

Minutes of a meeting of the Gaydon Parish Council held on 6th June 2023 at the Village Hall, Gaydon at 7.30pm

Present : Parish Councillors Adrian Claxton - Chair, John Davies – Vice chair, Mark Ashton, Maria Carr, Stuart Richardson, Karen Ward

Councillors Alan Scorer, Stratford District Council and Chris Mills, Warwickshire County Council

Angela Clarke (Parish Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies

None received

2. Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 11th May 2023

Minutes accepted as a fair record.

3. Declarations of interest

None made

4. Dispensations

None received

5. Matters arising –

The lock and chain had gone missing from the field gate on Warwick Road, Cllr Claxton has purchased and fitted a new one.

6. District Councillor and County Councillor Reports -Cllr Alan Scorer & Cllr C. Mills

Councillor Alan Scorer from Stratford District council introduced himself to the parish council and members of the public as this is the first meeting he has attended in the role of District councillor. Cllr Scorer reported that the full council had met, committees were being formed and training is underway. Prosperity funding is available for businesses to apply for.

Clerk has asked for the link for applications

County Councillor Chris Mills' monthly report is enclosed at Appendix A to these Minutes.

7. Updates

Cllr Ashton reported that Severn Trent had dug up the village green and reseeded it.

Cllr Ashton will complete a monthly inspection of the playground and share any concerns / updates with the parish council at the meetings whereby any maintenance needed can be followed up. Clerk to keep a record of the monthly inspections.

Cllr Ward reported she has a meeting with Ian Helps regarding the neighbourhood plan on Wednesday 14th June. Clerk to share current version of the neighbourhood plan with Cllr Ward before this meeting.

8. Finance

Following consideration of the Finance Report it was **RESOLVED** that the following payments are approved:

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Gross £</u>	<u>VAT £</u>	<u>Net £</u>
June_23_1	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£16.26	0.77	£15.49
June_23_2	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£69.24	£8.06	£161.18
June_23_3	Clerk’s salary – A. Clarke	£357.68	£0.00	£357.68
June_23_4	New chain and padlock for field gate, Warwick road, Cllr Claxton expense	£64.38	£10.74	£53.64
June_23_5	Benchmark Grounds maintenance	£633.25	£105.54	£527.71
June_23_6	SDC Emptying of dog and or litter bins annual payment	£159.60	£26.60	£133.00
	<u>Totals</u>			
	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£1440.41</u>	<u>£151.71</u>	<u>£1248.70</u>
	<u>Income</u>			
	Precept	£7042.50	£0	£7042.50

9. Audit for 2022-2023

Agar part 3 = for councils with transactions greater than £25,000 approved. Cllr Claxton signed. Noticeboard to be updated with notice of public rights.

10. Open Forum

A local resident reported he had looked at the pond slab which had slipped but as not impeding anything and would be monitored for any change.

Benches by the flats along Church road need maintenance. Cllr Claxton to seek funding via the County council grant fund.

11. Code of Conduct

Council agreed to continue to use the Trafford District council model code which was originally adopted by SDC in May 2018 and was promoted for use by parish councils at the time. Clerk to update the code of conduct with amends to the format, footer and front page then to circulate.

12. Standing orders to review

Suggested addition of a maximum meeting time of 2 hours with a 30 minute extension to be allowed, following mutual Councillor agreement, within the council meeting.

Decision deferred until next meeting to allow all councillors to read the current Standing orders.

13. Planning applications

No planning applications to discuss.

14. Cemetery Works

Cllr Davies explained no business names or contractor names are to be used in the discussion, they are to remain confidential. 3 quotes had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting, agreed to use the format of company A, B and C. Cllr Davies advised he had used references for the companies via Checkatrade. None of the quotes include a price for kerbing Council decided to use Company A for the pathway and turning circle. In addition Company A are to be asked to quote for kerbing. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Parish council meeting is Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.23pm

APPENDIX A

County Councillor report Gaydon Parish Council Meeting 6th June 2023

The MMR (Measles, mumps and rebella) vaccine

The MMR vaccine is safe and effective combned vaccine. It protects against three serious illnesses: Measles, mumps and rubella (German Measles)

Getting vaccinated is very important, as these can lead to serious problems, including meningitis hearing loss and problems during pregnancy.

Are you and your loved ones protected? If you're not sure, contact your GP about getting catch up jabs.

More info: www.nhs.uk/MMR



Free school meals

Benefits-eligible parents and carers in the county to take advantage of the free school meals and enjoy the numerous benefits on offer.

If your family receives financial support your child may be eligible for free school meals. Eligible families can save around £400 per year

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4227/eligible-families-are-encouraged-to-unlock-the-benefits-of-free-school-meals>

Warwickshire's Food Strategy

Ensuring as many people as possible have access to good quality, healthy and affordable food is the central commitment of a new Warwickshire-wide Strategy. The increased pressure on households budgets and the rising cost of living coupled with the legacy of COVID-19 pandemic means that accessing affordable food and making health food choices is a challenge faced by many people living in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4225/healthy-and-affordable-food-central-to-warwickshire-s-food-strategy>

Vital support for parents and carers

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging parents and carers to consider that they may be entitled to additional support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4167/could-you-be-missing-out-on-vital-support-as-a-parent-carer->

Caring Together Warwickshire

For many young people who look after family members who couldn't otherwise cope without them, downtime is not an option.

Find out more about the Caring Together Warwickshire Service:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4219/supporting-young-people-through-caring-together-warwickshire>

Inclusive Careers Tour success

The first Inclusive Careers Tours organised by Warwickshire Supported Employment Service (WSES) proved a great success as dozens of young people and adults with learning disabilities and/or autism gained behind-the-scenes insights into employment. WSES, which was launched in February aims to help over 400 into paid and sustainable employment every year.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4222/inclusive-careers-tours-prove-an-immediate-success>



Warwickshire Working Together Charter launched

A new county-wide charter has been launched in Warwickshire, aimed at improving services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The Working Together Charter, which has been developed through collaboration between Warwickshire County Council, Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board.

“This is a significant step towards ensuring that every child and young person with SEND in Warwickshire receives the support they need to reach their full potential.”

For more information about the charter and its principles, please visit the SEND Local Offer Resources section: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send-resources/send-practitioner-parent-resources/2> and the [link](#) to the charter.

Bus travel to stay cheaper for longer in Warwickshire

It’s great news for residents as the government announce that adult single bus fares will continue to be capped at £2 until the end of October, making it cheaper for residents to travel by bus.

In addition to this extension to the popular scheme, the government also announced that, from November 2023, single adult fares would be capped at £2.50 for another 12 months. The scheme means that bus passengers in Warwickshire will only pay a maximum of £2 for a single bus journey, regardless of the distance travelled.

Companies signed up: Stagecoach, Arriva, National Express Coventry, National Express West Midlands, Pulham’s, A&M Group - Flexibus (Service 9 only), IndieGo PLUS Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)

Reminder

County Councillors Grant Fund

Round 1 of the Councillors' Grant Fund opened for applications on Tuesday 9th May the **deadline of Sunday 18 June at 5pm.**

Applications should be submitted using the online application form found on our webpage <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants>. For help with completing your application form, applicants are encouraged to speak to their local Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) Funding and Group Development Officers. Details can be found on their webpage www.wcava.org.uk

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