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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020, at the Abbey Room, St Giles Church, Croxden ST14 5JG. The meeting commenced at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs: Mrs Kent, Mrs Hemingway, Mr Bean, Mr Brandrick and the clerk.

20.01.001 APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES- Cllr Hall

20.01.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS. None Received.

20.01.003 TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON 13th November 2019 ARE A CORRECT RECORD - RESOLVED

20.01.004 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Speed Reduction – Hollington Road

Cllr Atkins, Staffordshire County Council confirmed a traffic/volume count along Hollington Road, Croxden would take place, via his DHP budget. Results provided to the Council on 18.12.2019.

RESOLVED to write to Cllr Atkins to ask him to follow up on the count with reference to a letter received by the Council in June 2019.

WORKING GROUP – Speed Reduction working group and SPCA Motion:

Croxden PC working with Checkley PC – first meeting 20.11.2019

Working Group would like Croxden PC Clerk to send petition names to Cllr Atkins and a covering letter will be created by Cllr Bean.

Working Group would like to contact Cllr Deaville, SCC Cabinet for Highways about speed reduction and invite Cllr Deaville to observe the traffic volume and speed on location in Croxden and Hollington.

RESOLVED to follow suggestions of working group to move issue forward.

Next working group meeting January 2020.

Croxden Motion to SPCA supported by Checkley PC, Uttoxeter Rural PC, Denstone PC, Fulford PC, Tatenhill and Rangemore PC, Newborough PC.

SPCA AGM referred motion to West Midlands Regional Group of CALCs and concluded that it would not take the motion forward to NALC Policy Team for consideration.

RESOLVED by Croxden PC to write to SPCA, NALC, Kate Griffiths MP and copy JCB Speed Watch Team into all correspondence.

GREATGATE VILLAGE GREEN- discuss Council file on land.

Cllr Bean updated meeting on contents of file, Parish Council has consent to use the land at Greatgate as a village green from SCC Highways on an ongoing basis.

RESOLVED to leave agreement in place and unchanged.

RESOLVED to close Village Green Bank Account and transfer funds to EARMARKED funds account.



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GREATGATE GRASS CUTTING QUOTE-

SJL LANDSCAPES Ltd provided Council with 2020/2021 quote for maintenance of Greatgate Village Green. £196 +VAT.

RESOLVE to accept the quote and to ask SJL Landscapes Ltd to provide a 3yrs quote for consideration next year.

WW1 Bench and Waste Basket

Cheadle Lions a donation of £100 was received on 18.11.2019. A thank you was sent to Chair of Cheadle Lions.

Clerk submitted funding application to Tarmac on 22.11.2019 and funding decision will be made by Tarmac in February 2020.

RESOLVED to make a final decision on this project in March Parish Council meeting.

20.01.005 CLERK REPORT

Archives - Clerk deposited archives materials to Stafford Archives 18.11.2019 and receipt now on Council website.

Precept request – a request for £4,500 was sent to ESBC on 26.11.2019. Confirmation from ESBC received 06.01.2020

Carols Rievaulx Abbey North Yorkshire Christmas Carols event. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/rievaulx-abbey/> - Details sent to councillors 18.11.2019 for consideration within our Parish.

RESOLVED to write to Church and ask if they would want to develop this idea.

Local Boundary Review – comments sent to review team 18.11.2019 and received reply “the draft recommendations are published, which I expect to be on 19 May 2020.”

SJL Landscapes – wildflower on Greatgate – quote acceptance letter sent

WH Durose – noticeboards – quote acceptance letter sent, work will start immediately.

Clerk Appraisal – this took place and copy of appraisal to be signed by Chair/Vice Chair at this meeting.

Highways Log was updated on 25.11.2019 and clerk sent to Councillors to get feedback. Once received it will go onto website.

Severn Trent responded to request for the Gully at Greatgate pumping station to be cleared by confirming it does not own the gully and therefore cannot clear it out.

RESOLVED to get a quote from WH Durose and ask Severn Trent to provide Ownership details they hold.

Boundary Stone – clerk contacted landowner and will discuss repairs in spring, when land dry, as currently too wet to work on.

