Minutes of the General Meeting

of Enville Parish Council held in

The Pavilion, Enville on

 Monday, November 13th, 2023, 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Poole, Thorne, Reynolds, Ollerhead,

Also present: County Cllr Wilson, District Cllr Spruce.

 Members of the Public attending: Caroline Gloss

Apologies: Cllr Adams, Cllr Jones, Cllr Launder and member of the public John Redwood.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting having been circulated were taken as read. Cllr Thorne noted a change 40/23 she had applied for the prosperity fund however did not proceed. Cllr Thorne accepted that they be a true record and this was seconded by Cllr Ollerhead. All being in favour the Chairman signed the minutes.

49/23 Matters Arising

It was reported that there was still water/sewerage running on the A458 by the post office. It was also reported that a terrible smell was coming from the area as well now. This matter was also reported at the meeting by the member of the public. Clerk confirmed she would contact Severn Trent again.

50/23 Police Report

The Clerk had received the report and forwarded it. PCSO Paula Wilkes also had rung the Clerk and apologised as the Police were due to attend the meeting, however, a matter had come up and they were not able to attend. The Police Report was read out and tabled.

51/23 County Cllr Report

Cty Cllr Wilson reported that Divisional Highways had money that could be used for anything within their remit. This was to be divided between 7 to 8 Parish Councils. Work such as events requiring traffic management. The amount was approximately £2500 per Parish Council.

The money could also be used for signage cleaning, which was a matter raised. She asked for herself to be emailed if any work needed and she would arrange.

52/23 District Cllr Report

There was a presentation from Highways. Staffordshire County is the thirteenth largest county in the country. The statistics were read out for the amount of pot holes and other road defects reported and repaired throughout the county.

Community Strategy Survey – Cllr Thorne was thanked by the Clerk for allowing the survey to be kept at Archies Attic, for members of the public to complete. She then returned the forms in person to the District Council Offices in time for the deadline.

The Locality Plan Review results were now available online, should anyone wish to view them.

‘My Log In’ was now up and running, where the public could report fly tipping and other matters direct. There was a £1000 fine for offenders if caught and prosecuted.

It was reported that a Surgery had been held and was successful.

53/23 Village Report

Cllr Reynolds read out the Village Report. He informed the council the sad news that Andy Wiseman had passed away. He advised that the ‘Christmas Lights Switch-On’ was well under way with Kinver Rotary Club Santa Sleigh being booked for the event. He had arranged the overflow carpark and Malcolm Grant to be Father Christmas, there is to be a Grotto with Toys being donated by resident Tony Oakes. Cllr Reynolds also reported that Enville Christmas Market was to be held on December 9 with approximately twenty stalls had been booked and monies raised was for Cancer Research. The Village Report is attached.

54/23 Road and Safety

1. Church Bank was discussed. Mrs Williams had spoken to Cllr Poole with regards to Church Bank. The person who owns the land was deemed responsible for the overgrown vegetation and this was being addressed. It was suggested that the leaves could be put into a builders bag to save hiring a skip and Cllr Spruce will check with with Bob Taylor and advise accordingly. Evenfield had supplied a quote for clearing Church Bank which had included skip hire aswell. Clerk to email Evenfield when more information was known about the bags.
2. Cllr Poole confirmed he had spoken with Evenfield Ltd and confirmed that Richard Hobbs does wish to continue with the contract with the Parish Council.
3. Cllr Reynolds reported that he had met with Morelock Signs. It was discussed that the current VAS sign, although does not have the ability to store data was doing its job. A new camera is approximately £2,700, with a second-hand one being £1200.

55/23 Wolverhampton Airport

It was reported that Brian Rawlings the Aviation Manager had resigned, it had been bought by a local man who was carrying out improvements to the site this year.

56/23 Planning Applications –

All emails forwarded.

57/23 SPCA

All emails forwarded

58/23 Correspondence

Barclays Bank letter was discussed from the Business Banking Team. Clerk to contact and to change address on the account.

59/22 Precept - The Clerk had emailed last years’ precept and this was discussed by the Cllrs. It was further discussed that the Clerks salary be raised in line with inflation and this would now be £2310 per annum less tax. It was agreed the Precept proposed at £7,780.

Proposed by Cllr Poole and seconded by Cllr Reynolds.

Clerk to contact by Chris Lander at South Staffs Council to inform of the precept amount by letter.

60/23 Accounts for Payment –

1. The Pigeon. Donation………….……………………………….£500.00
2. Enville Village Trust, Donation……………………………….£450.00
3. Kinver / Enville Community Bus. Donation..………….….£300.00
4. Enville Senior Citizens. Donation………………………….…£400.00
5. Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths…………………………£48.00
6. Enville Pavilion Room Hire…………………………………….£140.00

Cheques had been duly written prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Ollerhead and seconded by Cllr Poole.

60/23 Any Other Business

1. The question was raised as to how many Enville people use the Kinver and Enville Community Bus. Clerk to contact Julie Rogers.

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