

Clerks Report – Parish Council Meeting 21st Feb 2018, Eccleshall Community Centre.

Documents circulated with the agenda:

Draft Letter from collaborative group re gullies
Resident email regarding the Eagle Sculpture and car parking issues.

Updates:

- 1). **Junction at Gaol Butts/School Road.** Further complaints have been received about the yellow line markings in addition to the road shaping works. County Councillor Pert is currently in discussion with the County Council to obtain clarification on the Road Safety Audit that was completed to determine the scope of work.
- 2). **Website.** Our new website, www.eccleshallparishcouncil.co.uk is now up and running, and the redirect from the .org domain name is in place. Any comments/amendments, please let the Clerk know.
- 3). **Parish Council email accounts.** All members have now been issued with specific eccleshall parish council emails, and access instructions were circulated to each member. If anyone requires a copy of the emails received to be forwarded to their old account, please advise the Clerk. It is noted that any responses MUST still be sent from the Parish account, and for purposes of data protection, the personal account must only be accessed by the Councillor, and not be a joint/family account.
- 4). **Submission of suggested works in the absence of the Neighbourhood Highways team.** All lists of required works to be submitted to the Clerk no later than Friday 16th March.
- 5). **Road markings at Croxton.** Shark's teeth and roundels have now been painted on both entrances to Croxton, where the speed limit changes to 30mph.
- 6). **Councillor Vacancy for Eccleshall Ward.** Applications are being welcomed for the Councillor Vacancy, with an application deadline of 5th March, and co-option to take place on 21st March. Please ask anyone who may be interested to contact the Clerk for further information.
- 7). **Trees at Copmere Picnic Site.** The Clerk is awaiting receipt of further quotations for the work.

Clerk Availability: The Clerk will be working mainly Wednesday and Thursday of w/c 19th Feb 2018 with 14 hrs annual leave booked for half term week.

Further Information for Agenda Items:

Item 7) Allotments - Cllr Price attended the last Allotments meeting on 29th Jan, and has provided the following update:

There are four vacant plots which will be advertised locally. The vacant plots will be sprayed to control weeds.

Over the winter months the Allotment Cabin roof, which houses the toilet facilities has leaked and caused damage. The cabin is unsafe to use until the roof is repaired. The allotment association will be requesting financial support from the Parish Council. Until repaired, the equipment has been covered and the cabin roof has been sheeted.

The flood on Shaw's Lane outside the Allotments has caused concerns due to the road damage by the allotments entrance. Concerns were also raised about the drainage on the allotment, which was to be checked to make sure it was flowing and all ditches around the allotment were clear. SCC Highways would be contacted to report the flooding and pot holes in the road.

A skip will be placed on the allotment April 2018 and a new combination lock with access code for the gate will be sourced and the water will be turned back on at the end of March.

Sleeper repairs will be undertaken by the Scouts as part of a community project and a donation will be

made to them from Eccleshall Allotments Association.

An updated constitutional will be put in place to include the rules and site safety approved by SBC.

The committee will look at funding available to help maintain and improve the site.

The EAA had held a successful late Christmas meal with a raffle which raised £60.00 for the association.

Item 9) Staffordshire Libraries Consultation – The consultation was launched on the 8th January, and will close on 1st April 2018, with a consultation event to be held at Eccleshall Library on Tuesday 6th March from 3-6pm. Eccleshall has been identified as one of the libraries that could be converted to a Community Managed Library. There is also a workshop to discuss the logistics of running a Community Managed Library on Tuesday 13th March, 6.30-8.30pm at Staffordshire Place 1. Full documentation can be found at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/librariesnew/Reshaping-Libraries-Consultation.aspx>

Correspondence for consideration:

1. Resident email regarding Eagle and car parking – circulated separately.
2. Gullies letter drafted by the Collaborative Group – information circulated. Is the Council happy with the wording of the letter and do they wish to add their name to the letter?
3. Resident email regarding footpath from Arn Hill to the Millennium Wood – a complaint has been sent via Jeremy regarding the state of the path by the play area, which is covered in mud and has debris on it from recent hedge cutting.
4. Invitation to attend the next Collaboration Meeting – to be held at Gnosall, Thurs 22nd March at 7.30pm. Agenda items are welcomed, please advise the Clerk if wish to attend.
5. Receipt of request to renew Visit Stafford Membership – an invoice has been received for £30 to renew our membership for 2018. Members are asked to review the request.
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Correspondence circulated, to note:

1. Stafford Borough Council Members Digest received and circulated.
2. SPCA Weekly Bulletins – forwarded to all.
3. New Bus Timetables from 1st April
4. Flood Action Group Leaflet
5. Veolia introductory email

Notes:

SCC- Staffordshire County Council

SARH – Stafford and Rural Homes

SBC- Stafford Borough Council

SPCA – Staffordshire Parish Councils Assc

EPC – Eccleshall Parish Council