Alton Towers – clerk advised that Nabb Lane residents received complementary tickets within the catchment area set by Alton Towers.

Kate Griffiths MP– welcome email sent by Chair and Vice Chair after election results announced. RESOLVED to invite Kate Griffiths MP to Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2020.

Fly Tipping – information about how to report put onto news area of website -



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<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health/fly-tipping>

Filing Cabinet - Clerk confirmed that a filing cabinet needed for paperwork. Clerk will look for a 2 draw one locally.

20.01.006 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

20.01.007 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS:

NEW

P/2019/01406 - Smalley Farm, Nabb Lane, Rocester ST14 5JB-Retention of extension to shed, biomass boiler, and flue – No comment submitted 12.12.2019

20.01.008 TO RECEIVE ORAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR - None

20.01.009 FINANCE – TO CONSIDER & AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF LIST BELOW and DISCUSS BANKING ARRANGEMENTS:

NAT WEST – Councillors discussed the long delay to adding Cllr Hall and Hemingway names to account. RESOLVED to move to Lloyds, Uttoxeter.

Clerk will pay Cheadle Lions £100 donation into NatWest w/c 09.01.2020.

Ref/Cheque number	Item	Amount
31/SO	Mrs VRE Gibson – Clerks December wages	£125.41
32/SO	Mrs VRE Gibson – Clerks January wages	£125.41
	Mrs VRE Gibson	40.08
RECEIVED		
	Cheadle Lions – donation for WW1 Bench and waste basket project	£100
	Nat West Interest -	£0.53p
NATWEST Bank Account	Date of statement	Balances
Account Ref: 543	06.01.2020	£4,109.88
Account Ref: 975	05.12.2019	£1,247.38
Account Ref: 985	05.12.2019	£350.92

20.01.0010 CORRESPONDENCE

Wildflowers - Chair received an enquiry/concern about the wildflowers project on Greatgate, resident updated on the consultation process, September minutes and Parish Magazine article. 05.12.2019 – Resident now reassured that bed will be managed correctly.

Speed Indicator Signs – Rocester PC contacted council about sharing the cost of speed indicator signs – clerk requested more information about the request. No reply received.

JCB Speed Watch Team – clerk received an email from Ellastone resident enquiring about JCB speed watch team, clerk provided Ellastone Parish Council details.



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Winter Ready campaign details sent to clerk and uploaded onto website. The Priority Services Register is a free service provided by Western Power and is eligible for anyone who is of a pensionable age, disabled, has children under 5 years old or relies on medical equipment. To find out more information or to register, please call us on 0800 096 3080 or visit www.westernpower.co.uk/psr

Poppy Appeal – receipt for £45 donation received.

General Election – 12th December 2019 - notices received and put onto website and result received and put on website.

School Admissions - Staffordshire County Council is currently consulting on its proposed school admission arrangements relating to all community and voluntary controlled schools located in Staffordshire for the 2021-22 academic year.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Current-arrangements/Overview.aspx> no comment sent back on 16.12.2019

War Memorial Grant information received from Cllr Atkins – passed to Church Warden 23.12.2019

Planning Training - Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council are holding a planning training session on 28th January 2020 at 7pm in Stramshall Village Hall, Vicarage Drive, Stramshall, ST14 5DL. The training will be delivered by Urban Planning Training, and will last approx. 1.5hr – donation of £10 per place suggested. RESOLVED to request one place for Cllr Hemingway.

Burton Flood Risk Management - please email Engagement_WestMids@environment-agency.gov.uk or phone 0370 850 6506.

20.01.0011 Public Excluded – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Bridges Guidance –after discussion, Councillors RESOLVED to support St Giles Church plans.

20.01.0012 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (information only)

More SCC Highways hardcore needs to be delivered to the 3 laybys on Keelings Lane, Croxden, Clerk to request after 10th February.

Clerk to report road edge erosion on Alton Lane, by Spond Farm, need repair to side of road and verge.

Pot Hole needs reporting by Spond Farm, Alton Lane and Pot Hole between Greatgate and Ford at Greatgate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11th March 2020 at 7pm. The meeting was formally closed at 20.45

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