

SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30pm at Salt Village Hall

Minutes

Public open forum

8 members of the public attended.

Items raised included the unsightly blocks against the Casey Bridge – the Clerk will forward photos to Cllr John Francis and open a case on the system.

1. Attendees and Apologies

Attendees: Chairman: Cllr J Taft Cllr C Beardmore Cllr B Clancy
Cllr D Clancy Cllr J Starr Cllr I Wimshurst
Cllr R Walls Clerk Mrs L Horritt
8 members of the public were present
County Councillor J Francis

The meeting was quorate

Apologies: Borough Councillor A Harp, Borough Councillor F Beatty

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

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020

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

Item 12 was considered at this point in the meeting to allow Councillor John Francis to attend another meeting please see this item number for the issues raised and actions required. During this item Cllr D Clancy left the meeting verbally tendering his resignation.

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

The Clerk will follow up ref painting of the postbox.

The village map detail has been completed. The Clerk cannot access the lectern as the seal is tight, she will arrange for this to be resolved shortly.

Highways issues are outstanding – this had been communicated to the council when the new clerk was unable to take office.

5. To receive Financial Statement and Clerks report

i. To approve financial payments, receipts and transfers

Accounts for approval

To be paid:

Paid To	Details	Amt	VAT	Total to pay
SLCC	Local Council Admin manual for clerk	107.99	0.80	108.79
Salt Village Hall	Hire x 5	112.00		112.00
L Horritt	Office Exps Nov-Mar incl Village Map	66.56		66.56
Stafford Borough Council	Election Recharges May 2019	99.64		99.64

TOTAL

386.99

These were approved by all present

- ii. To agree grants to local organisations

Paid To	Details	Amt	VAT	Total to pay
	Burial Ground Maint (400 last year)	400.00		400.00
	Friendship Club Grant (150 last year)	150.00		150.00
	Compass Magazine (50 last year)	50.00		50.00

600.00

- iii. To receive and approve the financial statement and bank reconciliation
The financial statement was agreed and the reserves update for year end was also agreed as £7457.28 General, £4000 cost of elections and £320 computer. The bank reconciliation will be presented at the next meeting.

- iv. To confirm internal auditor
It was agreed to confirm the internal auditor as Christine Heelis.

6. To discuss website accessibility regulations and action plan including accessibility statement from website providers

It was agreed not to take out an accessibility statement yet, the clerk noted this is required prior to September 2020.

7. To discuss potential speed sign position at Hunters Court end of Salt and actions required

Local residents have requested support for speeding at the other end of Salt. A suitable location is available just before Hunters Court on a piece of verge on the left hand side when approaching from Weston Bank. This has been approved by Tim Buxton at Staffordshire County Council.

The Parish Council have ample additional funds and the cost of a pole and additional speed sign will be approximately £2389.

It was resolved to confirm the cost of gully emptying in the Parish prior to approving this spend.

8. To discuss and agree replacement noticeboard outside the Hollybush and actions required

Cllr Taft had obtained quotes for 2 sizes of board – 4 x sheets of A4 and 6 x sheets of A4. It was agreed to obtain a quote for installation from TGM and then agree once the cost of gully emptying is known.

9. To discuss local plan issues and options consultation and responses required

It was agreed to submit a response relating to the naming of Salt as a small settlement. It was felt that due to the lack of the following it should not be included: infrastructure including road layouts, public transport, mains gas, sewers and drains (issues), proximity to floodplain.

Clerk to draft a response and circulate.

10. To discuss parking at Hunters Court and actions required

It was noted that there is not sufficient parking for Hunters Court residents. Previously there had been suggestions about turning the verge outside Hunters Court into marked bays. It was agreed to discuss this with Paula Lees Highways Liaison Officer and Stafford and Rural Homes.

11. To discuss dog fouling issues in Salt Village and replacement containers for dog fouling bags

A resident has reported that a man in the village is allowing his dog to foul and when she spoke to him he was very rude saying it wasn't any of her business. It was noted that photos had been taken and that these can be submitted to Stafford Borough Council. Fines for dog fouling are £75 and any resident can send in pictures to assist in prosecutions. Information is available on the Borough Council website.

It was agreed to purchase 2 new lidded boxes for the dog poo bags at a cost of £3.99 each.

12. To discuss Highways issues and note any requiring reporting

- Salt Road – the surface at the edges is deteriorating
- Gullies – several in the village remain blocked and residents have been clearing these themselves. A request was made to the Parish Council to pay for a gully emptier. It is understood that in some cases pipes linking the gullies are also blocked but that the gullies need to be clear to make an assessment of the issue. The residents were clear that they wanted action on this as Staffordshire County Council are not making progress and other Parishes are starting to do this work themselves. Cllr Francis will also speak to members of the Highways Team and arrange a visit.
- Bridleway 1 was raised. Cllr Francis will follow this up with the member of the public as the Parish Council has progressed this as far as its powers allow.

13. To discuss planning applications received

- 20/31971/HOU Almonda, Salt Road.
this application relates to a two storey extension, new roof, double garage, car port, plant and storage room and demolition of existing garage.
Cllrs discussed the matter and were concerned about the position of the new garage next to the road. It was agreed to contact Borough Councillor Francis Beatty and request a call in. the Parish would note its concerns relating to visual impact and potential detrimental impact on the street view of the new garage.

14. To discuss recruitment for replacement clerk, clerks hours, meeting dates, potential advertising costs including hours worked by the current clerk.

It was agreed to advertise at the 2020 budgeted hours of 22 per month (approx 5 per week), this will be advertised in the Express and Star for £129 plus VAT. It was also agreed to pay the current clerk for hours worked. For Jan and Feb this amounted to 14.5 hours with a large amount expected in March due to meetings and year end. This will be reimbursed once completed.

15. To review correspondence received

Clerk to distribute.

16. To inform attendees of dates of future meetings

Next meeting Wednesday May 6th, Jul 8th, Sept 2nd, Nov 4th at 7.30pm

17. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

Signed:
Chairman
Date:

Clerk: