

**LEIGHTON & EATON CONSTANTINE**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**2023**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chair's Welcome.** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillors S Jones-Chairman, M Thorn,-Vice-chairman, A Bain, M Corrie, M Budgen, S Dawes, Shropshire Councillor C Wild, L Pardoe Clerk to the council and 2 members of the public. Also present Mathew Mead from Shropshire Council Councillor \H Carpenter from Berrington Parish Council. and Apologies were received from Councillor E Parton who was unwell.
3. **Agreement of the minutes from 2022..**These were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor M Corrie, seconded by Councillor S Dawes and agreed by all those present.
4. **Matters arising from those minutes.** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. **Chairman of Parish Councils Report.** See attached report .
6. **Finance Officers Report** See attached report.
7. **Shropshire Councillors Report** See attached report.
8. **Report from AONB/ Wrekin Partnership** There were no meetings held this year.
9. **Police Report** The Police were invited but did not attend or send a report.
10. **Mathew Mead from Shropshire Council to speak about the advantages and process of developing a Community Led Plan & Councillor Henry Carpenter to speak about his experiences developing a Community Led Plan for Crosshouses and Berrington.** Mathew explained that he was part of the Planning Policy Team. He gave an overview of what Community Led Plans are. He explained that they usually encompass local development however as Leighton and Eaton Constantine are classified as Open Countryside they do not need to worry unduly about large areas of development. Their Community Led Plan (CLP )would be able to focus on what services and facilities residents wanted within their parish. There is no funding for this process at this moment but there are ways of talking to the people by newsletters and piggybacking on to local events- fetes...  
Councillor H Carpenter spoke of his experience at Berrington of embarking on and completing a CLP. He emphasised that the important thing to get together a representative from all the areas of the community. They put together a survey to go to all members of the parish to find out what they wanted for their parish. Berrington had assistance from the RCC but that is no longer available. It is important not to ask leading questions.  
Henry said that Berrington had a good response to their survey. Ideally need around 40%, anything under 20% and it is difficult to justify the results.
11. **Public Session.** No one wished to speak.
12. **Parish Matters.**
  - a) Councillor Jones would put together a report for the cycling survey.
  - b) It was agreed to put Place Plans on the agenda for July Parish Council meeting. The criteria have changed somewhat with the addition of Roads, Community Building and Scholls to be added to the Place Plans.
13. **Date & Time of the next Annual Parish meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 7.00pm at Eaton Constantine Village Hall**
14. **The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm**