

**Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**

Date	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Time	7pm
Attended	Ann Clowes, Christine Pemberton, Tania Foster, Joyce Tomlinson, Gareth Baker, Tracey Royle, Colette Francis, Mark Brassington, Neil and Grace/Urenco, Karl Astle
Location & Details	Capenhurst Village Hall

1	<p><b>Procedural Matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apologies – Simon Erdley</li> <li>- Communication: Sent to all councillors prior to meeting</li> <li>- Declaration of Interest: No new declarations</li> <li>- Discussion about the notes from the last meeting – No matters arising.</li> </ul> <p>Minutes accepted as an accurate record, proposed by CF, seconded by JT all present agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dates of Future Meetings &amp; Locations</li> </ul> <p>Tuesday 1st November 2022, 7pm, Urenco Community Room.          Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7pm, Urenco Community Room.          Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7pm, Capenhurst Village Hall.          Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, 7pm, Capenhurst Village Hall. AGM</p>	
2	<p><b>FINANCE</b> Report attached</p> <p>Bank Balance £8,006.33</p> <p>Income 0</p> <p>Expenditure £150.00</p> <p>No invoices received</p> <p>There followed a discussion regarding the precept, it will need to be significantly increased over the next few years as it is not covering the expenses of the Parish Council. It is very low compared to other councils.</p>	
3	<p><b>Simon Erdley correspondence</b>, there is additional funding for environmental projects in addition to the funding he distributes from his allocation. Would welcome applications for this and also informed the PC regarding the CWAC wild flower planting, would like suggestions regarding possible sites for this in the two villages.</p> <p>The councillors discussed the possibility of a Play Park to the rear of Pinfold Close, there are issues with the boundary. The two houses bordering on the entrance have been using it as part of their properties, one for parking and the other has extended their fence over the boundary. This means the grass cutting has not been able to be done. It was agreed that it was up to CWAC as owners of the land to sort this out. SR to be asked to</p>	CB

	<p>deal with it for the PC, to include regular cutting of the area. Neil from Urenco suggested that they purchase the play equipment and donate to the PC who can then donate to CWAC who will maintain it for the future. TR suggested that the PC talk to the children about what is wanted there in terms of equipment and the PC to formulate what is wanted. AC to investigate possible suppliers for equipment. There has been good feedback from locals regarding this project and is something that is needed for the children. Possibly organise a competition to design the park, ask the school to get involved but need to enthuse the children.</p> <p>Letter to be sent to SE regarding this and other points raised.</p> <p>Regarding the speed signs , it was felt the cost was too high and couldn't be justified</p> <p>Eastern sign £8,863</p> <p>Western sign £7,644</p> <p>TF to bring the speeding issue to the Community Cohesion Group, and look at other options for signage that were not so expensive. It was felt that the playground was more important but all agreed that a crossing was needed.</p> <p>Aurora Battery Storage, they have phoned AC to see if the Parish Council would be interested in their Community Payback Scheme. AC informed them that the PC would not be interested until a decision regarding their application was made by CWAC. The person on the phone seems to think that the application has already been approved, which it hasn't, it is Green belt land and the application is still under review.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>CB</p> <p>TF</p>
4	<p><b>RHS UPDATE</b> The Judges had visited but no news on the result as yet. CWAC Wild flowers project. Councillors to email CF with suggestions for possible sites and she will produce a list for SE.</p>	
5	<p><b>Public Speaking Time</b>, KA asked if anyone had noticed the orange powder on the dog walk paths, its an orange powdery residue, asked if anyone knew what it was? Ivy pollen suggested.</p> <p>URENCO, apologised for noise on the following Saturday morning between 9 and 12, this is due to concrete being broken up as they are shutting down one of the production sites. Since the Ukraine conflict there has been a resurgence of need for Nuclear so Urenco need to gear up due to the market change. They are investing 150 million into that site to refurbish/rebuild to meet the need. There is talk of the Government wanting to build a new nuclear plant, this would mean armed police on site and around the village. The company are going through a restructure, changes at the top, so will be increasing staffing levels and they intend to improve their staff well being programme. There is lots of Ragwort on the site especially around the Nature trail and ponds that they will be dealing with. Festival – a meeting is being held to discuss the lessons learned from this years festival to improve next years. Looking at possibly charging an entrance fee to make it safer. The PC thanked Urenco and their staff for the festival. Urenco will cover the cost of 50 Hedgehog Houses up to £150 and</p>	

	will pay directly. Details to be sent to Grace.	CB
6	<p><b>Internet/ Facebook/ Website, Events.</b> there have been problems with the Facebook pages and businesses posting adverts on the pages, some weekly and more. Discussion regarding stopping this practice but may result in post approval for all posts which is something that would involve more of those running the pages time.</p> <p>The Reverend Stevens is retiring in February.</p> <p>The Chapel will be holding a Harvest Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October all welcome</p>	
7	<p><b>Training.</b> There are various training sessions available to councillors and the Chair encourages members to take advantage of it, the PC has a budget for this. All training notifications are sent out to all Councillors, if members would like to do any of the sessions please book and let AC/TF know so they can cover the invoices.</p>	All
8	<p><b>Planning.</b> Report attached to minutes, SR commented regarding the application for ***** AC has already spoken to the lady and had advised her to speak to SE regarding it. She was concerned as parking on the application would be problematic to her and Hotel Guests were parking on her spaces and blocking her drive, she also felt it impacted on her privacy.</p>	
9	<p><b>Members Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHALC- e mails circulated</li> <li>- NALC- e mails circulated</li> <li>- Training- e mails circulated</li> </ul>	All
10	<p><b>Highways.</b> Badgers Rake Lane, signage here would cost too much but PC cannot understand why? There had previously been a sign that was taken down when the road was repaired and ever put back, also road markings were not reinstated after works. Ask SR to look into that reinstatement. MB and GB to chase this for the next meeting.</p> <p>CB to approach Puddington, Willaston and Childer Thornton about a contribution (<b>Sorry what am I asking them to contribute too?</b>)</p>	<p>MB G*</p> <p>CB</p>
15	<p><b>Any other Business:</b> Christmas Baubles, Letter received from the Good Shepherd Hospice thanking the PC for their donation, it was agreed to do it again this year but to do earlier. TR to enquire about a discount for more baubles. Agreed the light switch on date Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm, band to play carols, mulled wine and mince pies to be served. A programme will be designed and printed.</p> <p>GB to talk to Saughall about the possibility of electric lights to decorate the village, finding out costs and process.</p> <p>Notice Board – Ledshams needs replacing, purchase approved by all present. CP to contact SR over this and be part of a subgroup to move it forward, CP, GT, CF to be the sub group</p> <p>Community Resilience Plan – JT to check when the Parish Plan was awarded and look into the possibility of using the remainder for the</p>	<p>TR</p> <p>GB</p> <p>CP</p> <p>J*</p>

	<p>resilience plan. Investigate other examples and produce our own, set up a sub group to do this.</p> <p>Poppies, TR to put up poppies again this year but requested that more be purchased, £40.00 expenditure approved for this purpose.</p> <p>Invoices submitted – Bunting, £41.98 and Pots £45.31. Both approved for payment.</p>	
16	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, 7pm, Urenco Community Room. Please contact Clerk if attending prior to the meeting please.</p>	

Minutes Approved.....

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