

Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 26TH MARCH 2025 CHURCH & CHETWYND ASTON VILLAGE HALL – 7:30PM

Members present: Cllrs Mattison (Chair), Askin, Hardy, Magosfalvi, Page and Stevens.

In Attendance: Mr C Furnival (Clerk/RFO) and Cllr A Eade (Telford & Wrekin Council).

24/25.86 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/25.87 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr L Tate who also informed members that she is resigning from the parish council with immediate effect, due to work and personal commitments.

24/25.88 Public Session

No members of the public were present.

24/25.89 Minutes of the meeting held 22nd January 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last meeting as a true record.

24/25.90 Matters arising, for information, from the 22nd January 2025 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

Regarding item 24/25.80, the Clerk noted that he has spoken to the resident concerned about the state of a property in the parish and advised to report all matters to Environmental Health.

24/25.91 Review of Parish Matters

Members reviewed the outstanding actions report with particular note to;

- **CA4:** Clerk and Cllr Eade had a positive meeting with planners on 13th February to discuss possible funding options to create a safer connection from Pave Lane to the Ni Park and shopping areas. We are waiting for Talia Homes to contact the Clerk to progress discussions further.
- **CA22:** The local Police and Telford & Wrekin Council have both given advice on the parking of a car on the bend of Pave Lane, near Norwood House which cannot be enforced.

24/25.92 Reports from West Mercia Police

PC Edward provided a written report to the council: "To provide a summary for Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish, we are not currently experiencing any major issues in relation to crime or anti-social behaviour.

We have seen no increase in offences that may be part of a series of offending and nothing which should give concern to the general public.

Given this summary is being sent mid-month, I will give a summary of offences for the last rolling month, 19th Feb to 19th March...

- There have been 4 offences recorded during that time.
- Three of these are thefts are linked to a business operating within the parish which have now been transferred to Trading Standards to investigate.
- There has also been a theft of cooking oil from behind another business within the Parish.

The Local Policing Community Charter Priorities are as currently:

Speeding – We are still awaiting training on the new speed detection device. Once this has been completed, we will get out and conduct further speed enforcement.

Thefts from farm buildings- no recent reports. The team still conduct patrols to observe, deter and detect.

ASB in the village – no specific reports made, no observations from patrols.

The priorities are due for renewal, if these can be discussed at this meeting and new ones agreed, that would be great. From our point of view, they are probably the three most suitable priorities as you do experience speeding and have experienced rural thefts and ASB previously.”

24/25.93 Reports from Telford & Wrekin Council

Cllr A Eade reported on the Local Plan Review, noting that a detailed infrastructure plan has not yet been published, this means that Telford & Wrekin Council have issued the proposals for development around the borough without plans for infrastructure to support those who would potentially live in these new developments. Members reviewed the local plan proposals and maps provided by Cllr Eade. 270 dwellings are proposed in Church Aston and 15 dwellings are proposed in Chetwynd Aston with vast areas of land off the Ni Park being proposed for an extension to employment land.

24/25.94 Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr B Page reported that the village hall raised £150 for Alzheimer's Research through recent events.

Cllr L Hardy questioned the status of a vehicle access being created without planning permission, Clerk to investigate.

24/25.95 Correspondence

Members considered the Community Governance Review for 2025, which is open to consultation until the 14th April 2025 and the changes that are made from this review will come into effect at the May 2027 local elections.

Members **RESOLVED** to support the parish remaining as it is, with its current boundary and remain with 7 Parish Councillors in an unwarded parish.

24/25.96 Road Safety Scheme

The SIDs NAL sockets are now installed correctly, and we await delivery of the new post which these sockets which will allow the SIDs to be moved around.

The Clerk presented a suggested rota for the SIDs to be moved which was agreed. A quote for these movements was presented but further quotes would need to be sought due to the value being over £500.

24/25.97 Layby adjacent to The Nook, Pave Lane

Cllr B Page has secured three quotes from contractors for the creation of a garden area in this space. A further quote has been sourced from Bloomsbury Garden Nurseries for the initial planting of these planters which comes to £600.

The Clerk noted that the Parish Council has budgeted an extra £5,000 in the planting scheme for 2025/26 for this project and for its initial set-up costs.

Agreed that Cllr B Page will clarify the size and amount of sleepers required for the job and we will defer decision to the May meeting.

24/25.98 Planning

- i) **Planning Applications:** Members considered the following applications and listed their comments as follows;

| Applications/enquiries to be considered; | CAWPC Response |
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| TWC/2025/0175: Field Aston Manor, Field Aston Lane, Field Aston, Newport, TF10 9LE Replacement of 16no. windows, repairs and re-glazing to 3no.windows and installation of a bi-fold door (Full Planning Application) | Support |
| TWC/2025/0176: Field Aston Manor, Field Aston Lane, Field Aston, Newport, TF10 9LE Replacement of 16no. windows, repairs and re-glazing to 3no.windows and installation of a bi-fold door (Listed Building Consent) | Support |

- ii) **Applications Decided:** No applications had been decided by the LPA since the date of the last meeting.
- iii) **Planning Enforcement:** Members noted the ongoing enforcement investigations into commercial operations at Clytha Cottage of which there have been no updates received from the Planning Enforcement Department. It was agreed that the Clerk will raise a formal complaint regarding Planning Enforcement and the lack of action taken.
- iv) **Local Plan Review:** Members raised concerns with regards to the expansion of employment sites and weather this is necessary for this area, agricultural farming land should be prioritised. It is also felt that the land east of the A41 should not be built on and there is no need for an expansion while there are empty units on the Ni Park, therefore there is no proven data to support the need for extra business units. It is also felt that there are too many properties proposed for a densely populated area at Long Barns and a site safety and amenity access study should be undertaken.

24/25.99 Financial Reports

- i) Members reviewed the latest banking statements and bank reconciliation prepared by the Clerk and confirmed that they were happy that the reconciliation had been accounted for correctly. These statements bring the councils adjusted balances to the 11th March 2025 at £10,288.43. Two members were nominated to sign of the master copies of these statements.

| Entry Date | Details | Ref | Statutes | Account |
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| 06/03/2025 | PAYE | P53 | LGA 1972 s112(2) | £85.20 |
| 06/03/2025 | Salary | P54 | LGA 1972 s112(2) | £341.76 |
| 06/03/2025 | Website management fees | P55 | LGA 1972 s111 | £494.75 |
| TOTAL | | | | £921.71 |

The Clerk noted that he has once again chased Bloor Homes with regards to the procurement of a £15k grant promised by the developer to pay for the road safety scheme for Pave Lane. No funds have yet to be received despite requests from Bloor for the Parish Council to raise an invoice, which was done in November 2023 and subsequently updated at their request. Cllr W Askin noted that he had some discussion with Bloor representatives and a revised invoice, with the exact amount of the Pave Lane project needs to be raised.

- ii) Members reviewed quotes obtained for a new noticeboard off Pave Lane, near Norwood House and Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Parkland Coronation External Noticeboard for £1,979.00 (ex VAT).
- iii) Members reviewed the costs for waste bin collections. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from Idverde, pending clarification that the quote of £1,344.87 per annum includes the two bins off Pave Lane.

This meeting finished at: 20:51

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....

Next meeting: 28th May 2025 (AGM), 7:30pm at Church & Chetwynd Aston Village Hall

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