**Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**

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| Date | Tuesday 3rd September 2024 |
| Time | 7pm |
| Attended | Ann Clowes (Chair) Christine Pemberton (Cllr), Tania Foster (Cllr, Vice Chair), Colette Francis (Cllr) Joyce Tomlinson (Cllr), Gareth Baker (Cllr), Mark Brassington (Cllr), Neil Fagan (Urenco), Julia Hanlon (Urenco), Laura Johnson (Urenco) Simon Eardley (Cllr), Jamie Davies (Cllr) Carol Britnell (Parish Clerk) Rev. Elaine White, Carol Davies, Robert Davies, Alex White, Mike Farwell, Jo Farwell, Sgt, John Tinn (Cheshire Police) |
| Location & Details | Capenhurst Court, Urenco, Capenhurst |

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| 1 | **Procedural Matters:**  - Apologies – Wendy Leason (PCSO) Tracey Royle (cllr)  - Communication: Sent to all councillors prior to meeting, JT is not receiving emails from the Clerk.  - Declaration of Interest: all Declaration of Interest forms updated, No declarations of interest mentioned.  - No further AOB  - Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th November, Capenhurst Court, Urenco  Tuesday 7th January 2025, Capenhurst Court, Urenco  Tuesday 4th March 2025, Capenhurst Court, Urenco  Tuesday 6th May 2025, AGM, Village Hall  Tuesday 8th July 2025, Capenhurst Court, Urenco  Tuesday 2nd September 2025, Village Hall  There will also be a Public Meeting to discuss the Battery Storage Planning Application on Saturday 21st September from 11am in the Village Hall. All welcome  As there were several changes to the minutes it was agreed these would be changed as a correct record once amended, All agreed to this.  No resignations received but Cllr TR would be taking a sabatical due to illness. |  |
| 2 | **Web Site –** the new web site is now live and is easier to upload to than the old one which will be live for a while until the subscription runs out.  [www.capenhurstandledsham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.capenhurstandledsham-pc.gov.uk/)  Mr White offered to take pictures for the website of the councillors, his offer was gratefully accepted. To be arranged. Pictures of the villages were also needed.  **Simon Eardley –**  *It was good, as always, to be with the Capenhurst and Ledsham Parish Council team this evening for their September 2024 meeting. As always, there is much ongoing in the parish and I was pleased to update parish councillors and residents on a number of issues I’ve been involved with, including:*   * *The implementation of changes to speed limits on Badgers Rake Lane (a long standing issue we’ve been pursuing).* * *An update following a meeting with the organisation promoting a planning application for an energy storage facility on land in Capenhurst and the agreement secured to hold a public meeting on it on 21st September 2024 in the village hall, 11am to 1pm – all welcome!* * *Various planning matters, including new potential enforcement cases and applications in various parts of the parish.* * *Progress on pothole repairs on Capenhurst Lane although there are more to be done (no surprise!)* * *The possibility of local residents or organisations undertaking modest maintenance work on the public highway through a new scheme to be launched by CWaC soon.* * *Various public right of way maintenance issues in both villages which are either being investigated for action or need to be so.* * *Current CWaC consultations (on the future of Household Waste and Recycling Centres – now closed; design code consultation in respect of future planning).* * *A progress report on long standing drainage and flooding issues in Capenhurst in particular, following a site meeting in August which includes actions already taken and more to be done in consultation with CWaC officers.* * *My pleasure at attending, in July, the installation of the new vicar of Capenhurst (and Backford), the Revd. Elaine White (who was also present at the meeting – great to see her!)*     *I have also come away with a long list of issues to pursue and take up in the coming weeks – no complaints; I’ll pursue them all and report back!* |  |
| 4 | **Urenco Update –** NF updated the council on the Urenco site and asked that any noise issues be reported to Urenco. The Sports Field entrance is ongoing and he has a meeting with the Chair to discuss but they still need Sport England permission. Letters of support are needed, a report has to be done to be submitted to SE and any letters of support will help their case. |  |
