SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm at Salt Village Hall

Minutes

Public open forum

5 members of the public attended raising issues as follows:

- Query about speed signage in the village see item 7.
- Gullies on Sandon Bank it was reported these had been cleared and the dirt from them dumped on the verge next to them Clerk will raise this with SCC as this is supposed to be disposed of.
- Issue with drains on the service road by Seven Stars Clerk will follow up with John Francis.
- Issues with the gullies around Salt Lane, Salt Bank near the Wood. This has been raised before and concerns about dangers for residents if rain and then ice occurs is the main concern.
- Potholes on the service road by the Seven Stars most filled but some remain.
- Query about the item at the last meeting about Salt Hall Farm as previously noted this is merely a call for sites from Stafford Borough and may not be brought forward for housing. The Parish will be consulted by Stafford Borough as part of the next local plan.

1. Attendees and Apologies

Attendees: Chairman: Cllr B Clancy Cllr D Clancy

Cllr I Wimshurst Cllr R Walls Clerk Mrs L Horritt

5 members of the public were present

The meeting was quorate

Apologies: Cllr P Scott, Cllr J Taft, Borough Cllr F Beatty

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda None required.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018

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

4. Matters arising from those minutes (for information only)

Tree Protection Order – Bungalow in Salt. The Clerk has not had a response from the tree officer and will follow up and report back to the Council.

5. To discuss the phone box refurbishment

Work has commenced to refurbish the phone box into a lending library. Works have commenced inside but painting has been difficult as drying does not happen very well in the cold weather. This will continue once the weather improves and the outside will also be rubbed down and repainted. Clerk to write to Paul who has helped carried out a large amount of the work.

6. To discuss village map lectern position on village green and approve installation and slab cost

The map has now been received and Councillors are required to help list the house names of each numbered house. Brian Richardson has offered to lay the slab to hold the lectern for free. Clerk to liaise with SCC about the position, any services underneath and whether a permit is required.

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

Speed Signs and Possible funding

The Clerk has done some initial research into speed activated signs. They cost approx. £2500 each plus costs of permits and ground screws. She has been trying to find out if grant funding for this could be available and will report back at the next meeting.

To note successful funding application for speed watch equipment and signage

The grant application to fund the speed watch equipment and permanent signage has been successful. The permanent signage is organised directly by the Staffordshire Speed watch Team and the Clerk will liaise with Michelle Shaker about an expected installation date.

Grips in Salt and potential clearing of the by the Parish Council

This was previously carried out by the Neighbourhood Team who have now been removed by Staffordshire County Council. Councillors agreed to obtain a cost for this from Colwich Parish Council via the use of their lengthsman.

8. To receive Financial Statement and Clerks Report

• (i)To approve financial payments, receipts and transfers

To be paid:

Paid To	Details	Amt	VAT	Total to pay
Salaries	Q3	372.94		372.94
HMRC	Q3	11.40		11.40
Vision ICT	Website Hosting to Jan 2020	125.00	25.00	150.00
Salt Village Hall	Hire	56.00		56.00
SLCC	Clerks subs - 3 way split	31.35		31.35
Reserves	As budget	380.00		380.00
L Horritt	Office Expenses	36.32		36.32

TOTAL 1,038.01

Approved by all present

(ii) To accept the financial statement This was accepted by the Council.

(iii) To discuss and agree the budget for 2019-20

It was agreed to set the precept at £7665. This represents a zero percent increase to tax payers but with the change in properties allows the Parish Council a small amount of extra money for potential projects and issues during the year.

(iv) To agree amenity visits for the year

It was agreed to have 2 amenity visits. To be requested for May and the first 2 weekends in November. Clerk to action.

9. To discuss upcoming elections, vacancies and actions

An advert to encourage new Councillors will be included in the Compass Magazine. Individuals are encouraged to stand for election as the Council has vacancies and not having 2/3 elected members would prevent the Parish from using the General Power of Competence over the 4 year period after the elections.

10. To discuss planning applications received

None received

11. To review correspondence received

Clerk to distribute. No comments on previous correspondence. It was agreed Councillors preferred a paper digest from Stafford Borough Council to an electronic copy. This is also available on the Borough Council website.

12. To inform attendees of dates of future meetings

Next meeting Wednesday March 6th 2019 at 7.30pm.

13.	Meeting	Close	
ıs.	MEGUIIA	CIUSE	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: Chairman Date:

Clerk: