

**LEEK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Town Council held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Chair:** Cllr. S. Wales

**Present:** Cllrs: Cawley, Coleman, Emery, Johnson, L. Swindlehurst, M. Swindlehurst, Molson, Ottewell, Wood & Worthington

**Apologies:** Cllr. Benefer

Three members of the public were in attendance.

*Cllr. Joe Porter (SMDC Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity) reported that the aim is for Staffordshire Moorlands to be carbon neutral by 2030. Projects in Leek include: Community orchards, wildflower meadows, pollen friendly flowers and limiting the use of pesticides. The District Council is also working closely with Staffordshire County Council.*

*Councillors comments included:*

*The Ward councillors were not informed about the community orchards and there were concerns regarding vandalism and who would be responsible for the orchards' maintenance.*

*Cllr. Porter stated that larger saplings will be planted and the community could take on the maintenance, however, AES would monitor them in the first year.*

15. Minutes of the Town Council held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
16. Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
17. Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
18. Mayor's Correspondence/Announcements/Report – Cllr. Wales had attended the Parish Assembly meeting and had raised concerns regarding the traffic flow in Leek and suggested the one way system in Ford Street should be reversed.  
Cllr. Wales and Cllr. Molson will attend the Parking Strategy meeting later in the month.

Chairman..... Date.....

***Meeting Adjourned for the Public Participation Session***

Ann Sharratt thanked the councillors on behalf of the residents of Birchall, for their work regarding the Greywood planning application, which had been refused by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.