| 5 | **Ditches, Culverts and Flooding –** An update on the situation was given and the Council were informed that a ditch at North Brook Farm that runs into the pond historically is being re dug. CF is going to reinstate the ditch to the culvert.  RD asked about the ditches and what is being done, was informed that SE and others are still on the case and pushing the subject with CWaC and Highways England. CWaC have made promises and have not kept them which is disappointing. MF gave an update on where it is at the moment, SE also pushing the case. |  |
| 6 | **Britain in Bloom –** The group have been unable to do the new project by Urenco as land ownership needs to be ascertained first. They are planning to plant the trees once the weather gets colder. The RHS visited and were shown the plans for planting over the next year. |  |
| 7 | **Members of the Public Speaking Time** – No correspondence has been received. The Speed Camera update, it is now up and running, one of the batteries had corroded, this has been replaced. The Chair asked that the cost be billed to the Council. The problem of Ragwort in the area was brought up as it is spreading and is covered by legislation. SE to deal with CWaC on this, clerk to write to him on behalf of the Council. |  |
| 8 | **Pear Tree and Wild flowers–** TF has taken this on from TR, JD will look into a TPO for the tree and get it in place. It was pointed out that the Wild flowers need to be cut earlier but as this is CWaC the Council has no control when its done. |  |
| 9 | **Planning –** No new applications have been received, the Sub Committee have replied with comments to one application and referred another to Enforcement. Rio Application has received change of use approval but the plan for a home has now been withdrawn and the house is currently for sale. |  |
| 10 | **Finance –** Please see report at the end of the minutes.  Scribe DD of £ 29 plus VAT x 2 proposed by JT and seconded by AC, all agreed.  Scribe initial fee of £199 plus VAT proposed by JT and seconded by AC, all agreed.  Easy Web DD to include email addresses for all councillors of £50.60 plus £10.12 VAT per month. Proposed by CF and seconded by CP, all present agreed.  2025 budget items to TF prior to the November meeting please. |  |
| 11 | **Ledsham Lane Road Closure –** CF brought up the road closure on Ledsham Lane, the fact that signs were still up, that no work had actually been done and the notice was received at the last minute. The Chair informed her that as soon as we received them they were posted on the Facebook page, unfortunately this was often the day before and beyond our control. SE told the meeting he would follow it up with CWaC. | All |
| 12 | **Footpaths –** A 2031 deadline for the registration of public rights of way will mean that any not registered by this date will cease to be. Https://[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-67205261.amp](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-67205261.amp)  The Station Footpath is to be dealt with by volunteers. |  |
| 13  14  15 | **Members info –** All emails have been circulated to members.  **Members speaking time –** Variable Speed Limit, Two Mills towards Queensferry, speed cameras are being installed, complaints and queries have been received.  A letter has been received regarding Traveller Sites being set up, it appears that two sites are being set up but in fact it is one. Asking for support, the Planning Committee will meet to discuss.  Meeting closed: 8.58pm |  |
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Minutes Approved…………………………………………..

Date of Meeting……………………………………………..

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3rd September 2024

RFO report

Our present bank balance stands at £10,879.04. £1148.92 and £2,276.05 (a total of £3,424.97) of that remains ring fenced for specified projects. Income since our last meeting:

* none

Expenditure as agreed at our last meeting:

* £199 + VAT for the set up for the scribe package
* £29 + VAT x 2 months for the running of the scribe package (may I ask that this be paid out as a direct debit monthly in order to reduce processing time?) Please note that these invoices have not yet been paid.

Regular Payments, as agreed at the AGM:

* £60 Payroll half yearly payroll fees
* There have been no wages paid out since June

Expenditure requiring agreement:

* £24 for additional keys to the noticeboards (still hasn’t been paid out)

Expenditure not requiring agreement:

* £30 stationery (still not taken as yet)

Please request to see the full accounts should you need to at any time.

We applied for an exemption from the external auditor although I have still not had confirmation from them. This is nothing unusually but highly annoying.

I will arrange to pay all outstanding

I would like to propose that this report is accepted by councillors.