

**Minutes of a meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston
Parish Council held in Wheaton Aston Village Hall on
Thursday 7th January 2010 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Mrs. B. Cox in the chair Mrs. E. Morgan-Williams
Mr. N. Barnsley Mr. T. Noblett
Mr. P. Elson Mr. P. Timson
Mr. M. Fox Mrs. D. Wildman
Mrs. S. Gould Cllr. R. Wright
Mr. A. Monckton PC A. Smith

Clerk: Mrs. D. Bate

Apologies: None

189 Public Participation

4 members of the public attended.
There were no issues raised.

190 Declarations of interest

None

191 Apologies

There were no apologies.

192 To approve the minutes of 3rd December 2009

The minutes were approved and the Chairman given permission to sign them at the end of the meeting.

193 To receive report from Clerk

The Clerk gave the following report:

Ref	Wheaton Aston Youth Club
171	The Clerk has received a copy of the accounts and these will be presented at the February meeting along with the invoice from Staffordshire Youth Services.
175	Clerk's Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadholes Lane Trees The clerk had chased South Staffordshire Council for a start date to cut the trees back at Broadholes Lane play area and was informed that work would take place in December. • Christmas Lights The de-brief meeting went well and ideas for improvement were raised and will be considered by the Parish Council Christmas Lights Working Group at its next meeting.

• **BT Internet Payment**

Due to the clerk working alone on part-time hours, it is easy to miss the deadline for payment for BT's Internet Services. (Only 13 days are given from invoice date and invoices can take over a week to arrive.) The Clerk would like to suggest that the council agrees to pay by direct debit as they do the telephone bill to avoid paying the £10 late payment fee.

• **Deadline for items for the February meeting**

20th January 2010

• **Village Orderly**

Mr. Malcolm Bissell has been appointed as the Village Orderly and began work on 1st January 2010.

- **Work priorities for January**

- Carry out actions from this meeting
- Run 2008/9 year end on Edge accounts system
- Enter 2009/10 accounts so far onto Edge accounts system
- VAT Return
- Birchenstraw Lane

The suggestion of a Grit bin in the village square was discussed but it was felt that the legal implications were too high.

194 To receive police report

PC Andy Smith gave the following report:

Crimes In The Areas of Wheaton Aston, Lapley & Stretton From 1st December 2009 To 4th January 2010.

1. BURGLARY DWELLINGS. 1 Reported (W/A).
2. BURGLARY OTHER. 1 Reported (W/A).
3. ATTEMPT BURGLARY. 1 Reported (W/A).
4. THEFT FROM VEHICLE. None Reported.
5. THEFT OF VEHICLE. None Reported.
6. DRUGS. None Reported
7. VIOLENCE. None Reported.
8. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. 2 Reported (W/A).
9. CRIMINAL DAMAGE. None Reported.

Other Items Of Attention.

1. PCSO PRICE was unable as he was on rest days.
2. The burglary dwelling was on 13th December 2009 at Ashleigh Crescent Wheaton Aston and property was stolen from within. No offenders were seen or linked to this crime. Awaiting forensic results.
3. The burglary other was on 12th December 2009 at Lapley/Wheaton Aston Sports & Social club. Unknown offenders smashed open the front door and removed the safe with all the takings. Awaiting forensic results.
4. The attempt burglary was on 28th December 2009 at Pinfold Lane Wheaton Aston. A big thank you has to go to local residents Nick Priest and Jeff Ford who actually confronted the offenders whilst they were trying to break into the property and managed to get their vehicle registration before they made good their escape. As a result of them obtaining the registration, this has proved vital to our enquiries as we are able to trace the offenders. These offenders could also be potentially responsible for the other two burglaries in the village. CID are dealing with this incident.
5. Both Anti -Social calls were simply regarding a minority of youths throwing snowballs around the village, when we had the short spell of snow.
6. No reports came in for Lapley & Stretton – The above incidents were for Wheaton Aston only.
7. I am delighted to inform the council and local residents that the Christmas tree and lights had “ABSOLUTLEY NO DAMAGE” caused to them over the festive period compared to what happened last year!
8. I would also like to thank Roy Wright for allowing me to use the village hall when it has not been occupied to allow the youths to come in for a few hours and watch a DVD. On each occasion I have used the hall I have had up to 15-20 youths come in and all have enjoyed it thoroughly. This was set up to stop the youths from loitering

around the village, church / spar area and cause Anti-Social Behaviour or damage to the Christmas tree / lights.

9. Finally hope you all had a good Christmas and look forward to what lies ahead in 2010.

10. Recently a Wheaton Aston resident had left paper out for recycling and it was taken and dumped. PC Smith reminded residents to shred any paper containing personal details.

