

**Minutes of a meeting of the Gaydon Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at the Village Hall, Gaydon at 7.30pm**

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

Councillor Chris Mills, Warwickshire County Council

Angela Clarke (Parish Clerk)

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies**

None received by the Clerk. Cllr Stuart Richardson sent apologies via a fellow councillor.

**2. Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Minutes accepted as a fair record.

**3. Declarations of interest**

None made.

**4. Dispensations**

None received.

**5. Matters arising**

**6. District Councillor and County Councillor Reports -Cllr Alan Scorer**

County Councillor Chris Mills' monthly report is enclosed at Appendix A to these Minutes. Stratford District Councillor Alan Scorer was not in attendance and no update provided.

**7. Updates**

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| (i) Community Spaces   | <b>Cllr Ashton</b>              |
| Playground inspection and Cllr Ashton booked on to a playground inspection course, both in September |                                 |
| (ii) Roads, Community Safety, Street lighting  | <b>Cllr Claxton</b>             |
| New wooden posts have been installed on the verge by the petrol station                              |                                 |
| (iii) Drains   | <b>Cllr Richardson</b>          |
| No update available  |                                 |
| (iv) Community Forum   | <b>Cllr Claxton/Cllr Davies</b> |
| An MOD sign will be renewed by Warwickshire County Council   |                                 |
| (v) Street furniture   | <b>Cllr Carr</b>                |
| Nothing to update the council with   |                                 |
| (vi) Neighbourhood Planning  | <b>Cllr Ward</b>                |
| Meeting planned with Tim and awaiting reply from AECOM   |                                 |
| (vii) Website  | <b>Cllr Richardson</b>          |
| No update available  |                                 |

**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>
July_23_6 ratify	Groundwork UK NPG-13130 underspend repayment ref Neighbourhood plan	£1440.00	£0.00	£1440.00
August_23_1	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£16.20	£0.77	£15.43
August_23_2	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£140.48	£6.69	£133.79
August_23_3	Clerk’s salary – A. Clarke	£363.66	£0.00	£363.66
August_23_4	Benchmark May 2023 grounds maintenance	£633.25	£105.54	£527.71
August_23_5	NALC – good councillor guides	£24.45	£0.00	£24.45
	<b><u>Totals</u></b>			
	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£2618.04</u></b>	<b><u>£113.00</u></b>	<b><u>£2505.01</u></b>
	<b><u>Income Total</u></b>	<b><u>£0.00</u></b>	<b><u>£0.00</u></b>	<b><u>£0.00</u></b>

**9. Open Forum**

A resident wanted clarification over where the tenuation pond is and who is responsible for the maintenance of the ditch. Cllr Mills advised this is the landowner.

With regard to planning applications, a resident commented that there are 3 minutes to speak at a planning committee and comments have been accepted after the closing date.

**10. Standing orders to review**

Council reviewed the standing orders and made amends where necessary. Clerk to update and recirculate before the next meeting with a view to being agreed and adopted.

**11. Planning applications**

**23/01161/FUL** Proposed: Full application for single and two storey office accommodation (class E) to replace existing temporary structures together with extension of car park. related facilities and involving new access ( previously

approved under 16/0250/FUL ). Change of use of land from agriculture and landscape buffer zone. Proposed retention of existing temporary offices and washroom facilities for further three years to facilitate implementation of new office accommodation. At: Cottage Farm, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwick CV35 0HG

No representation to be made by the council.

**12. Cemetery Works**

Company has already been decided. Cost of kerbstones was too much. Cllr Davies had shared pictures of previous work with fellow councillors prior to the meeting. The cost £6900 is for the footpath and turning circle made up of self compacting gravel which will be wheel chair friendly. Council agreed to go ahead with the works and the Clerk is to instruct the contractor. The cemetery will need to closed whilst the works take place.

**13. Community Woodland**

Cllr Mills was asked to find out who owns the land and then seek their agreement to a greenspace / community woodland being there. The land location is the triangle

**Next Parish council meeting is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**

The Meeting closed at 8.37pm

## APPENDIX A

### County Councillor report Gaydon Parish Council Meeting 1st August 2023

#### West Midlands Combined Authority

There has been talk of a West Midlands Combined Authority but it will not be going ahead this year. A key part of this process would include a public consultation across the West Midlands and Warwickshire, along with the compilation of evidence to underpin a decision. It has now become ever clearer that it is not possible to undertake the consultation as the timeline constraints were far too short.

