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Minutes for a meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023, at the Abbey Room, St Giles Church, Croxden ST14 5JG. The meeting commenced at 7pm.

Present: Cllr Bean, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hemingway, Cllr James and the clerk.

23.07.001 APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Cllr Brandrick - accepted.

23.07.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS. NONE

23.07.003 TO RESOLVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 17.05.2023 ARE A CORRECT RECORD. RESOLVED

23.07.004 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

23.07.005 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ROAD SIGNAGE for Bends – ALTON LANE/SANDY LANE, GREATGATE - UPDATE

SCC confirmed on 19.06.2023 they will install 2 signs on Alton Lane and the Parish Council asked for the bend signs at the following locations:

From Alton direction to Great Gate will be erected at the boundary point for Croxden parish, which is close to Spond Farm. The sign should indicate bends for 2 miles along Alton Lane.

From Great Gate direction to Alton will be erected on the section between where Alton Lane starts at Great Gate and Holly Bank property (ST10 4HF), again indicating bends for 2 miles along the lane.

Councillors noted the update and asked Clerk to write to SCC thanking them for their support of this project.

BEAMHURST (A522)– TRAFFIC CALMING - UPDATE

Clerk wrote to SCC to ask if they wanted the proposed plans for traffic calming to be shared with residents. SCC Plans are: "SCC would propose to use edge of carriageway markings in advance of and through the vehicle access points. This will help to move traffic towards the centre line and highlight a change in road conditions."

Cllr Atkins agreed for these plans to be shared with residents and for the Parish Council to collate responses. 09.06.2023

Resident residents responded by providing the Parish Council with a letter, see Appendix A, which the Council RESOLVED to send to SCC.

The Parish Council are happy to hold an extraordinary meeting, if SCC want to discuss further solutions with residents.

ALTON TOWERS COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING

Clerk contacted Deborah Harris (Alton Towers) and Oakamoor PC asking for a meeting to



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discuss traffic regulation for Nabb Lane. The meeting will take place at Alton Towers Hotel Conference Centre on Thursday 24th August.1:30pm. Cllr James and Cllr Hall confirmed attendance.

PARISH COMMUNITY WALK – 11TH July 2023 – UPDATE

Poster in Noticeboards, on FB, in Church, on website and at Wood Farm

Walk took place at Wood Farm, Greatgate on 11th July 2023 at 6.30pm.

Councillors noted that 13 residents came to the walk. 2 from Cheadle, 1 from Great Gate, 4 from Hollington, Parish Councillors + 2 spouse and the feedback was encouraging, and people enjoyed learning about the history of the woods. Councillors noted it was fascinating to see the many Bronze Age remains at Wood Farm and learn about the community that lived here, in our parish, at that time.

Councillors RESOLVED for the next walk to take place on 12th September 2023 at 6.30pm – meeting at St Giles Church and the walk will be to the historic Clapper Bridge on Pointhorne Farm, with refreshments afterwards at St Giles Church.

HOLLINGTON ROAD – SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST - UPDATE

A letter was sent to SCC to ask for an update on the request to reduce the speed limit from 60mph – 40mph on the roman road section of Hollington Road, in order that JCB Traffic Management can carry out speed watch duties. Speed Watch Team by residents will be set up once speed limit reduced. Letter sent to Cllr Williams, Cllr Clements, Cllr Ward and Mr Lindop (SCC Scrutiny Committee Support)

SCC – Hollington Road, Speed Limit Reduction letter – sent to Cllr David Williams and the Scrutiny Committee at SCC to ask for a review of the request to have Hollington Road speed limit reduced to 40mph so that both residents and JCB Speed Watch Teams can operate by Keelings Lane junction.

No Response from SCC at time of Meeting and Clerk will follow up.

23.07.006 PESTICIDES SPRAYING WITHIN THE PARISH – DISCUSS

A resident of Croxden contacted the Council concerned about pesticides use in Croxden and impact on wildlife and human health.

Councillors discussed the letter and noted the concerns and after research, advised they can only advise residents that the Health and Safety Executive and DEFRA closely monitor all spraying and any further research can be obtained by visiting the HSE website and look for the Health and Safety code of practice for using plant protection products.

The Parish Council would not be able to find out what chemicals are being used and is not within the Councils remit.

If residents feel that the code of practice is not being followed, then a reporting system is available on <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/enforcement/reporting-incidents.htm>

The Council discussed the request for prior warning from Farmers before spraying takes place and concluded that due to the nature of the variables involved before spraying this would not be practical.



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23.07.007 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS:

APPEALS

P/2022/00998 - Katys Cafe Lay by on A522 Uttoxeter Road Beamhurst Uttoxeter Staffordshire - Retention of existing cafe and portaloo for 3 years – APPEAL Ref: APP/B3410/W/22/3312445 - GRANTED

NEW

P/2023/00534 - Abbey View Farm Keelings Lane Croxden Staffordshire ST14 5JF - Change of use of annexe to holiday let.

