

Minutes of a meeting of the Gaydon Parish Council held on 3rd October 2023 at the Village Hall, Gaydon at 7.30pm

Present : Parish Councillors Adrian Claxton - Chair, Mark Ashton, John Davies

Councillor Chris Mills, Warwickshire County Council, Councillor Alan Scorer, Stratford District C

Angela Clarke (Parish Clerk)

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Maria Carr, Stuart Richardson and Karen Ward for personal reasons. It was resolved to accept their apologies.

2. Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 1st August 2023 and 5th September 2023

Both sets accepted as a fair record

3. Declarations of interest

None made.

4. Dispensations

None received.

5. Matters arising

- 6.** Jeff Hobday confirmed via email 6.09.23 that the give way lines when exiting Church Road onto Kineton road that the road markings are correct

7. District Councillor and County Councillor Reports -Cllr Alan Scorer and Cllr Chris Mills

See Appendix A for Cllr Chris Mills, Warwickshire County council report

See Appendix B for Cllr Alan Scorer, Stratford District Council report

8. Updates

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| (i) Community Spaces | Cllr Ashton |
| Currently sourcing quotes for zip wire repairs. Cllr Ashton has attended playground training and the the monthly reports ar to be kept on file for 21 years | |
| (ii) Roads, Community Safety, Street lighting | Cllr Claxton |
| No update to be given | |
| (iii) Drains | Cllr Richardson |
| No update received | |
| (iv) Community Forum | Cllr Claxton/Cllr Davies |
| Meeting not yet happened | |
| (v) Street furniture | Cllr Carr |
| No update received | |
| (vi) Neighbourhood Planning | Cllr Ward |
| No update received | |
| (vii) Website | Cllr Richardson |
| Councillor picture updates have been completed with the information provided | |

9. 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>
October_23_1	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£16.70	£0.80	£15.90
October_23_2	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£140.64	£6.70	£133.94
October_23_3	Clerk’s salary – A. Clarke	£363.66	£0.00	£363.66
October_23_4	Pave Pro Paving Cemetery works – previously approved now ratify following completion of works and receipt of invoice	£6900.00	£0.00	£6900.00
October_23_5	Benchmark August 2023 grounds maintenance, invoice 59746	£633.25	£105.54	£527.71
October_23_6A	WALC training fees invoice 432	£65.00	£13.00	£52.00
October_23_6B	Moore’s 2022-2023 external audit fee, ref 51916/979	£252.00	£42.00	£210.00
	<u>Totals Expenditure</u>	<u>£8371.25</u>	<u>£168.04</u>	<u>£8203.21</u>
	<u>Income Total</u> 21.09.23 Precept	<u>£7042.50</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£7042.50</u>

See APPENDIX C for September 2023 bank reconciliation.

10. Conclusion of Audit cost

2022-2023 audit has been completed and signed off by the external auditors. Cost to view to be set at £25

11. Budgeting for 2024-2025

Current spend to date shared before the meeting. Discussions to be continued at next meeting

12. Open Forum

A local resident advised the drains on the Banbury road were blocked so area vulnerable to flooding. Jeoff Hobday has already been contacted about this and this has been acknowledged but no work started so far.

Brambles across the pavement on a verge have already been reported by Cllr Claxton asking for them to be cut back to ground level. Definitely growing on highways land so it's a highways responsibility to maintain. This is on the corner of Church road and Banbury road.

Cllr Mills asked if the parish council would be taking on the maintenance of the layby which was previously cleared. The parish council advised this had not been discussed and there are no plans to maintain it as it's on highways land. The parish council had not been approached about this or requested to take on maintenance. Highways from Warwickshire county council to maintain this in the future.

13. Planning applications

23/02268/AMD Land Adjacent The Gables Banbury Road Gaydon,
Internal layout change - first floor study to a bedroom on both dwellings.
Non Material amendment.
No representation made

Next Parish council meeting is Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.16pm

APPENDIX A

County Councillor report Gaydon Parish Council Meeting 3rd October 2023

Suicide Prevention

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 where you will find details for crisis support.

