

Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date	Tuesday 10 th January 2023
Time	7pm
Attended	Ann Clowes (Chair) Christine Pemberton (Cllr), Tania Foster (Cllr), Colette Francis (Cllr) Joyce Tomlinson (Cllr), Gareth Baker (Cllr), Tracey Royle (Cllr), Mark Brassington (Cllr), Neil Fagan and Grace Fogg from Urenco, Simon Eardley (Cllr), Michelle Hardwick (Resident), Neil Hardwick (Resident), Wendy Leason (PCSO) Carol Britnell (Parish Clerk)
Location & Details	Chester House, Urenco, Capenhurst

1	<p>Procedural Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies – - Communication: Sent to all councillors prior to meeting - Declaration of Interest: No new declarations - Discussion about the notes from the last meeting – <p>* Next Meeting Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7pm, Chester House, Urenco</p> <p>* AGM Tuesday 16th May 2023, 7pm, Capenhurst Village Hall</p> <p>Minutes accepted as an accurate record, proposed by Christine Pemberton and seconded by Colette Francis signed by Ann Clowes 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. <p>The Council spoke about the sad loss of Ruth Pidsley at the end of December, remembering her as a valuable asset to the Council during her time as Clerk. CB to send a Condolence card to the Family. The Funeral is on the 2nd February 2023 at 10.30</p>	
2	<p>Visiting Officers – Wendy Leason, the new PCSO introduced herself but had no report this meeting. TF asked her about the Proceeds of Crime Funding which has a deadline soon. It was agreed that TF would put an application in for some funding.</p>	
3	<p>Coronation Planning – TR and CF are planning mini fete for the Sunday 7th May to celebrate the Coronation. Attendees will bring their own picnic food, there will be a tuck shop, Music and games and an ice cream van. They will need to source an electric supply. The school will be informed and Urenco have offered to cover the cost for badges for the children's</p>	

	<p>bags to commemorate the event.</p> <p>The Chair thanked TR and helpers for the Christmas event which was very popular, a great effort and much appreciated. £456 was raised from the event and Urenco have very kindly agreed to round the amount to £1,000. All proceeds are to go to the Good Shepherd Hospice.</p> <p>It was reported that there were a few acts of vandalism, which was unfortunate, but the culprit had been identified and hopefully this will be dealt with for future events.</p>	
4	<p>Members of the Public Speaking time – Two local residents attended the meeting to talk about issues they were having at their property. SE has promised to do all he can and the PC will also support as much as they can.</p>	
5	<p>Simon Eardley – SE has supported the supply of a new notice board for Ledsham, the design was agreed and the order to be placed. It was also agreed by the Councillors present that the PC would pay the invoice and claim the amount back from Cllr Eardley's Member Fund. The Parish Council are to pay the invoice and claim the amount back from CWAC, the process is fairly straight forward.</p> <p>The Wild flowers – Your Street have approached CF and asked for £350 for the seeds, SE has asked for CF to hold off on the order as he should be able to supply from his budget and will act as a go between with them. He took a walk down Capenhurst Lane and found every gulley was blocked, CWAC have sent the gulley sucker down but seem to have missed some so he will be asking for these to be done asap. He explained that there is a new contract in place so things should improve. He asked that if anyone identifies areas to be cleared to please report it. SE has had a meeting with Calvin Stockton (CWAC) regarding a play area for Capenhurst, the suggestion already put forward is problematic on several levels, access to the site, residents objecting. Access does need to be established and he will continue to try and find out who owns the land. CF suggests that it could be the ideal site for a gardening club for the village, growing fruit and vegetables. This to be put as an agenda item for the March Meeting. A suggestion has been made of putting the play area at the front of Penfold but the residents would need to be consulted. This suggestion was dismissed due to the obvious dangers. NF informed the meeting that Urenco would not be able to offer a site for this.</p>	
6	<p>Britain in Bloom – CF reported that she had not received the certificate for the BiB which the Capenhurst and Ledsham entry led by CF has received a Gold Award . The RHS has sent out a new one. CF has met with DM who is happy to get involved with a joint submission for both villages next year. She is also happy to get involved with the Garden Group and CF will gauge interest in this.</p> <p>Wild Flowers – two areas have been identified for this, the area to the right of Penfold Close and the left of Badgers Rake Lane.</p> <p>Would like to ask Urenco Maintenance team for help in removing willow</p>	

	on the village green, then once it is done, would like to plant fruit trees. GF offered staff as volunteers for some of these village projects. NF suggested every three months and could include litter picking.	
7	<p>Budget, Precept planning and financial report – Due to being unable to access the internet TF was unable to give a Financial Report.</p> <p>The Account balance £6,821.24 To be paid – Payroll - £60.00 Training - £30.00 Salary- £338</p> <p>No income this period.</p> <p>An invoice from Ledsham in Bloom had been received, it has been agreed to pay this invoice but any future invoices would need to include original invoices and for it to be made clear that some items would not be covered for future events.</p> <p>The Proposed Budget had previously been circulated, it was discussed and MB proposed accepting with TR seconding its acceptance, all present agreed.</p> <p>The Precept was also discussed and agreed by all that it be raised to £4,000 for the 2023/2024 period. Proposed by JT and seconded by GB. It was agreed that although it was a big rise it was necessary to adequately cover costs, the Precept did rise last year but it had stayed the same for a number of years before that but prices had risen. A gradual increase over the next few years was needed to get it to an acceptable and workable level had been recommended.</p> <p>CP requested an allocation of £500 for a notice board for Capenhurst, this was agreed and Urenco agreed to fund the £154 difference in the cost.</p>	
8	Planning – No new applications.	
9	May Elections – The new procedure was explained and it was agreed that the next meeting would be used to complete the forms and one person would then submit them to Electoral service at CWAC.	All
10	<p>Members Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHALC- e mails circulated - NALC- e mails circulated - Training- e mails circulated 	All

11	<p>Any other Business:</p> <p>Urenco asked for information about any soup kitchens in the area that their staff could get involved with, several suggestions were made.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:55pm</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7pm, Urenco Community Room. Please contact Clerk if attending prior to the meeting please.</p>	

Minutes Approved.....

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