and to include street furniture and the car park barrier.

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

AGREED: Joanne Langston and Nick Jackson were co-opted to the Acton vacancies.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Sarah Pochin gave her apologies.

The Clerk to email Cllr Pochin with the following issues raised at the meeting:

1. Streetlights on Car Park – the Parish Council had accepted ANSA's quote for replacing the streetlights with LED. The clerk completed a new debtor requested form and returned to ANSA on 16 Nov. So far the PC hasn't received an invoice – the lights need to be paid for before ANSA will order them and carry out the work. Only one of the streetlights in now working on the car park and it is causing safety concerns for people using the car park after dark. Would you be able to chase this up?
2. Overall state of hedges and footpaths in the Parish area – very overgrown, footpaths are unpassable and have not been cut back for a long time. Opposite the Marina is very overgrown and causing highway safety. The Cycle track from the Aqueduct into the village covered in leaves – summer foliage grows over. The roads needing cleaning too. Vegetation needs cutting back. Monks Lane on the corner by the Church – awful overgrown hedges and speeding cars and also from Monks Lane to the Windmill. Dig Lane to Marsh Lane – speeding cars.. Dorfold

Estates – Dairy House Farm to Drake Lane the kissing gates are overgrown. Hedges very overgrown from the substation near Bluestones into the village. Footpaths in the whole of the Parish area need addressing.

3. It was mentioned about the Bollard at the corner of Monks Lane and Chester Road and the PC asked if you had any more information.
4. Dog bins in the parish area need emptying more often.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

(a)	Acton Parish Hall – 25.11.21	£ 18.15
(b)	Cheshire Community Action – Membership	£ 20.00
(c)	PFK Littlejohn – External Auditor	£240.00
(d)	Shires Payroll – 3rd Quarter	£ 53.40
(e)	Harbrook Engineering – new Car Park Barrier	£2190.00

PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Tom Doyle reported on the state of the footpaths from Monks Lane to the Windmill and Chester Road to Bluestones.

He also reported that the manhole covers in Monks Lane were not sufficient and caused flooding.

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – Carol Mace said the Church should take the lead on what celebrations/events could be held in the Village.

Reaseheath had offered to donate bulbs, trees and shrubs to plant to commemorate the Jubilee.

The Wildlife Trust are giving away Free Trees for planting.

Philip Percival reported that a Remembrance Garden was being considered at the Church.

Claire Lewis-Jones had emailed her suggestions regarding a Walk around Acton.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm
The next meeting is on **Thursday 20 January 2022.**