Domestic abuse accommodation

Warwickshire County Council and domestic abuse service provider Refuge, have used Government funding to offer a new way to provide safe accommodation to anyone who may be affected by domestic abuse.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4473/warwickshire-county-council-commissions-domestic-abuse-accommodation-which-is-equitable-and-accessible-for-all>

Safe device charging

In the wake of a recent house fire believed to have been caused by a tablet charger, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service is urging residents to exercise caution when charging electronic devices.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4478/warwickshire-fire-rescue-service-issues-warning-about-charger-use-after-devastating-house-fire>

Business Fire Safety

Businesses across Warwickshire are being advised to prepare for upcoming changes in fire safety legislation set to take effect on the 1st of October 2023.

Find out what this means for your business:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4540/warwickshire-businesses-urged-to-make-fire-safety-a-priority-ahead-of-changes-to-legislation>

Supporting young people and their mental health

Everyone experiences ups and downs in their mental health. Learning how to protect your mental health and create positive mental health habits from an early age can help young people deal with stressful times.

Read more about the support available

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4433/supporting-young-people-and-their-mental-health>

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4477/taking-care-of-your-memory>

Reducing chances of developing dementia

There is currently no way we can completely prevent dementia, but research suggests there are some simple things we can do to reduce the risk of developing certain types of

dementia. For further information visit <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/reducing-your-risk/>

Caring for someone with dementia

If you or someone you know has dementia, there are services available to support you.

Support services can help you to navigate a dementia diagnosis, understanding what the next steps are and help you to manage the changes in your life.

Find out more at <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's

If you have a caring responsibility for one of the 8,000 people living with Alzheimer's in Warwickshire, support is available to you.

To find out more go to <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/carers>

RAAC in Warwickshire schools

Warwickshire County Council has produced an update about reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in the County's schools.

WCC maintained schools: of these, one school has been impacted - Outwoods Primary School in Atherstone. Warwickshire County Council invested £170k of its capital over the summer in mitigations and had agreed these with DfE.

Academy schools in the County: Myton and Aylesford Schools in Warwick have been affected. Other academies may be identified through ongoing DfE surveys, but we cannot advise on the progress of these as they are not overseen by WCC. Both academies have longer mitigation periods. We are offering all help and support to the schools, including potential temporary solutions.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4479/reinforced-autoclaved-aerated-concrete-raac-in-warwickshire-update>

Support for children and young people returning to school this September

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is offering guidance and support for parents and carers to help their children and young people return to school in September.

Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4422/support-for-children-and-young-people-returning-to-school-this-september>

School attendance issues

If your child is struggling to attend school because of a particular issue happening at school, the first thing is to talk to your child's school about it. You can also visit:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/>

Secondary school applications

Parents and carers of children starting in Year 6 this week are being asked to apply for their child’s secondary school place by the deadline of 31 October 2023.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4474/warwickshire-year-6-children-are-invited-to-apply-for-their-secondary-school-place>

Huge boost for electric vehicle charging in Warwickshire

It’s great news for residents as new government funding will allow charging points in the County.

The Council has been allocated £3.295m from Tranche 1 of the government’s Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund, which is made available to regions so that they can increase the number of EV charging points in their area.

Based on current estimates, this funding will allow for the delivery of 2000 charging sockets at both on-street and in car park locations. The Council has already begun its discussions with partners in the Districts and Boroughs to identify suitable sites

The Council is also carrying out a trial to allow home-charging on terraced streets using cable protectors, which forms a part of its commitment to providing a range of charging options that address the needs of anyone wanting to switch to an electric vehicle in Warwickshire.

Nominate a location for EV Charging

Can you help by getting involved and suggesting possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county?

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/request-new-electric-charging-point>

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to get involved and suggest possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county.

The Council is particularly interested in hearing about those areas where there is a high demand for electric vehicle charging, such as: Residential streets with no off-street parking. Public car parks. Rural locations

Reporting Potholes

A key priority for Warwickshire County Council is potholes - a significant problem for road users. WCC have a comprehensive plan which helps them to identify potholes, repair them and stop them from forming. To do this we use capital funding, including the recently announced additional pothole funding of c.£2.8m for Warwickshire.

We urge residents to report any potholes they see via WCC’s website. Other faults residents can report include street light problems; rights of way problems; faulty traffic lights; and roadwork problems. Residents can report a Highways fault here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem or by calling the Council's contact centre (01926 410410).

Stoptober

When you stop smoking good things start to happen! Join the thousands of smokers who are committing to quitting with #Stoptober.

Quitting smoking is much easier with the right support. See how we can help you quit for good. Get in touch today and start your quit journey this Stoptober.

