**SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 7th July 2021 at Salt Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

The meeting began at 7.30 p.m.

**Public Open Forum** – Five members of the public, and County Councillor John Francis, attended and all left before item 1.

A member of the public had previously expressed concern at the **condition of the roads** along Salt Bank and Salt Lane. Referring to the potholes, damaged road edges and the flooding prevalent in those areas because of blocked gulleys. A list of required works was handed to County Councillor John Francis.

Several members of the public presented a proposal for a **commemorative community artwork**  **plaque** to celebrate the united and supportive spirit the village showed during Lockdown 2020. The proposal was unanimously welcomed by all present and support offered if proved required. County Councillor John Francis will confirm the proposed site.

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**

None declared

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2021**

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

**4. Matters arising from those minutes**

None

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

* None received

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

* + 1. To approve financial payments, receipts and transfers.

Approved to be paid prior to the meeting

* DW Croxford – Clerk Net Salary April to June 2021 incl. £555.24
* HMRC – PAYE – Clerk April to June incl. £133.80
* DW Croxford – Clerk Expenses April to June incl. £108.37
* Plants for Flower Tower £34.04
* SLCC – Part Annual Sub (shared with Weston) Clerks Membership £51.00

These were approved by all present.

* + 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.

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

A list of required works had been handed to County Councillor John Francis in the Public Forum.

**8. The Holly Bush Inn**

A member of the public joined for this item.

The Clerk reported that the Brewery had advised him that a tenant had been recruited and that the Brewery planned to reopen the pub after extensive renovation works, but exact time frame unknown.

The Asset of Community Value application will be put on hold for the time being.

The Clerk will keep in touch with the Brewery over the coming months to monitor the progress.

It was agreed that the Clerk would source three quotations for a new Village notice board outside the pub. Installation to be considered after the pub re opens. Funds to be ring fenced in the interim.

**9. 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 has established probable ownership of the land comprising the old railway track bed and a contact at Network Rail to whom concerns can be reported. Clerk to report concerns accordingly, beginning with a report with photographs concerning the trees leaning ominously over the OAP car park.

Stafford Borough Councillor Frances Beatty has agreed with the Clerk to look into the matters of concerns re structures on Brick Kiln Lane.

**10. To review correspondence received**

Queens 70th Anniversary celebration 2022 – was agreed to support a likely joint planning committee of VHMC, Parochial Church Council and Parish Council in planning for this event. This may involve seeking Road Closure permission. It was agreed to consider a funding request if required for commemorative items.

The Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust – a charity which donates AED’s. An AED is present already at the Village Hall. It was considered desirable for the VHMC to arrange (refresher) training on its usage.

Rats – a member of the public reported the situation in respect of empty property The Bungalow. Rats have been spotted at the rear of The Holly Bush and Clerk to inform Brewery.

Fly Tipping Signs – Clerk to publish guidance on how to report Fly Tipping to the Borough Council on the Parish Council Website.

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

To note dates of future meetings as follows: Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Salt Village Hall 1st Sep / 3rd Nov

**12. Meeting closed at 21.00 hrs**

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

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

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