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In attendance: Cllrs Beales, Brown, Butterworth, Coulson, Fox, Gibson, Hodgkins, Lee, Love, Roberts, Sedgley, Sheard, Swan, Swetman, Tompson and Wellard

Also in attendance: Cllr Northcott, SCC; PCSO Colin Hodgkinson, Staffordshire Police

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence

   Apologies were received from Cllrs Barber, Henshaw and Swinnerton

2. To note declarations of Members' interests

   There were no declarations of Members' interests.

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023

   Resolved: To sign the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

4. Public Question Time
   A period of 15 minutes for Members of the Public to ask questions or submit comments

   Multiple residents raised questions concerning Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's policy on waste collections. It was stated that current policy is that collections will no longer take place along either un-adopted or privately-owned roads; but it is unclear whether this policy applies to specific areas, or if it is Borough-wide.

5. To note, consider and approve payments to the value of £3,854.67 as shown in the attached report

   The Clerk reported on an invoice which had been received from Pozitive Energy in the amount of £43.39. This makes the amended total of payments for the month of April £3,898.06.

   Resolved: To approve the spend of £3,898.06.

6. To receive updates from Chairs of Committees: -

   a. Finance and General Purposes Committee
      Chair: Cllr M. Lee Vice Chair: Cllr D. Coulson

      i. To consider the following grant applications: -

- Bridge At Ashley - £760.00

Resolved: To award a grant of £300.00 to Bridge At Ashley to cover the cost of card tables.

b. Planning and Environment Committee
Chair: Cllr D. Coulson Vice Chair: Cllr H. Roberts

i. To consider planning applications not having been considered by the Planning and Environment Committee

Application No: 23/00237/ADV
Proposal: Erection of totem pole with signage
Location: Zoom Fishbar 15 Eccleshall Road Loggerheads

Resolved: To object to the abovementioned application on the grounds that it sets a precedent for roadside advertisements, it is not in-keeping with the local area and could pose an increasing distraction.

Application No: 23/00222/COUNOT
Proposal: Change of use from restaurant to 1no. dwellinghouse
Location: Spice Lounge Church Road Ashley

Resolved: To make no objection, but to submit comment that it is appears to be disproportionate for a single dwelling.

Application No: 23/00234/FUL
Proposal: Conversion of existing barn into 3 no dwellings, one for residential dwelling use, two for holiday let use. The proposals involve the careful modification and restoration of a building in the curtilage of a listed building, Manor House Farm.
Location: Manor House Farm Park Lane Ashley

Resolved: To make no objection nor submit any comment.

ii. To note the following applications having been approved by NuLBC

Application No: 23/00083/REM
Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the development of 3No dwellings, pursuant to planning permission Approval of Reserved Matters (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the development of 3No dwellings, pursuant to planning permission 21/00770/OUT
Location: Land Adjacent To 14 Tadgedale Avenue Loggerheads
Decision: **Permitted**

Noted

iii. To consider purchasing Mole Repellers for use in The Burntwood

Resolved: To purchase a minimum of two packs of Solar Powered Mole Repellers for use in The Burntwood

iv. To receive an update in relation to the delivery of grounds maintenance operations

Following a recruitment process, the Parish Council now directly employs a Grounds Maintenance Officer on a part time basis. Client accounts have been established with relevant suppliers to obtain protective equipment; brand new machinery has been purchased; and, more consideration will be given to the formulation of a proper maintenance plan taking in other areas where the Parish Council might be able to make more of a difference than the current grounds maintenance arrangements do. The next purchase will be for a vehicle, and the search is ongoing with support from a local mechanic.

c. Personnel Committee
Chair: Cllr A. Swetman Vice Chair: Cllr D. Swan

NONE

10. To consider the following Member items: - **NONE**

11. To receive reports from Staffordshire County Council, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Police

a. Staffordshire County Council

Due to District Elections the County Council has entered into a period of purdah.

A special meeting of the Council was convened to appoint a new Chief Executive, Pat Flaherty, who is believed to be a very knowledge and innovative individual who is committed to seeking that the Council is delivering in a modern society.

Repairs to highways and footpaths continue. Repairs to the existing footpath network have become somewhat tentative due to pending works by BT, and in other areas the Council is restricted to contractual and sub-contractual commercial arrangements. The good news is that new signage has been introduced at Church Lane, Mucklestone advising that access is unsuitable for HGVs in response to concerns and complaints which have been received from residents; and has been funded from a dedicated budget.

b. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

There is a new Housing Assistance Policy helping those whom are elderly or living with disability to adapt their homes, and thereby enabling people to remain in their own homes longer. It is important to note that such improvements are purely practical in nature, and not just aesthetic or cosmetic.

The Borough is working on commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III as part of the 850th Anniversary celebrations by the ancient and loyal Borough of Newcastle-under- Lyme.

Five new street sweepers are now in place at the Borough – increasing productivity, and minimising stopping times and will be powered by hydrogenated vegetable oil.

Whitmore Village Hall hosted a Dementia Pathway Event. The event was very well attended and provided vital access to support, advice, guidance and signposting for those living with dementia as well as family and friends.

Cllrs took part in an online meeting involving CPRE – The Countryside Charity to discuss the planning application for Mucklestone Wood Lane. A more detailed report will be provided as soon as is practicable.

c. Staffordshire Police

- 1 reported of Antisocial Behaviour
- 3 RTCs, but thankfully no injuries
- 6 Burglaries over the last two weeks
- Reports of a group pretending to provide a drain cleaning service at residential homes
- Reports of a suspicious male thought to be dealing controlled substances
- Up to 7 Officer are now positioned at Madeley, with the intention of making for a much more responsive local service

12. To receive updates from Members having attended external meetings

Following a report from Cllr Coulson that he will be stepping down as the Coordinator of the local Speed Watch Group, expressions of gratitude were given to Cllr Coulson for his years of service to the local community in that respect.

13. To identify additional training needs within the Council

Cllr Roberts is due to participate in an upcoming training session on planning.

14. To note the dates of **Loggerheads Parish Council** meetings for May 2023: -

Annual Parish Council Meeting	7pm, Monday 15th May 2023 at Loggerheads Community Fire Station

Noted

Chair: Cllr A. Swetman
Clerk: B. Minshall

Close of Meeting: 20:16pm

Signed…….