DECISIONS

P/2023/00455 - The Old Vicarage Rocester Road Croxden Staffordshire ST14 5JQ - Erection of a covered external BBQ area with open swimming pool and alterations and increased height to an existing boundary wall - PERMITS

23.07.008 TO RECEIVE ORAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR – No reports received.

23.07.009 FINANCE – TO CONSIDER & AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF LIST BELOW AND RECEIVE FINANCE UPDATES:

All May payments made 18.05.2023

AGAR Audit forms sent to Mazars and Councillors– 18.05.2023

AGAR Audit forms and Public Rights Notice on website –18.05.2023.

Asset Register updated new printer value £0.01p less– new total £10,344.99 – Chairman and Clerk signed and will be on website by 17.07.2023.

Ref/Cheque	Item	Amount
15/SO	Council Administration - May	£220.65
16/SO	Council Administration - June	£220.65
194	VOID	
17/194	Council Administration – back pay. (April, May, June)	£12.24
18/195	SJL Landscapes – grass cutting	£58.68 (inc £9.78 VAT)
19/196	East Staffordshire Borough Council – Election Costs	£91.30
20/197	Clerk expenses including home working allowance	30.61
21/198	SJL Landscapes – grass cutting	£58.68 (inc £9.78 VAT)
22/SO	Council Administration – July	£224.81
23/199	HP 6020e Printer	£59.99 (inc £10 VAT)
BANK BALANCES		
Lloyds	31.05.2023	£1,860.14
Lloyds deposit	09.05.2023	£1,003.08

23.07.0010 CORRESPONDENCE

Data Protection - Staffordshire County Council are offering a Data Protection service-



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Councillors reviewed and RESOLVED not to use this service.

A522/Beamhurst Road – Road Closure notice for JCB Roundabout repairs for 10 weeks– on website 12.06.2023

Health and Wellbeing Development with Town and Parish Councils – SCC letter from Victoria Wilson, Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture outlining plans – 12.06.2023

ESBC requesting Parish/Town Council Representatives on ESBC Standards Committee – information provided to Councillors on how to apply.

D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024 - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk – event coordinator Bruno Peek, Pageant master. The Council reviewed the plans and RESOLVED to be part of the occasion.

East Staffordshire Community Lottery – community groups to register for funding - <https://www.eaststaffordshirecommunitylottery.co.uk/good-causes> - on website and FB

Internal Auditor – advised he has donated his fee to Macmillan Cancer Support – 30.06.2023

Ordinance Survey (OS) licence (customer) account number changed.

23.07.0011 CLERK REPORT

Alton Lane/Sandy Lane signage – Clerk sent request to SCC – 19.05.2023

Register of Interest forms for Councillors to ESBC and on website 19.05.2023

Footpath – Croxden 36/URPC 55 junction – Clerk wrote to URPC to advise unable to contribute to cost of stile repair as within URPC parish. 19.05.2023

SCC Community Fund – advised resident the Council could not support application to the fund for the insurance for a professional trishaw service, and some clothing etc for volunteers. 02.06.2023

Gigabit Broadband, Croxden Hamlet – advise resident of the providers who can link to the fibre within the hamlet. <https://checker.ofcom.org.uk/en-gb/mobile-coverage>

Alton Towers Ticket Allocation – Clerk made a request to Alton Towers to change the radius from 3km to 3 miles for resident ticket allocation.

Kate Kniveton MP Thank you letter sent – Re Gigabit Project (Broadband) – 05.06.2023

Traffic Regulations – Quiet Lane – Nabb Lane, Croxden – sent an email to SCC asking for guidance on how to apply – 05.06.2023 and 26.06.2023 – no response

Cllr Whittaker (Borough) – Thank you letter sent – Re Retirement as Ward Councillor. Cllr Whittaker responded indicating he enjoyed the friendliness and warm hospitality extended to him in our fantastic Parish.

JCB Roundabout – Litter Bin – ESBC installed a large bin. Resident who made the request updated – 16.06.2023

Fly Tipping – Combridge lane, ST14 5HY – reported to ESBC reference: CAS-210062-D6F7Q9 – cleared by ESBC on Tuesday 13.06.2023

Defibrillators – Annual update of The Circuit – National Register for Defibrillators – 19.06.2023

Printer – purchased from HP Store - £49.99 + VAT (£10) free delivery – Asset Register updated (Minute Ref: APM 23.05.000015)



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23.07.0012 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (information only).

The Parish Newsletter article and Carbon Blog will be provided for Parish Newsletter and website.

The Council moved to private sessions to consider below item.

23.07.0013 STAFFING MATTERS – PUBLIC EXCLUDED (Public Bodies(Admissions to meetings)Act 1960)

1. Council Administration costs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th September 2023 at 7pm. The meeting was formally closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....