**SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting Held online Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Minutes**

Public Open Forum – No members of the public attended

1. **Attendees and Apologies**

Attendees: Chair - Barbara Clancy,

Councillors R Walls, J Starr, I Wimshurst, C Beardmore, JD Scott

Clerk DW Croxford

The meeting was quorate

Apologies – None received

1. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda**

Cllr B Clancy declared a Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 5 Planning Applications 20/32275/FUL - Land between Salt Lane and Sandon Road and 21/33701/FUL – Land between Salt Lane and B5066

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2021**

This was agreed as a true and correct record by all present.

1. **Council Census Representative**

Did not attend.

**5. To discuss planning applications received as below**

* 20/32275/FUL – Land between Salt Lane and Sandon Road
* 20/33701/FUL – Land between Salt Lane and B5066 – seeking to vary preconditions on 20/32275/FUL

Chair Cllr B Clancy left the meeting at this point and Cllr R Walls chaired this item for the meeting.

A response from Stafford Borough Council had been received in reply to the Parish Councils letter of complaint regarding the original planning meeting. This had been circulated before this meeting.

A letter objecting to the proposal 20/33701/FUL has been sent to SBC.

Concern was expressed that the applicants had begun work on the Salt Lane site in contravention of the pre conditions. The Clerk had telephoned SBC twice in respect of this.

Was resolved that the Clerk would establish the date of the meeting to decide 20/33701/FUL, and write to the SBC Planning Enforcement Officer in the interim. Letters would also be sent to MP’s Bill Cash and Theo Clarke.

Chair Cllr B Clancy re-joined the meeting after this item concluded.

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**6. To receive Financial Statement and Clerks report**

* + 1. To receive and approve the financial statement and bank reconciliation.

The clerk had circulated the financial statement and bank reconciliation reports and both were approved by all present.

* + 1. To approve financial payments

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| Timpsons | 2 x Plaques for trees at Hollybush | £40.00  |   | £40.00  |  |
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| D Croxford | Clerk- Expenses Jan - Mar incl mileage and Zoom Costs | 99.20 |   | 99.20 |  |
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| SPCA - Clerks Training | Surviving Year End Audit (Shared 50/50 with Weston ) | 15.00 |   | 15.00 |  |
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* + 1. Further to the resolution at last meeting to grant Salt Village Hall Committee £2,500 towards the cost of lifting and replacing the mahogany floor of the Village Hall, as part of a wider application made by the SVHC to the National Lottery for a Capital Grant, the SVHC have clarified their position re payment. They wish payment to be made now to assist their application. Unanimous resolution that payment of £2,500 to be made to them now with the written proviso that the funds are ring fenced by them strictly for this purpose.
		2. Expenses – No Councillors sought reimbursement of expenses
		3. Donations – resolved to make a donation of £500 to Salt P.C.C. in respect of the Salt Burial Ground. Clerk to write to Hopton Parish Council to suggest they may wish to do the same.
		4. Flower Tower – resolved that a sum up to £50 can be paid to the Flower Tower planters without further reference.

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**7. Annual Meeting of the Council / Annual Parish Meeting**

Government guidance on the nature of meetings post 7th May expected soon.

Preference was, if regulations allow, to hold the above meetings, and all following, on a face to face basis in Salt Village Hall, in a COVID compliant manner.

Provisional dates for both meetings, held on the same night in the Village Hall, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively could be either Wednesday 12th or 19th May. VH bookings confirmed.

Should regulations prevent face to face meetings then the meetings would be held on the Zoom platform.

Clerk to monitor change in regulations, issue Agenda and invitations in good time for chosen date in May.

**8. Phone Box Maintenance**

A group of parishioners have taken over the management of the phone box. All resolved to minute thanks for their excellent work in managing its usage. Further if any maintenance of its fabric is required they should contact the Parish Council.

**9. Holly Bush Inn – Update re Tree Preservation Orders on two trees at car park entrance.**

Two plaques have been sourced and attached to each tree thanking the respective benefactors. No progress with Tree Protection Officer.

**10. Tipping reported at Salt Heath**

The Village residents who raised this matter have now been appraised of the current position from the Environmental Officer at SBC, and advised what to do if future reporting is required.

**11. Discussion re ownership of the old railway track from Station House to the Old Bridge / the building of permanent structures in the woods along Brick Kiln Lane**

Clerk to establish ownership of the land comprising the old railway track to ascertain who should maintain the trees along it.

Clerk to advise theSBC Planning Enforcement Officer of concerns re structures on Brick Kiln Lane and to seek confirmation that a Waste Transfer Licence is held by the operatives of the site.

**12. Maggie Yates’s Bungalow, Salt village**

The Clerk advised the current position as reported to him by a village resident. Matters are proceeding slowly and it is hopeful a sale might be achieved in the not too distant future.

**13. HS2 Consultation**

Clerk advised of, and subsequently circulated, the collective response from the Parish Councils comprising the Trent Valley Collaboration Group.

 **14. To discuss Highways issues and note any requiring reporting**

Blue sign now installed on the A51 carriageway, heading from Stone to Weston, prohibiting HGV’s turning right and entering Salt via Casey Bridge.

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**15. To review correspondence received**

Clerk to distribute when received

**16. To inform attendees of dates of future meetings**

To note dates of future meetings as follows: Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom, or in Salt Village Hall if regulations permit, May TO BE CONFIRMED / 7th Jul/ 1st Sep / 3rd Nov

**17. Meeting closed at 21.30 hrs**

Signed .......................................... .........................................

Chair.............................................. Clerk..................................

Date...................................

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