

MINUTES: HORNINGLOW AND ETON ANNUAL CONFERENCE
VENUE: CARVER ROAD SCOUT HUT HEADQUARTERS
DATE; TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019

Present: Cllr S Burston, Chair
Mrs K Lear, Clerk
15 members of the public were present

- 1 **WELCOME** – The chair welcomed everyone to the annual parish assembly and presented her Annual Report which included the Financial Report 2018-19.

2018/19 has for the main been a successful year. I have only been Chair for the last 7 months. We have lost some great councillors but have been able to replace them with new eager councillors who joined the council last week.

We have also started to build a community spirit and work with partners such as Staffordshire County Council and East Staffs Borough council.

We have held many Litter picks and tidy up days within our Parish over the last 12 months. Cllr. Khan and Cllr. Langford are a driving force in the Parishes litter picks and we have also been able to work with groups like McDonald's, The New Testament Church and Burton Belles in an effort to clean up our parish. We have also continued with our lengthsman activities cutting back hedge overgrowth, removing weeds, removal of dead/overcrowding of trees etc.

As a Parish Council we also introduced a new Welcome sign on the Tutbury road, removed old posts and barriers which were no longer required in a bid to make the area look tidier.

We have also introduced new/replacement bins in Derby Road, Harper Avenue, Bank Walk, Rowton Street, Horninglow Road and Balfour Street. A thank you goes out to Borough Cllr Andjelkovic who contributed a grant from her Borough Councillor fund of £900.00 towards a litter bin and also some litter pickers. We now have a few residence volunteers who do regular litter picks to assist us in keeping the parish looking tidy.

New trees have also been planted by the parish council, as some old trees unfortunately had had to be removed to prevent damage of pavements and roads.

Working with Staffordshire county council we have relocated a bus stop so that all abilities could easily access the local bus stop, Fostern Avenue.

The parish council has also continued to maintain Bank Walk conservation area so that local residents can enjoy the wildlife and of course keep the path free for the local children to walk safety to and from school.

The parish council have also Introduced a memorial bench on Horninglow Green and relocated the old bench to the corner of Horninglow and Shakespeare Road. Both have been well received by residents in the area. A thank you goes out to Borough

Cllr Florence Jukes for contributing a grant of £500.00 from her Borough Councillor Fund towards the memorial bench.

Horninglow and Eton Parish Council have also been working in partnership with Staffordshire County Council in regards to drainage improvements in the Parish, this has been done by mail shots the day prior asking residents to ensure they have kept the drains free of vehicles and actual door knocking on the day for those residents who have still parked over the drains.

As a Parish Council we have also been trying to make improvements to off street parking as we all know this is a big issue in our Parish, this has and is being done by working with ESBC, SCC.

Proposals for traffic improvements are currently with Amey in regards to Eton after a consultation with local residents of the area.

With support from SCC, a one-way system in Mona Road to improve traffic flow and safety has also been introduced. This benefits residents of both Horninglow and Eton as many Scientia Academy students live in Eton.

An amendment to the HEPC Neighbourhood Plan parking policy to ensure that any changes of use and property extensions have sufficient parking has also been submitted for examination following consultation and amendment by the parish council.

Public safety has also been on our list of things to do this year. Some Grit bins have been introduced for local residents. A SID Machine has been brought by the Parish council recently to start targeting fast roads. We have also introduced bollards on the junction of Hunter Street/Horninglow Road to ensure that road visibility is maintained for pedestrian safety.

And from S106 monies Osbourn Court Pelican crossing has been enhanced.

As I mentioned earlier, HEPC believe in working with the people in our community to make the parish a better place. The Parish Council has Monthly drop in sessions at Carver Road Scout Hut, where residents can raise any concerns. Residents can also contact the parish council via telephone or email.

We are continually working with our 5 Allotment sites to ensure they are able to keep self sufficient

And have assisted them with grant applications to maximise their income.

We have continued to supported groups within the community such as Men's in Sheds based at St Luke's Park and The Lunch Club which is held monthly at Carver Road Scout Hut and the Dementia Community Group.

We also held another successful community Funday where we have free activities for the children and charity and community Stalls.

As a Parish we have tried to attend as many community events in the area as possible.

Finally I would like to thank the Clerk for all the hard work she has undertaken on a daily basis to ensure the smooth running of Horninglow and Eton Parish Council in the last year.

I truly believe we have made a positive impact with the parish over the past year. It has been a privilege to be chair for the latter 7 months of last year, and I am excited with the team we have in place and look forward to being your Chair for the next 12 months.

Parish Councils have limited powers to make and implement decisions which can be frustrating at times but we do have the ability to negotiate and work with those that do make the final decisions. That's the key working together and respecting each others views.

I hope we can continue to build on what we have achieved in the Last and previous years.

2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 1ST MAY 2018** – The minutes were approved as an accurate record. The chair signed them accordingly

3 **RED LION COMMUNITY CENTRE** – Mrs Florence-Jukes gave an overview on the project. The Red Lion House will be converted and extended for anyone of use. It is going to require a lot of funding.

A big lottery grant has been secured. In the next few weeks, the contractors will be in again. The accommodation on the ground level works will be commencing, to be completed by December 2019. A lot of people from the community have registered an interest. There is an upstairs area, 2 offices, storage and a very small area. Coffee mornings are being hosted on the last Saturday every month to catch up on progress, all proceeds go to the funds.

4 **BURTON BELLES FROM THE WI** – We have been at St Chads for sometime now. We have increased our membership. We have donated items to assist with the St Chads funds. Our fund raising this year is YMCA and Mind, Burton. We also do a monthly food collection for YMCA. A lot of our members have moved to the area. We have a range of activities. We have a book club, theatre, and we have a monthly craft club at the fire station.

5 **AMBERWOOD** – we have started a new garden project. The support from the parish council and residents was noted.

6 **RESIDENTS** – No questions were raised.

A resident raised concern in relation to nothing been actioned in the Eton Ward.

CLLR SARAH BURSTON
CHAIR – HORNINGLOW AND ETON PARISH COUNCIL