The Chairman thanked PC Smith on behalf of the council for his work in the village of Wheaton Aston.

195 To receive report from County Councillor

County Councillor Rex Roberts was unable to attend and there was no report.

196 To receive report from District Councillor

Councillor Roy Wright gave the following information from South Staffordshire Council.

- The new cemetery is now open at Wombourne.
- Increase in precept will be 3% or lower for the next 3 years. There will be no cuts in services and no redundancies.
- Need to replace the benefits department IT system as support for the existing system has been discontinued.
- Money saving options are being discussed. Cutting out the bulky items waste collection was an option to cut money but it has been decided not to remove the service.
- The V Festival is putting in for a new licence. (Last year they exceeded the permitted decibels.)
- Congestion was discussed and the impact on local businesses.
- Some councils pay and some don't for maintenance and grass cutting and so all councils will be asked to pay over the next 3 years. This parish council will need to factor in approx. £2.4k for it in 2011/12 precept.

197 To consider planning applications

There were no planning applications to consider and no decisions to report.

198 To receive financial statement to 30th November 2009

It was resolved to accept the financial statement to 30th November 2009.

199 To approve payment of accounts

The attached list of accounts and purchases was approved.

200 To consider a grant request from Wheaton Aston Crew

Following a discussion it was resolved to award a grant of £300 to the Wheaton Aston Crew and suggest that a fee is charged for entry.

201 To consider a report from WAPSWG

Mr. Noblett presented a report from the latest WAPSWG meeting.

Skatepark contractors have sent their invoice, there will be an additional 2.5% (£1k) to pay difference between the grant and the final amount. Also a sign is needed which will cost £575. The grant will be £1575.00 short in total.

BMX track (based on the one at Kinver) – Sanctuary Housing – produced a report and costs to the board on 20th January. (Jim Hakim)

Playbuilder application was one of 13. Mrs. Doyle and Mr. Noblett are going to meet the facilitator to discuss the suitability of equipment .

Broadholes Lane – Good communication with residents. Concerns are mainly access and vandalism to rear of bordering properties. Fencing is being costed out.

202 To consider the PC logo

The logo was approved.

203 To consider Staffordshire County Highways

The Clerk updated Councillors on the A5 motorcycle casualty reduction work.

No highways issues were raised.

The blocked drain at Lapley has been unblocked.

Overhanging hedge at Pinfold Lane is forcing vehicles into the road.

Continual water seepage at Wenlock Bank, just before the bridge it is now icing over. Clerk to report to Highways

School Road. Halfway down the hill towards Brook Farm. Clerk to ask Highways if the 30mph limit could end at the bridge.

School sign on corner of Pinfold Lane. Shouldn't be there. Is it left over from the last school. Clerk to ask Highways to remove it.

Clerk to chase overhanging hedge at Lapley that was reported last month.

204 To consider matters of parish maintenance

Moles on Marston Road and Primrose Bank. The Clerk was asked to obtain costs for individual treatments and annual contracts for the next meeting.

205 To receive reports from representatives to other meetings

The following reports were received:

South Staffordshire Council Planning meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

206 To receive correspondence

Members were asked to note the following correspondence:

Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council	News & Views
South Staffordshire Council	Parish Summit Summary
South Staffordshire Council	Village Design Guide
All Saints and St. Mary's PCC	Thank you letter
South Staffordshire Council	Carols leaflet
Staffordshire Highways	Update on A5 Motorcycle Casualty Reduction Project

207 Any other brief matters of report

District councillor will check live music licence for the premises of the village hall.

It was requested that Stretton Aquaduct be put on the February agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed..... Date: 4th February 2010

Payment of Accounts

Accounts paid during the month

Accounts for Payment	Description	£ including VAT
Cash	Top up of petty cash	240.48
Debra Bate	December Salary	647.75
Staffs County Pension	December Pension	149.35
Post Office Ltd	December PAYE	101.94
AFEB Ltd	November Maintenance	TBA
ESPO	Office supplies	93.04
Staples UK Limited	Office supplies	34.39
Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	Installation of lights	7240.98
South Staffordshire Council	Grounds Maintenance	407.61
Allianz	Additional insurance for Christmas lights	26.25
Kalkwik	Newsletter	185.00
Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopying charges	39.54
Green Skips Ltd	Skip for office clear out	109.25
St. John's Church Stretton	Cut and strim grass at Stretton churchyard April to November 2009	450.00
Audit Commission	Annual Audit	483.00
ESPO	Office supplies	49.07
BT	Internet Services	103.46