**SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 1st September 2021 at Salt Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

The meeting began at 7.30 p.m.

**Public Open Forum** – One members of the public attended.

The member of the public attending expressed concern at the pedestrian safety on Sandon Bank. Noting it likely that traffic flows on this road will increase considerably when HS2 construction begins, a footpath would be desirable and funding might be sought via the grant support schemes accompanying HS2.

It was considered desirable to have a specific sign Sandon Bank located on the B5066 designated as between The Seven Stars and Rawnsley Cottage. **Clerk to enquire**.

Two potholes on the B5066 had been reported via the SBC portal, references 4239596 and 4226444 . **Clerk to monitor progress.**

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 7th July 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 at Agenda posting

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

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

No payments required to be approved, no receipts received, no transfers required.

* + 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.

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

No update had been received from County Councillor John Francis following the list of required works handed to him at the July meeting. **Clerk to monitor**

Cllr Francis had verbally advised the Clerk before the meeting that the siting of the commemorative community artwork plaque had his full support and permission would be forthcoming. **Clerk to monitor.**

It was noted that a property at The Meadows had begun to garden what is effectively the highway verge.

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**8. The Holly Bush Inn**

The Clerk had circulated an update prior to the meeting following a telephone call to the brewery. Plans to renovate had been submitted to SBC planning and that permissions were awaited. The Clerk reported that the Brewery continued to advise 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. **Clerk to monitor receipt of planning advice from SBC.**

The Asset of Community Value application remains 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 RESOLVED** that £1,500 would be transferred to Reserves and earmarked for a **new Village notice board** outside the pub. Installation to be considered after the pub re opens.

**9. Ownership of the old railway track from Station House to the Old Bridge**

After enquiries via Network Rail, Staffordshire County Council, and finally enquiries within the village a member of the public, now residing out of the area, has claimed ownership of the land comprising the old railway track bed.

The person concerned advised the Clerk the property had recently been inherited following the death of a parent. The Clerk advised the matter of the trees leaning ominously over the OAP car park was of concern. The individual was grateful for a local contact and agreed to keep in touch as the land ownership passes through probate.

**Clerk to write to the beneficiary and seek his Solicitors contact details.**

**10. The building of permanent structures in the woods along Brick Kiln Lane**

No report received from Stafford Borough Councillor Frances Beatty regarding the matters of concerns re structures on Brick Kiln Lane. **Clerk to seek an update.**

**11. Wildflower planting**

A discussion was had about the merits of creating a wildflower area by ceasing mowing / planting an area in front of Hunters Court. This was considered to be a potentially more effective elevated area to display the commemorative community artwork plaque.

**Clerk to establish likely permission from SBC.**

The Village owned trees at the entrance to the Holly Bush car park are to be pruned by Parish Council volunteers.

**12. To review correspondence received**

Clerk reported receipt of an e mail from members of the Public praising the condition of the footpaths around Salt, Hopton and Hopton Pools.

**Planning Application 21/34327/HOU The Meadows, Station House, Salt**, had been received post publication of the Agenda for this meeting. Councillors wished time to consider with paper plans if possible.

**Clerk to seek extension to quoted response time of 21st September.**

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

To note dates of future meeting as follows: Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Salt Village Hall 3rd Nov

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**14. Meeting closed at 21.00 hrs**

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

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