Minutes of the General Meeting

of Enville Parish Council held in

The Pavilion, Enville on

Monday, January 8th, 2024, 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Poole, Adams, Thorne, Reynolds, Ollerhead, Jones, Launder

Also present: District Cllr Dufty and District Cllr Spruce.

Members of the Public attending: Caroline Gloss, Kerry Lawson, Claire Rivers-Boyden

Apologies: County Cllr Wilson, John Redwood.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting having been circulated were taken as read. District Cllr Spruce noted a change to 52/23 that the report and presentation regarding Highways was part of the County Cllr report and not District Cllr report. With this change noted Cllr Ollerhead accepted that they be a true record and this was seconded by Cllr Thorne. All being in favour the Chairman signed the minutes.

01/24 Matters Arising

Nothing to report.

02/24 Police Report

The Clerk had received the Police report and forwarded it to the Cllrs. Cllr Ollerhead also reported of an attempted theft of a vehicle from The Cat Car Park in December.

03/24 County Cllr Report

Cty Cllr Wilson had sent her apologies.

04/24 District Cllr Report

District Cllr Dufty read out the report and congratulated on the Christmas light-up event and the Enville Christmas Market Event. She reported of the Parish Summit to be held on February 1, 9am – 12 noon and that it was a very useful event to attend. She will be attending herself and the general format is of a speaker, support within the community and 2 workshops (out of 4 ) to attend. Also, she reported of a Health and Wellbeing Event. Further details to be given at a later date. District Surgeries in Enville are Saturday, June 15, 10am-12 noon and Saturday, December 21, 10am-12 noon to be held at Archies Attic. She reported that the last one had gone really well in Enville. Clerk asked if they had got a poster then it could be displayed on the notice board. Also the Surgeries could be advertised in The Pigeon.

05/24 Village Report

Cllr Reynolds read out the Village Report. He read out a list of Thank you letters for the Clerk to send and that the Event was very successful although the numbers were down from last year probably due to the weather . Cllr Reynolds and Poole had helped the Kinver Rotary on December 20 around Enville. Also the Christmas Market was held in December, with thanks going to Kerry and Claire, and it had been very successful. 32 traders and over 1000 tickets sold with many traders being keen to book for next year. Accounts to be published and they had secured a £1000 grant with the help of County Cllr Wilson to be distributed between local charities. Also Cllr Reynolds reported of The Pigeon retiring after 23 years and hopefully someone will come forward.

A community event for a Litter Pick is to be held early March and to end up at Archies Attic the same as last year.

06/24 Road and Safety

1. Church Bank It was reported that Evenfield had started the work on Church Bank and Cllr Reynolds and Poole had taken the Builders bags to Evenfield to use for the waste. District Cllr Spruce to contact Bob Taylor that approximately 20 bags and the location of Church Bank would need to be collected as agreed. Cllr Ollerhead also reported that he was having a meeting with residents from the Old Vicarage tomorrow at 12 noon to look at the dropped kerb and that it’s the possibility the footpath being the problem and not the road. Cllr Ollerhead to contact the Clerk if he needs anything following up.
2. Cllr Poole reported that he was taking the Remembrance Soldiers down tomorrow.
3. Cllr Poole reported that the sign by the War Memorial was on the floor and needed reporting. Clerk to email Diane Firkins at the Highways Department.
4. Flooding. Blundies Lane. Cllr Reynolds reported that he had gone to look at the flooding but it had then receded. There were 5 drains from number 37 to the farm brook and it was reported there was a blockage somewhere, however they were only cleaned every 3 years. The report had been circulated to say it had been done. In May 2020 a clean took place where they put a camera down and it was reported that there was root issues and no wonder it was getting blocked. Clerk to request a copy of the CCTV report of footage of the camera root problems also high pressure cutter.
5. Church Bank it was suggested that the maintenance of Church Bank to be cleared annually as opposed to every other to keep up the maintenance of the area. Clerk to contact Evenfield Ltd.
6. Leak on A458 Severn Trent . The report back from Severn Trent reported that the situation was now sorted, Cllr Poole offered to check the situation tomorrow as it had not been raining. Clerk to follow up.

07/24 Wolverhampton Airport

Nothing to report.

08/24 Planning Applications –

All emails forwarded.

09/24 SPCA

All emails forwarded

10/24 Correspondence

1. Letter from Autela Payroll Services had been received stating that quarterly payroll service was no longer available and it would need to be changed to monthly.

Propose Cllr Jones and seconded Cllr Ollerhead.

11/24 Accounts for Payment –

1. Wages Mrs D Baker………….………………………….…….£445.00
2. HMRC…………………………….……………………………….£105.00
3. Barry Reynolds…………………………………..………….…..£34.03
4. Autela Services ………………….…………………………..…£37.29

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

12/24 Any Other Business

1. Dog poo. The question was raised how often the dog poo bin was emptied in The Pavilion, Cllr Reynolds confirmed once a week. Cllr Thorne noted that dog poo bags were being left along Hall Drive and The Avenue and asked about the possibility another bin. District Cllr Spruce added that a fixed penalty can be issued if the culprit is known. Clerk to contact Nina at Enville Estate for the possibility of another bin.
2. Cope Cottage – It was reported that the hedge between the brow of the hill by the sixties bend does not get cut. It was explained that they do the verges but not the hedges as it is the responsibility of the landowner or tenant.
3. Caroline Gloss said if she had known of the District Cllr Surgeries she would have attended, so they will advertise it more this year.
4. Bell Ringer Volunteers required. Clerk asked for a poster for the Notice board.
5. Mobile Network Initiative which is called Connecting Shropshire to improve mobile network. District Cllr Spruce to follow up

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30pm.