

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2015

Present:

Cllr Simon Chettle (Chairman), Cllr Ian Burton, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Barry Dakin, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Janie Parkinson, Cllr Jean Stainthorpe, Cllr Liz Wilson

In attendance

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes, Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk)

14/59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14/59.1 Apologies had been received from Cllr Ian Bennion and Cllr Rob Tindall.

14/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14/60.1 There were none.

14/61 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

14/61.1 Subject to correction of item 14/36.3 heading to read “Neighbourhood Planning”, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2014 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14/62 MATTERS ARISING

14/36.5 and 14/52.1 – The Clerk was awaiting responses from Cheshire East Planning regarding queries on planning applications 14/0455N and 14/2550N, and 14/1702. In following up, she will copy Borough Cllr Clowes.

14/51.7 Residents’ Newsletter – Cllr Stainthorpe produced a schedule for production of a newsletter which will be distributed to residents in the week commencing 9th March. The newsletter content and contributing authors were agreed.

14/52.5 14/5816W Hough Mill Quarry – It was noted that this planning permission seeks to extend the date for completion of the tipping and restoration works. There had been no further contact from Richard Lee Planning Consultants regarding their requested joint meeting with the three affected parish councils, but it was understood that Doddington Parish Council were monitoring this. Because of the amount of land restoration required, it is likely to be several years before any further developments will take place. Borough Cllr Clowes reported on some recent activity concerning CE Planning and local Councillors who had been involved in previous historic proposals at this site.

The meeting of the Planning Committee on 2nd February had resolved that there was no objection to the proposals in this application but that restorations should be complete and the land settled before any further development is contemplated; also that the footpaths and bridleway should be fully restored in their original positions.

RESOLVED: This was confirmed by the Parish Council.

- 14/54 Wybunbury Charities – Cllr Bennion to report back to the next meeting the outcome of his discussions with Mr Gear.

14/63 FINANCE REPORT

14/63.1 **Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliation**

This was noted and showed a bank balance of £3095.97 at 20th January 2015, with one unpresented cheque (000345 for £200 – Audlem Community Responders).

14/63.2 **Payments authorised at meeting**

Payee	Sum	Cheque No.
Post Office (HMRC)	£158.40	000346
Clerk (salary/expenses)	£654.82	000347

Gift for Mr Marshall to be obtained and presented by Cllr Clowes.

14/63.3 **Spending against budget**

The current figures were noted.

14/64 PLANNING MATTERS

14/64.1 **Hatherton & Walgherton Planning Process**

This was approved subject to amendment regarding circulation to all councillors for comment. Councillors will be asked to acknowledge receipt but in the event of no response from councillors, this will be regarded as acceptance of the planning committee's recommendation. RESOLVED – that the planning process statement be included in Standing Orders.

14/64.2 **Planning Log**

It was agreed that the log should be reduced from a 12-month to a 6-month rolling list (from decision) unless there are outstanding issues.

Two recent applications were noted – 15/0150N and 15/0152N at Sandygate Lodge. Regarding 15/0152N it was agreed that clarification should be sought on water treatment, drainage and cleaning mechanisms to prevent pollution of inland fresh waters, noting there is a fishing lake and an open drain at these premises. It is recommended that the Environment Agency should be consulted prior to approval.

RESOLVED – Clerk to submit these comments to CE Planning.

14/64.3 **14/5654N and 14/5656N – Doddington Estate**

Borough Cllr Clowes provided an overview of the current situation in that the developer has submitted an application for the restoration and development of the historic assets only and not the enabling development aspects. Although there are several material planning concerns with the proposals, it is difficult to comment without being aware of the future implications to the local community. There were also concerns about the lack of a financial business case for the development.

It was noted that Councillors may also comment separately as individuals if they wish.

RESOLVED – Clerk to circulate the Parish Council's proposed response for comment/approval by Councillors.

14/64.4 **14/4296N – Hatherton Lodge Solar Farm**

It was noted this was to be decided at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 18th February, and had been recommended for approval. Several members of the Strategic Planning Committee had attended a site visit with Borough Cllr Clowes on 13th February. Borough Cllr Clowes, Cllr Knibbs and a number of residents will speak at this meeting.

14/65 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

14.65.1 **SID Update** – The device had been deployed outside the Boar’s Head on the A51 monitoring in both directions. The data obtained will be circulated to councillors during the next week. The device will now be deployed on the B5071.

14.65.2 **Hatherton Bends** – It was reported that an accident had occurred about 2 weeks ago, where a vehicle had overturned, fortunately without serious injury to occupants.
RESOLVED: Cllr Chettle to liaise with the new Highways Officer regarding possible measures to improve the road surface grip on Hatherton bends.

14/66 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR ROLE

Councillor Liz Wilson confirmed that she is leaving the area and therefore resigning as Parish Councillor. Her role as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, which involves attending police cluster meetings four times per year, will also become vacant. There is also a rural crime conference on 25th February in Tarporley.

The Parish Council recorded thanks to Cllr Wilson for her efforts and support over the last few years and for effectively co-ordinating Neighbourhood Watch in the parish.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ian Burton to take over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and to attend the rural crime conference if a place is available.

14/67 LITTER PICKING WEEKEND

It was agreed that this will take place on Saturday 21st March and that Cllr Knibbs will lead the event. Cllr Stainthorpe to check the availability of the litter picking equipment from CPRE in Middlewich and liaise with other councillors regarding collection.

14/68 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Cheshire Fire Authority Five Year Strategy – consultation period to 27th March by survey or email. Cllr Ian Burton to review.
- Meet the Developer Event – one day event on 12th March. Borough Cllr Clowes to attend. May be relevant in the context of Neighbourhood Planning.
- Town and Parish Council election briefing event – 23rd February – Clerk to attend.
- Audlem Community Responders – expressing thanks for the donation and offering free Heartstart courses.

14/69 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14/69.1 **Neighbourhood Planning**

Borough Cllr Clowes confirmed that a meeting with Tom Evans, Principal Planner Spatial Planning, will be held on 10th March to which parish councillors and members of the community will be invited. Further information to follow.

14/70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th April 2015 (Audit meeting)

The meeting closed at 10.45 pm

Chairman (*signed – Simon Chettle*)
20th April 2015