#### Cost of Living

If you are struggling with money and need help now, we can help with:

Food, energy and water bills. Money advice Aspects of family life. Accessing emergency food. Mental health support

Find help here: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

#### Warwickshire set to take part in government programme to improve SEND services for children and young people

Warwickshire County Council is set to take part in a government programme to drive forward its commitment to improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Warwickshire is one of 55 local authorities participating in the Delivering Better Value (DBV) for SEND programme which has been created to identify the highest impact changes that can be made to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND, and to optimise the use of finances. Warwickshire County Council short listed for an award, nominated by National Association for SEND

#### The Warwickshire House Project

The Warwickshire House Project was set up in Warwickshire in 2018 and, since then, has worked with 49 care leavers. The team works very closely with young people who are moving out of care to help them identify the learning and support they need in order to move into their own homes and become independent and responsible adults.

The project offers continued support to care leavers in their own homes encouraging them to maintain and sustain their tenancies by developing a community of support around them. Assistance includes advice about education, employment and training. The young people are taught life skills such as learning to cook a variety of meals, managing budgets through financial training, and help around maintaining their home.

#### Safety Online

What are your kids doing online? With schools closed for summer, screentime can increase as a boredom buster. To help keep children safe online, know what they are looking at, talk to them about what they do online and block inappropriate content. [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cybersafety](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cybersafety)

#### Child Exploitation

Child exploitation does happen in Warwickshire - keep your child safe while schools are closed this summer. Make sure you know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing in your community and online.

Learn about the signs of exploitation and what to do if you are concerned about a child or young person at [www.somethingsnotright.co.uk/](http://www.somethingsnotright.co.uk/) or call 01926 414144 (9am-5pm, Monday-Friday).

### **Dear Life**

If you, or someone you know, is having thoughts of suicide or significant self-harm, help and support is available now. Visit [www.dearlife.org.uk](http://www.dearlife.org.uk) where you will find details for crisis support.

If there is immediate risk to life, call 999.

### **Loneliness**

Loneliness and social isolation affect around nine million people in the UK and contributes to a range of physical and mental health conditions. Walking, finding ways to communicate with others, befriending services and keeping a healthy daily routine can help.

For support, visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/loneliness](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/loneliness)

### **SEND and Young Carers – Back to School**

Is your child feeling anxious about starting school or moving into a new class this September? It can be a worrying time for you and your child, so it's a good idea to start preparing now for changes in routine and to think about how you can support them to settle in more easily. You'll find lots of ideas to support you and your child, whether they're starting primary or secondary school, preparing for their GCSE or A Level year, or moving to a new class at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/transitions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/transitions).

### **Holiday and Food scheme**

As we are rapidly approaching the school summer holidays, I wanted to provide a short update on a few elements of the Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) programme for awareness.

The HAF (Holiday and Food scheme) programme is for school aged children in full time education from reception to Year 11 (inclusive), who receive benefits related free school meals. The programme offers valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving young people the opportunity to access activities with a healthy meal provision over the main school holidays, especially for the upcoming summer holiday.

If families are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, a request for a HAF code can still be made available via the link at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf). Alternatively, a member of the HAF team can also be reached through the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 408 1558 if online access is not possible. Activity listings can be found on this link, but also at the directory available through <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/46/haf-summer-activities>.

If there are any questions on the HAF programme, then please get in contact via [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk) or through the FIS helpline on 0800 408 1558. Children aged 4-7 automatically get a free lunch, but applying for free school meals will unlock extra support, such as free activities and food during the school holidays. You can also find out more: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals)

### **Summer activities**

Summer Fun in Warwickshire! Looking for exciting activities to keep your kids entertained this summer? Warwickshire County Council has got you covered! Check out the Family Information Service (FIS) for a comprehensive guide to summer holiday activities and childcare options. Safety advice is also provided to ensure a healthy and enjoyable summer for all. Visit the website for more details: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis)

**Disabled bus passes get more flexible**

It's great news for holders of Warwickshire's disabled person's bus passes as they are set to become more flexible.

Find out what this means for pass holders:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4367/disabled-bus-passes-get-more-flexible-in-warwickshire>

**Park and Ride in Stratford**

From 22 July to 17 September, Stratford Park and Ride is providing a 7-day a week bus service and free all-day car parking for visitors. The car park is open daily and has more than 700 parking spaces available, including several EV charging points.

Visitors can find the car park along Bishopton Lane (CV37 0RJ) with easy access from the roundabout with the A46 and the A3400 Birmingham Road. Once onsite, there is a passenger terminal with seating, toilets available Monday to Saturday 7.30am to 12.30pm, and generous roof cover to protect visitors from the elements.

The bus fares also provide great value for visitors, with adult return bus tickets reduced to £2 and including up to two children travelling for free and return group bus tickets costing only £3.30 for up to five people. Dogs are also welcome on the buses provided they are well-behaved.

Chris Mills.  
Kineton and Red Horse

Up-date

The bollards have now been installed on B4100 adjacent to the Esso Garage