

**Minutes of a meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston
Parish Council held in Wheaton Aston Village Hall on
Wednesday 12th October 2011 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Mrs. B. Cox	Wheaton Aston (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. T. Noblett	Wheaton Aston (Chairman)
Mrs. J. Squire	Wheaton Aston
Mr. B. Wells	Stretton
Mr. T. Whittingham	Wheaton Aston
Mrs. D. Wildman	Wheaton Aston
Ms. S. Whittingham	Wheaton Aston
Mrs. S. Gould	Stretton

Parish Council Manager: Mrs. D. Bate

Apologies: Mr. P. Elson	Wheaton Aston
Mr. M. Fox	Lapley
Cllr. R. Wright	Lapley
PCSO A. Price	Staffordshire Police
PC A. Smith	Staffordshire Police
Mrs. J. Wright	Village Agent

235 Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and imposed standing orders.

236 Apologies

The apologies were accepted.

237 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

238 To consider the Housing Needs Survey & accompanying letter

A number of amendments were agreed to the Housing Needs Survey and the Parish Council Manager was asked to send them to SSHA.

The accompanying letter was drafted as follows:



Dear Householder,

A number of developers have shown an interest in building homes in our parish. The Parish Council wants to find out what the housing needs are of all residents so that it can try to ensure that any new houses built are both needed and wanted by local people.

The survey hopes to find out what privately owned homes are needed and if there is a need for any additional affordable housing in the parish. Affordable housing is homes that can be rented or part bought (shared ownership) from a Housing Association. The reason for providing new affordable housing would be to help local people who would like to remain in or return to the parish.

This survey is being carried out in conjunction with South Staffordshire Housing Association and South Staffordshire Council. The survey will be analysed independently and all information given will be confidential. A summary report will be given to the Parish Council and made available to the public.

Depending on the outcome of this survey, South Staffordshire Housing Association, South Staffordshire Council and the Parish Council may try to identify a suitable site within the parish of Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston.

Should this happen, the Parish Council will discuss all matters with local people at every step of the way.

It is vital that your views on housing in the parish are taken into account so please complete and return this survey.

Even if no one in your household has a housing need, we want to know your views.

Please return the completed Survey, using the FREEPOST envelope provided, by 18th November 2011. If you would like help to complete your questionnaire, please take it to one of the help sessions detailed on the back of this letter.

If any further information or additional survey questionnaires are required please contact Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council on 01785 841639 or LSWAPC@btconnect.com.

Thank you.

On the reverse the help sessions were agreed and then amended slightly, following an alteration on the schedule by SSHA, as follows:

Help Sessions

The Parish Council is holding help sessions for anyone who wants to ask questions about the survey or would like help to complete their survey, at the Village Hall, Wheaton Aston as follows:

- Thursday 3rd November 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- Monday 7th November 6.00pm to 8.00pm

A councillor will also be in attendance at the following:

- 3rd November 9.45am to 10.15am at St. Mary's First School
- 8th November 2.30pm to 3.30pm at the Leisure Club, Village Hall
- 9th November 10am to 12pm at St. Mary's Church Drop in
- 9th November 2.30pm to 3.15pm at St. Mary's First School
- 11th November 9.30am to 10.30am at Little Bears Playgroup, Village Hall
- 14th November 11am to 12pm at Old People's Welfare, Village Hall

Any resident of Lapley or Stretton who can't make a Help Session and requires assistance to complete the survey should contact either Cllr. Wright (Lapley) on 01785 840342 or Mrs. Gould (Stretton) on 01902 851354.

239 To consider the help sessions

It was agreed that the following help sessions would be manned by councillors:

			New Schedule
1 st Nov	2.30pm to 3.30pm	Leisure Club, Village Hall	Cancelled
2 nd Nov	2.30pm to 3.15pm	St. Mary's First School	Cancelled
3 rd Nov	9.45am to 10.15am	St. Mary's First School	
8 th Nov	2.30pm to 3.30pm	Leisure Club, Village Hall	New
9 th Nov	10am to 12pm	St. Mary's Church Drop In	
9 th Nov	2.30pm to 3.15pm	St. Mary's First School	New
11 th Nov	9.30am to 10.30am	Little Bears – Village Hall	
14 th Nov	11am to 12pm	OPW – Village Hall	

It was agreed that all councillors should be given a crib sheet so that they are all giving the same information to residents.

240 Any other brief matters of report

The distribution of remaining bulbs was agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Signed..... Date: 3rd November 2011