Visit: <https://fitterfutures.everyonehealth.co.uk/stop-smoking-service/>

Call: 0333 005 0095 Text: ‘QUIT’ to 60777

COVID / flu

The #flu and #COVID19 vaccination programme has been brought forward to provide the best possible protection to those who need it most.

If you’re eligible for vaccination, make sure to come forward when invited.

More info: nhs.uk/seasonalvaccinations

Arranging COVID-19 vaccination transport

Transport to COVID-19 vaccination appointments has been arranged with the volunteer transport providers that cover Warwickshire, they are working to a standard operating process for this work. Currently this transport can be requested if residents have no other safe way of accessing vaccination sites.

This service is based on volunteer availability and limited funding arrangements. Booking process:

Residents in Warwick and Stratford areas contact: VASA 01789 262889 and press option 1, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm or email transport@vasa.org.uk

Chris Mills

County Councillor

APPENDIX B

District Councillor report Gaydon Parish Council 3rd October 2023

Council Tax Help

Council Tax Help and save money off your Council Tax bill For more information please contact Revenues on 01789 260990 revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Are you, or someone in your household, living with: a degenerative brain disorder such as Alzheimer’s, other kinds of dementia, a learning disability, a severe stroke, severe or chronic mental illness then you may be entitled to a Council Tax discount and are entitled to one of the following benefits:

Employment Support Allowance. Severe Disablement Allowance. Increased Disability Pension. Personal Independence Payments (PIP). Income Support that includes a disability premium. the care component of high or middle rate Disability Living Allowance. Constant Attendance Allowance. Incapacity Benefit, then you may be entitled to a Council Tax discount and save money off your Council Tax bill. For more information please contact Revenues on 01789 260990 revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Save Time, two new services for all residents

You can now claim Housing Benefit online. Go to www.stratford.gov.uk If you want to make a payment for Council Tax or Business Rates use our dedicated payment line 0345 600 6956

Ubus

To register or for more information please 01789 264491 UBUS@stratford-dc.gov.uk If you live in an area with limited public transport or you struggle to use public transport because of mobility or health issues then UBUS could be for you. UBUS is a dial-a-ride service for people of all ages in the Stratford-on-Avon District, operating between 9:30am and 7:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Play area

If you are looking to modernise your play area or build a new one, we can help. SDC has experience of supporting parish and town councils in developing better and inclusive play spaces. If you wish to consult your residents about this subject, please email simon.purfield@stratford-dc.gov.uk or melanie.jeffery@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Concessionary parking permit re-introduced.

The re-introduction of the concessionary parking permit in Stratford-upon-Avon for residents of state pension age was formally agreed by the District Council’s Cabinet in September. District residents who are of state pension age will be able to use the permits from 1 October 2023. They will cost £50 a year. The use of the concessionary parking permit will be limited to a maximum of four hours a day and will allow permit holders parking at Bridgeway Multi-Storey and Bridgeway Surface Car Parks only.

Rubbish and Recycling

One year on - rubbish and recycling collection changes a success Changes to Stratford-on-Avon District Council's rubbish and recycling collections introduced a year ago have been a success, with figures showing a reduction in the amount of rubbish being disposed of and residents recycling more than two-thirds of all household waste collected in the District. In the first year of operation, figures show that 68% of the District's rubbish has been recycled and 26% less residual waste was collected. During the period August 2022 to July 2023, 16,226 tonnes of residual waste was collected, which is 5,635 tonnes less than the same period the previous year. The introduction of a separate weekly food waste collection service has seen 4,888 tonnes collected between August 2022 and July 2023. The new 123+ waste collection service was introduced on 1 August 2022 to boost recycling rates and reduce the amount of general waste.

Chris Mills

District Councillor

APPENDIX C

Bank Reconciliation - 30th September 2023

		£	£	£
Unity Trust Current account				
Opening Balance 31st August 2023				29685.56
Less payments				
Yu Energy	Street Lighting Supply	140.64		
Yu Energy	Street Lighting Supply	16.70		
A. Clarke	Clerk's salary	357.68		
Benchmark	Grasscutting	633.25		
Bank charges	Bank charges	18.00		
ICO	GDPR cover	35.00		
Total outgoings		1201.27		1201.27
Add income received				
	Precept 2nd payment	7042.50		7042.50
	rec'd 21.09.23	0.00		0.00
Cashbook at 30th September				35526.79
Less payments outstanding		0.00		
Closing Balance at 30th September		0.00	0.00	35526.79