

**Minutes of a meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston  
Parish Council held in Wheaton Aston Village Hall on  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 8.30 pm.**

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. B. Cox	Wheaton Aston
	Mr. P. Elson	Wheaton Aston
	Mrs. S. Gould	Stretton
	Mr. T. Noblett	Wheaton Aston (Chairman)
	Mrs. J. Squire	Wheaton Aston
	Mr. T. Whittingham	Wheaton Aston
	Mrs. D. Wildman	Wheaton Aston
	Cllr. R. Wright	Lapley
	Ms. S. Whittingham	Wheaton Aston
	Mrs. J. Wright	Village Agent

**Parish Council Manager:** Mrs. D. Bate

<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr. M. Fox	Lapley
	Mr. B. Wells	Stretton

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and introduced members to the new Parish Councillor, Jacqui Squire.

### **175 Apologies**

The apologies were accepted.

### **176 Declarations of interest**

Mr. Elson, Cllr. Wright & Mr. Noblett declared a personal interest in the matter relating to Broadholes Lane play area as they are members of the Wheaton Aston Play Strategy Working Group.

### **177 To consider Broadholes Lane Play Area**

Whilst standing orders were not in place, the Chairman introduced Mr. Pat Davies of South Staffordshire Council who presented the proposed design for Broadholes Lane Play Area.

South Staffordshire Council have agreed to provide a new entrance gate and re-tarmacing of the entrance path.

A sign will be designed to inform visitors of hours of opening, key holder details, age restrictions etc...

The Chairman thanked Pat Davies for his work on the Broadholes Lane drawings and the Marston Rd Field drawings, which he worked on in 2010.

Mrs. Wright & Mr. Davies left the meeting.

### **178 Public Participation**

4 members of the public attended.

The issue of the loan to the Wheaton Aston Sports & Recreation Ground was raised by the Chairman and Treasurer of Wheaton Aston Sports & Recreation Ground. They were informed

last year that they would be allowed a grant of £10,000 from South Staffordshire Council Capital Loans and Grants and £8000 loan, guaranteed by the Parish Council.

The project was to replace the clubhouse roof and the estimated cost at the time of application was £32,000. The final actual cost was £39,000 as insulation was also provided and storm drains had to be created.

12 months before they applied for SSC funding, 20 other organisations were applied to for funding. Once the work to the roof was completed a response from one of those organisations (the FA) was received with an offer of a grant of £6000.

The club have used this money to carry out the additional work.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Chairman imposed standing orders and members discussed whether or not they could decide to sign the loan agreement. The Parish Council Manager was asked to refer to standing orders to see if it would be possible.

### 179 To consider planning matters including:

11/00585/FUL Rookery Farm Siting of 8K watt panel for electricity production

There were no objections.

The Parish Council Manager stated that there were no planning decisions to report.

Cllr. Wright reported that the owners of the Vaughan Arms, Lapley are considering withdrawing their application.

Cllr. Wright reported that an application had been received for a high quality camp of 150 units at Blymhill.

Mr. Elson asked whether a planning application has been submitted for 39 High Street, Wheaton Aston and whether Cllr. Wright had visited the property. Cllr. Wright confirmed that an application had been submitted and stated that he had not visited the property concerned.

### 180 To approve payments

The list of payments was approved as follows:

1059	002791	£2,469.00		31/07/11	Bloomin Gardens & Landscapes Ltd - July Grounds Maintenance	£2,469.00
1098	002792	£77.90	100/1	30/06/11	Wheaton Aston Village Hall Management Committee - Hall hire April to June 2011	£77.90
1099	002793	£24.72	100/1	08/07/11	Mrs Debra Bate - Jugs & glasses for meetings & candles etc.. For Community Evening	
1100	002793	£175.62	100/1	08/07/11	Mrs Debra Bate - Wine & soft drinks for Community Evening	
1101	002793	£34.09	100/1	08/07/11	Mrs Debra Bate - Table decoration for Community Evening	
1102	002793	£12.60	100/1	08/07/11	Mrs Debra Bate - Certificate frame for Community Award	
1105	002793	£58.95	130/2	11/07/11	Mrs Debra Bate - BKV Poster prizes	£305.98
1104	002794PC	£30.32	100/1	12/07/11	Post Office Limited - Stamps	£30.32
1096	002794PC	£5.40	100/1	11/07/11	Mr. Malcolm Bissell - Expenses June 2011	

1097	002794PC	£3.60	100/1	11/07/11	Mr. Malcolm Bissell - Expenses July 2011	£9.00
1109	002794PC	£14.10	100/1	21/07/11	The Micounties Co-Operative - Air freshener, coffee, milk & biscuits for meetings	£14.10
1095	002794PC	£50.00	100/1	08/07/11	Serenade - Entertainment for Community Evening	£50.00
1106	002795	£56.70	100/1	12/07/11	Mrs Debra Bate - Mileage 7th July - 12th July	£56.70
1107	002796	£234.00	100/1	13/07/11	Edge Designs Ltd - Annual Advantedge Online Contract	£234.00
1103	002797	£1,014.00		22/06/11	Bloomin Gardens & Landscapes Ltd - Cut down and remove 2 larch trees, grind out stumps and repair tarmac as required.	£1,014.00
1108	002798	£402.30	100/1	21/07/11	Pear Tree Farm Caterers - Buffet for 45 covers @ £7.45 per head	£402.30
<b>Total</b>		£4,663.30				

It was resolved to delay payment of item 1103 until the contractor had been contacted about the quality of the tarmac on the car park and the arisings that had been left on the beds.

It was resolved that the Parish Maintenance Working Group should consider amending next year's contract to allow for 5% of any invoice value to be held back if the council are not satisfied with the work.

It was resolved that all councillors should be given a copy of the maintenance contractors' schedule so that they know what work should be carried out.

### **180 South Staffordshire Council Capital Grant & Loan Scheme**

The Parish Council Manager confirmed that standing orders state that any motion must be an agenda item unless it appears on the list of items not requiring written notice. The item bearing the closest resemblance of signing a loan agreement was the "payment of monies up to £3000". As the loan agreement was for £8000 the Parish Council Manager advised that the matter should be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

The Chairman suspended standing orders so that members of the public could speak.

Following a heated discussion, Mr. Noblett, Cllr. Wright & Mrs. Whittingham were advised, by the Parish Council Manager, that they may wish to consider leaving the room as, being trustees of the Sports and Recreation Ground, they may have a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter.

The Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Cox chaired the meeting whilst Mr. Noblett was out of the room.

A lengthy discussion took place and the Vice-Chairman then imposed standing orders.

It was resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August in order to discuss the signing of the loan agreement.

Cllr. Wright, Mr. Noblett and Ms. Whittingham were invited back to the meeting.

Cllr. Wright informed members that Mr. Noblett had left the meeting.  
Cllr. Wright informed members that he was leaving the meeting.

Ms. Whittingham rejoined the meeting.

**181 Any other brief matters of report**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

Signed..... Date: 1st September 2011

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