

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2016

Present:

Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Simon Chettle (Chairman), Cllr Barry Dakin, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr Janie Parkinson, Cllr Rob Tindall.

In attendance

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes, Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk)

15/53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Ian Burton, Cllr Neil Clowes.

15/54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to items on the agenda, there were no declarations of interest.

15/55 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2015 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/56 MATTERS ARISING

14/36.5 and 14/52.1 (14/0455N and 14/2550N) – Borough Councillor Clowes had finally received confirmation that noise levels had been checked and found to be within acceptable margins.

15/32.4 Solar tariff subsidies – it was noted that subsidies are being cut for commercial installations. The appeal decision for Hatherton Solar park is still awaited.

15/47.2 Overhanging hedges on Bridgemere Lane. The clerk had written to the owners of the properties with overhanging hedges and one had recently cut back their hedge. The other resident had stated their intention to bring forward the date of their planned pruning. However, there had been another recent reported incident and it was felt this should now be escalated to Highways.

15/47.3 Highways - Borough Cllr Clowes was awaiting incident numbers from the two accidents reported at the last meeting. It was noted that there had been a vehicle overturn on the Hatherton bends just before Christmas. Highways plan to carry out a safety evaluation along the whole section of this road towards Stapeley. Councillors pointed out that the white lines need re-painting and the road surface inspected as both have deteriorated.

15/49.1 Pensions – Cllr Chettle to write standard pensions letter to the Clerk.

All other matters arising have been completed or are individual agenda items.

15/57 PLANNING MATTERS

15/57.1 **Wybunbury & District Neighbourhood Planning - update**

The approved map of the footprint covered by the Neighbourhood plan, which is available on the Cheshire East website, should now be placed on the parish council website. Borough Cllr Clowes will prepare an information leaflet for residents.

15/57.2 **Planning Log**

The status of current planning applications was noted. The following applications had been received after the log was issued.

15/57.3 **16/0368N – London Road Farm, London Road, Walgherton – two barn conversions**

These are old brick buildings which had not been utilised as barns for some years. The parish council commented that these are characterful buildings and they would support this development provided it is sympathetic to the buildings' historical character.

15/57.4 **16/0390N – Wayside, Audlem Road, Hatherton - Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling.**

There were no comments.

15/58 **FINANCE REPORT**

15/58.1 The finance report showing income and expenditure and bank reconciliation had been circulated with the agenda and showed a bank balance at 20th January of £2,933.46.

15/58.2 Payments authorised at meeting

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount	Cheque No.
Post Office - HMRC	PAYE for December-January	£61.00	372
Christine Knibbs	Salary/Expenses (December-January)	£253.76	373
Cllr Rob Tindall	Website hosting (as invoices provided)	£63.78	374

15/58.3 Spending against Budget

The current spend against budget for 2015/16 was noted.

RESOLVED - that the matters comprising the financial report be approved.

15/59 **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

15/59.1 Bridgemere Lane – it was noted that some work has been carried out by the pot holing team following complaints about the state of this road and the poor condition of the grass verges caused by heavy vehicles. Highways are also looking into the possibility of improving signage to warn of horses in the road.

15/59.2 Flood at Walgherton crossroads. Cllr Dakin drew attention to the frequent flooding outside the Boar's Head. This had recently caused the road to be closed for several days. There was also a problem with the "road closed" signage not being visible from the Wybunbury direction and then not being removed after the flood had subsided. Although the road drains had now been cleared, this was not a permanent solution as the flood water pours off

the adjacent field and soon silts up the road drains. A resident had also written to draw attention to this issue. The Clerk was requested to contact Highways with a view to obtaining a long term solution.

15/60 LITTER PICKING WEEKEND

Cllr Knibbs reported that this will take place over the weekend of 5th March, which coincides with a national campaign “Clean for the Queen” in commemoration of her 90th birthday. Cheshire East will provide appropriate equipment and road warning signage has been requested.

15/61 HATHERTON PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Two residents had expressed an interest. The Clerk was requested to send a details pack to Cllr Chettle for him to follow up.

15/62 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

15/62.1 Local Plan – Borough Cllr Clowes updated councillors on the dates of the future progress of the Local Plan through various committees. The plan will go forward to the Inspector for decision and recommendations in September/October.

15/62.2 HS2 –A well-attended and interesting meeting had taken place at Weston. Borough Cllr Clowes was arranging a similar meeting for the other Wybunbury Ward parishes. Although this parish is not directly affected, there may be infrastructure implications from HS2 for the wider area, and councillors were urged to attend. (*Subsequently confirmed that this meeting will take place on 15th February at Hough Village Hall*).

15/62.3 Council Tax – It was noted that the Council Tax Support Grant (currently £40 pa) is to be discontinued. It was also noted that Council Tax is to be raised by 3.75%.

15/63 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

15/63.1 Correspondence received

- Email from “The Cat” local community radio, seeking any items of local interest to broadcast.

15/64 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15/64.1 Transparency – Cllr Tindall has amended the parish council website to make way for the new material required. Clerk to check with ChALC if there is a legal requirement stating how long Transparency material should remain on the parish website

15/64.2 Overhead Projector - The Clerk reported that the purchase of an overhead projector (which Dagfields had agreed to sponsor) is not now necessary as a projector will be available at Hankelow Chapel when it re-opens in April.

15/65 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 4th April – probably at Bridgemere School.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm