

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2018

Present:

Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Chris Knibbs (Chairman),
Cllr Deborah Robb, Cllr Rob Tindall

In attendance

Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk)

18/30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Steve Boyes, Cllr Steve Mitchell and Ward Cllr Janet Clowes.

18/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Regarding items on the agenda, Cllr Knibbs declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/4334N.

18/32 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/33 MATTERS ARISING

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

18/34 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning log was reviewed.

18/34.1 Recent Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/3892N - Lodge Farm, Crewe Road, Walgherton. Change of use of land to build ménage for equestrian purposes. Resolved – No objection; to comment on lighting, personal use only, environment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/4334N – Birchall Moss, Bridgemere Lane, Hatherton. Change of use of two ancillary dwellings. Resubmission of 18/2630N. Resolved – No objection; to comment on permitted development rights and possible precedent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/4711N - Holly Farm, Crewe Road, Hatherton. Conversion of existing barn into 1no residential unit. Re-submission of application 18/0076N. Resolved – No objection or comments.
18/34.2 Ongoing Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/2211N – Whittakers Green The recent involvement of CE Enforcement was noted related to the biomass burner.

18/35 FINANCE REPORT

18/35.1 The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and comprises income and expenditure since the last meeting and bank reconciliation. The bank balance at 20/08/2018 was £4731.33 with three unrepresented cheques totalling £407.00. The second instalment of the parish precept of £2097.50 was received on 31st August.

18/35.2 Payments authorised at meeting

Clerk's net salary/expenses Aug/Sept 2018	cheque no. 442	£305.79
HMRC (PAYE) Aug/Sept 2018	cheque no. 443	£70.20

18/35.3 Spending against Budget

The current spend against budget was noted.

18/35.4 External Auditors and Exempt Councils

The Council has provided PKF Littlejohn with a copy of the certificate of exemption as their turnover in 2017/2018 was below £25k. This was sent electronically and safe receipt confirmed by an auto-acknowledgment. As no formal questions have been raised during the formal six-week public inspection period the Council should not receive any further communications from the external auditor as they do not provide exempt councils with an external auditor's certificate. The Exempt category is being used for the first time for the 2017/2018 accounts.

The Council is advised that as the six-week inspection period has closed, and there have been no public questions, then exempt councils should formally adopt the previous year's accounts.

Resolved - Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council to formally adopt the 2017/18 accounts.

18/35.5 Royal Bank of Scotland

It was noted that the Nantwich branch has closed.

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

18/36 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ward Cllr Clowes had provided an update on progress, which was noted. Cost estimates for road signs are awaited from Highways.

18/37 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Dibben reported on issues with flooding on several parish roads during last week's heavy downpour, in particular at Park Lane/Crewe Road crossroads. Ward Cllr Clowes had initiated a visit from a CEC Flood and Drainage Engineer who will investigate how to alleviate this. Cllr Dibben noted flooding on roads in the parish is exacerbated by blocked highways drains, full gullies, unmaintained field drains and ditches.

18/38 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Following the adoption of the Local Plan Strategy last year, a number of additional planning policy documents are being consulted on. Some involve "Smaller Settlements and Rural" and may be of interest/concern to the parish. It was noted that Cllr Steve Boyes has arranged to meet CE Planning and he will draft a formal response from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this will be forwarded to Councillors for approval before being submitted by the Chairman. The consultation deadline is 22nd October.

Resolved – Chairman to submit Parish Council consultation response.

18/39 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Items covered under individual agenda items.

18/40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18/40.1 Town & Parish Councils Conference – to be held on 26th September.

18/40.2 Cllr Robb questioned if there should be a Parish Newsletter. Noted this had been produced in the past and it may be appropriate to produce one when Neighbourhood Plan announcements are required.

18/41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th November 2018 - to be held at Hankelow Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.