

Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date	Tuesday 1 st November 2022
Time	7pm
Attended	Christine Pemberton (Cllr), Tania Foster (Cllr), Joyce Tomlinson (Cllr), Gareth Baker (Cllr), Tracey Royle (Cllr), Mark Brassington (Cllr), Neil and Grace/Urenco, Chris Lloyd (Nuclear Regulator/Urenco), Simon Eardley (Cllr), Craig Sapio (Resident), Amy Taylor (Resident), Peter Cawley (Resident)
Location & Details	Chester House, Urenco

1	<p>Procedural Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies – Ann Clowes, Colette Francis and Dori Miller - Communication: Sent to all councillors prior to meeting - Declaration of Interest: No new declarations - Discussion about the notes from the last meeting – <p>* TF reported that she had taken concerns around policing to the Community Cohesion group and they have confirmed that a new PCSO will be asked to attend the village more frequently, also that Saughall do not contribute to the cost of additional policing in their area.</p> <p>* Playground – some of the older residents said that they found the area noisy when children were playing. The access needs to be clarified as a result of the sale of the houses either side and what rights of access had been retained. SE to approach the relevant department. TR has taken the brochures and the issue will be addressed once the access/boundary has been clarified.</p> <p>* Wild Flowers – CF has received a quote for £249 for the seeds. SE would be able to cover this but is going to check with CWAC to see if the areas identified could be part of their project.</p> <p>* Litter Pick – well done to everyone especially CP for organising, it was found that green waste was being dumped in certain areas, this has started since the charge for green waste was introduced by CWAC. A suggestion of a village composting site might be useful, councillors were asked to go away and come back with further suggestions about the provision of a communal compost area. It was agreed that the sites Urenco could offer were unsuitable.</p> <p>* Hedgehog Boxes – Grace Fogg to get these paid for as soon as possible due to the winter hibernation period. Peter Cawley and his wife Ruth volunteered to assist with these once they arrived.</p> <p>* Armistice Day – TR unable to get any more poppies but has installed</p>	
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	<p>previous years ones.</p> <p>Minutes accepted as an accurate record, proposed by JT and seconded by CP signed by TF in the absence of the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resignations and Vacancies, no resignations received but there is one vacancy for a councillor from Capenhurst. - Dates of Future Meetings & Locations <p>Tuesday 10th January 2023, 7pm, Urenco Community Room.</p> <p>Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7pm, Capenhurst Village Hall.</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd May 2023, 7pm, Capenhurst Village Hall. AGM</p> <p>Tuesday 4th July 2023, 7pm, Urenco Community Room</p>	
*	<p>Presentation from Steve Jones regarding various means to control the speed of traffic in the area, Steve told us of his career in the Public Sector and what he has been doing since retirement. Three areas have been chosen as pilot areas and the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to contribute towards the maintenance of them. CHALC will be actively studying the outcome of this. Bedford have been utilising them for some time and most villages now have the facilities.</p>	
2	<p>FINANCE RFO Report and possible budget attached</p> <p>Discussion over the budget for next year. Discussion around cost of full council training; suggested that TR (a qualified trainer) undertakes this and then train everyone else which would save over £200. All in favour.</p> <p>The Coronation was also discussed with suggestions of a Picnic on the Green, TR and CF to budget for this. Also a colouring competition for the children</p> <p>The Precept was discussed with the need to increase it next year, to be discussed and agreed at the January meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Britain in Bloom - Unfortunately neither of the ladies who led on this competition were able to attend. But they have done an excellent job for the villages with Capenhurst & Ledsham entry being awarded Gold and Ledsham achieving level four.</p> <p>Well done to all concerned.</p>	
4	<p>Members of the Public Speaking time – PC asked about a speed sign at the other end of Capenhurst, TF explained that we had looked at the possibility of getting one but the cost was prohibitive. He also asked about the road works that were planned with a road closure, put off and then didn't happen. Seems there have been a few small patches put on, poor quality with the state of the road being a danger. SE explained that it had been assessed but wasn't bad enough, that the CWAC budget didn't cover all the repairs needed and likely to get worse. TR asked SE about the pavement to the station, no lighting, overgrown bushes and uneven surface, emphasising that it was a danger to anyone using it esp if they had sight problems. SE to visit and see the problem</p> <p>Urenco – Chris Lloyd was introduced as the Chief Nuclear Inspector and explained he would be attending every six months as part of his remit. Said compliance on site was good and conforming to regulations, there was good performance on site with only two accidents both minor. The Chief Nuclear Inspector was happy with the good overall standard at Urenco which was normal over the site. There was a strong focus on safety especially around fire and electrical safety. He explained there was a lot going on in the industry and they</p>	

	<p>were looking at getting new blood in especially younger workers. Also explained that there was a no fly zone over the site.</p> <p>GF/NF explained that there was a change to the site structure – there will be one instead of three directors from January. The change needs to be done right and everything else has been pushed onto the back burner. They have more contracts so the operation needs to gear up, a busy and challenging time for them. GF is moving to the operational team but this will have no impact on the community. There will be no redundancies and Cosmic Cape will go ahead next year with lessons learnt from this year, next July. They are entering into a Solar Scheme with EDF and will hold a public consultation with a planning application going in next year.</p>	
5	<p>Simon Eardley – will keep petitioning to improve the roads.</p> <p>Aura Power Planning application has been called in, everyone needs to lodge their own objections on the council planning portal as each individual submission is counted as one whereas if the PC does it on behalf it is still only counted as one. Apologies for being unable to attend the litter pick. Right of Ways, passable but issues down towards Ledsham Lane and Thornton Hey Farm, water running down from The Laurels, has asked CWAC to investigate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Speed signs suggest the council reconsider and look at other options * Wild Flowers – taking forward * Park access – No records of right of way to it, will do some more work on it. * Badgers Rake Lane – meeting to review signage but AC has had no contact from CWAC so far. <p>CWAC are entering into a new contract for the road repairs with a new provider, wanting better management, better standard of repairs. TF asked SE to follow up on the previous request from us to CWaC to provide the minimum standards documentation for roads and bridges within the county. SE to follow up.</p>	
6	<p>Internet/Facebook/Events – Nothing from Internet or Facebook.</p> <p>Events – make the Christmas event bigger and better! Carols on the Green, a Band and the Reverend to attend, competition to design a programme for the children. Date to be 11th December at 5pm. Will include mulled wine and mince pies.</p>	TR
7	<p>Planning – see attached report. SE also said he would bring this up as there appears to be a seven month delay in receiving and dealing at the moment. Less than 21 days is not acceptable and he will feed back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Storage Application – concerns that the land is contaminated * Battery Storage – CS has concerns about the safety of the Batteries once in use, big fire in Liverpool at a storage site, Lithium is prone to thermal 	

