Minutes of the General Meeting

of Enville Parish Council held in

The Pavilion, Enville on Monday, March 07th, 2022, 7.30pm.

(following Government guidelines)

Present: Cllrs Poole, Adams, Slawinski, Jones, Price, Ollerhead and Thorne.

Also present: County Cllr Wilson and PC Alex Rathbone.

Members of the Public: John Redwood and Caroline Gloss.

Apologies: None

12/22 Minutes of the previous General Meeting having been circulated were taken as read. Cllr Thorne accepted that they be a true record and this was seconded by Cllr Adams. All being in favour the Chairman signed the minutes.

13/22 Matters Arising

1. Evenfield- It was reported that the leaves had been swept up and the foliage on the church bank cut back. Everyone agreed that it was a job well done. Clerk to email Richard Hobbs and ask for the itemised invoice to be sent.
2. Litter pick – It was reported that another Litter Pick Day was scheduled for April in the village.
3. The Chairman reported that the energy supplier for the Parish Council had been changed to EDF with a contract for 2 years. This would be automatically changed over.

14/22 Police Report

The Clerk had received the report today and had forwarded a copy to everyone for their perusal. Contained within were the following points :

1. It was reported there had been several thefts of metal gates, possibly as the price of scrap metal had gone up.
2. All the Local Policing Teams were flooding the area tonight and Wednesday as there was an increase in vehicle thefts.
3. Morfe Lane – There had been a large quantity of Cannabis Plant roots and foliage dumped. There was a recent raid during a County Lines Operation on a barn just over the border in West Mercia where there had been a Cannabis factory and it was suspected that this may be connected.

15/22 County Cllr Report – County Cllr Wilson read through her report which contained the following:

1. Covid 19- There had been two million lateral flow test kits given throughout the County.
2. DH Programme Funding – The funding has to be divided around the County… The Chairman asked whether the funding could be used for the street sign cleaning. Also suggested the drains being unblocked on the 60s bend where it floods and the gullies unblocked on the bend past the Fox Inn. Blundies Lane, opposite the farm it was reported that there was a massive pothole. The three suggestions were given to County Cllr Wilson to be considered for the funding.
3. The question was raised as to whether the road signs be included in the figures for the precept?
4. With the huge pot hole in Blundies Lane opposite Blundies Farm which needed filling, it was discussed that the online form for ‘report a pothole’ was not the best.
5. The Pot hole in Highgate Road had been reported. The Highways will do an emergency repair.
6. Mere Lane – It was reported that the gully in Mere Lane was two feet deep. County Cllr Wilson reported that this too could be reported online. She will check the cleansing schedule. It was normal for cleansing to be between Monday to Thursday with Fridays normally being problematic.
7. Jubilee – It was discussed that there was funding available for a Green initiative of tree planting.
8. Policing – Staffordshire Police were employing ten new officers for South Staffordshire. The new office for the Police was based within Codsall Council Offices and there was also a base within the Civic Centre at Wombourne.

16/22 Wolverhampton Business Airport – the District Council and the developer for the Airport were still at stalemate over whether the plans were sustainable.

17/22 SPCA – All emails forwarded.

18/22 Planning Applications - All emails forwarded.

19/22 Defribilator – The Chairman was in talks with Carole, the resident of Browns Lake and she was very keen. One of the main issues was the connection to the electricity and who was going to pay for it as there was a standing charge. He reported that a site meeting was to be organised. Clerk to email Theresa from SSHA to ask that as the landlord, do they have a supply themselves and to ask for a site meeting.

It was suggested that Severn Trent have the device and it be positioned there.

20/22 – Queens Jubilee –

1. The Chairman reported that there was going to be an event for the villagers on Sunday, June 05th at The Pavilion between midday and 5pm. There was potentially to be a bouncy castle, Ice cream vendor, music etc. A grant had been applied for funding towards flags and bunting, by the organisers of the event. The question was raised of Public Liability Insurance and whether there was any scope for funding from the Community Foundation. It was agreed that the Parish Council was fully behind the idea but required further information of detail on the plans.

Proposed by Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr Jones.

1. The Chairman reported the plan for a Beacon to be lit on the Sheepwalks. Enville Estate had kindly agreed to this. Event to be held on Thursday, June 02nd at 8.45pm.

21/22 Correspondence-

1. The Clerk and Chairman reported they had received an email from Swindon Parish Council with regards to the school bus from Kinver taking some 55 mins to reach them and what our thoughts were for pupils coming from Enville. Matter was discussed with County Cllr Wilson.

22/22 Accounts for payment –

1. SPCA - Annual membership £173.46. the Clerk reported that she had received an invoice but it was not due to May 1st.
2. Enville Estate…………………………………………….£5.00
3. Evenfield Invoice 1070………………………………..£476.16
4. Evenfield Invoice 1069………………………………..£324.00
5. Autela Services Invoice 8477………………………..£30.00
6. HMRC…………………………………………………….£100.00
7. Mrs D Baker Wages……………………………………£425.00
8. Macafee – Computer cover…………………………….£59.99
9. Plantinum Jubilee cash……………………………………..£303.04

23/22 Any Other Business

1. The Clerk reported that the Macafee antivirus protection for the laptop had now expired and needed renewing on March 17.
2. The Jubilee Celebrations were going to be included in the Pigeon and the deadline for submission of editorial was in the next few days. The Chairman to write his report for this.
3. The Chairman asked the question with regards to information that had been received for an Electric Charging point to be placed on the car park off Blundies Lane. However it discussed that the Sawmills development would have a charging point.
4. Kinver Clinic - There had been complaints about the Drs Surgery in Kinver not doing Wellman check ups. This was reported by Kinver Parish Council. County Cllr Wilson reported that they had invited the Drs to a meeting to discuss the issues. There were also complaints of the surgery website closing down when the appointments were full and people being unable to access or book appointments. There was a Patient Participation Group which had been organised.
5. Remembrance Sunday – The question was asked as to when the metal soldier figures by the War Memorial should be taken down. It was suggested that they only be there for November and December.
6. The question was asked whether we have a flag pole. It was reported that St Peters Church in Kinver were lighting the Church up blue and yellow.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30pm.