

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

Cllr Simon Chettle (Chairman), Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr Rob Tindall, Cllr John Bache (co-opted at meeting)

In attendance

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes, Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk)

Present as observer

Mr Nigel Dibben

Present for item 4 on agenda (Highways Update)

Audlem Parish Council: Cllr M B Consterdine, Cllr M Hill.

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chairman paid tribute to Janie Parkinson who had died in a tragic accident. Janie contributed much during her time as a Parish Councillor and Councillors were saddened and shocked to hear of her passing. She will be very much missed.

16/28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Barry Dakin

16/29 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR FOR HATHERTON

The Chairman called for nominations to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor for Hatherton. It was proposed by Cllr Knibbs and seconded by Cllr Tindall that Dr John Bache be co-opted as Parish Councillor for Hatherton. Cllr Bache was unanimously elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council's Proper Officer, and submitted his completed General Notice of Registrable Interests form.

RESOLVED – that Dr John Bache be elected to the office of Parish Councillor for the parish of Hatherton.

16/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

16/31 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16/31.1 A51

It appears that the work scheduled for the A51 running through in the parish has been completed. Cllr Chettle reported the vehicle activated warning sign may need calibrating as it seems to be inaccurate - he will monitor this.

16/31.2 Bridgemere Lane

Doddington & District Parish Council have requested a meeting with CE Highways to discuss the poor condition of Bridgemere Lane, the edges and verges of which are badly disintegrating because of HGV traffic. Cllrs Bache, Chettle and Knibbs agreed to walk this lane with colleagues from Doddington at a date to be confirmed. Borough Cllr Clowes and Cllr Bennion will also attend if they are available.

16/31.3 **A529 Safety Review**

Unfortunately, a representative from Highways was not present to inform councillors on the progress of safety improvements. Borough Cllr Clowes reported that the work had been delayed mainly because Highways' maps required revision to show additional access points onto the road which they had not been consulted about by Planning Highways Officers.

Standing orders were suspended to allow comments and questions from Councillors from Audlem Parish Council. The Councillors had been hoping that an officer from Highways would be present to answer questions. Cllr Consterdine reported that many of the "cat's eyes" along the stretch of road from Dig Lane to Audlem did not work. Borough Cllr Clowes will raise this at a Highways meeting on 27th September. Councillors requested that Audlem Parish Council be kept informed of the A529 review outcome.

Cllrs Hill and Consterdine left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated.

16/31.4 **Cheshire East Draft Speed Management Strategy – September 2016**

This set out the evidenced-based requirements for setting speed limits.

16/31.5 **Cheshire East Highways Engagement Events**

Cllr Chettle confirmed that he will attend the event scheduled for Nantwich on 31st October.

16/31.6 **Boar's Head junction**

Borough Cllr Clowes reported on the previous week's traffic chaos at this junction. A combination of events, including a four car pile-up, a nearby wedding, traffic jams and diversions had led to total chaos. Apologies were due to any resident inconvenienced by this chain of events. Enforcement action is being taken against BT.

16/31.7 **Cars Parked outside Wybunbury School**

It was acknowledged that vehicles trying to pass cars parked on the road outside the school often had to reverse if they met a vehicle coming in the opposite direction. Cllr Tindall suggested that a simple solution would be to prevent the parking of, say, two cars near the school which would give space for two opposing vehicles to pass and improve traffic flow and child safety. It was noted that Highways plan to conduct a review of Wybunbury Road/ Bridge Street junction with a view to improving visibility.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk writes to Wybunbury School and Parish Council requesting them to remind parents and visitors, in the interests of road and child safety, to avoid parking on the road and use the school and permissible pub car parks wherever possible.

16/32 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2016 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16/33 MATTERS ARISING

- 16/16 The Clerk confirmed she was receiving ChALC correspondence and Police Alerts and would disseminate as appropriate.
- 16/18.1 Borough Cllr Clowes advised that Artle Brook bridge required substantial structural engineering work to repair. No date had been set for the repairs.

16/34 PLANNING MATTERS

- 16/34.1 The status of current planning applications was noted.
- 16/34.2 16/4101N – Proposed new house at Quinton’s Orchard, Bridgemere Lane. Comments to be submitted regarding road safety.
- 16/34.3 16/4021N - New porch entrance and other improvement works at the Boar’s Head, Walgherton. The proposals were seen as positive and were supported by the parish council.
- 16/34.4 16/4116N - Proposed fisherman’s retreat /car park off Bridgemere Lane. This is a repeat of application 12/1349N but has a larger footprint – this previous application was refused because there was no business case. A number of other material concerns were identified and it was noted this application may be called in.
- 16/34.5 Neighbourhood Planning – There were no updates at present. Concerns were expressed about the value of Neighbourhood Plans as a recent planning appeal in Audlem had been allowed by the Inspector because of the absence of a Local Plan for Cheshire East, despite there being a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

16/35 FINANCE REPORT

- 16/35.1 Finance Report
The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and showed a bank balance at 20th September of £4397.
- 16/35.2 Spending against budget
The current spend against budget for 2016/17 was noted.
- 16/35.4 Payments authorised at meeting
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| Clerk’s net salary/expenses August/Sept | cheque no 388 | £265.96 |
| HMRC (PAYE) August/September | cheque no 389 | £63.20 |
- 16/35.5 External Auditor Report for year ended 31/03/2016
The Auditors have confirmed their opinion that the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

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

16/36 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

- 16/36.1 Wybunbury United Charities – Borough Councillor Clowes outlined recent changes to amalgamate the historically separate funds for Hatherton parish and Walgherton parish in order that more equal support can be provided to eligible residents, and she gave examples of the type of support provided. Trustees, Cllr Steve Mitchell and Cllr Ian Bennion agreed the changes were beneficial.
- 16/36.2 HS2 – A “drop-in” public meeting is to be held on 19th October at Wychwood Park. A large amount of literature pertaining to HS2 has just been received by the Parish Council. This is currently being perused by Cllr Chettle.
- 16/36.3 Local Plan – The inspector has requested further information about the strategic green gap proposed and supported by local councils. He is not satisfied with the identified strategic sites for housing and development. Regrettably, this is likely to delay approval of the Local Plan until 2018.

16/37 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 16/37.1 Draft 2016-21 Police and Crime Plan and on-line survey.
16/37.2 ChALC Annual Meeting – 20th October (Cllr Bache to attend if possible)

Other items of correspondence had been discussed during the meeting.

16/38 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 16/38.1 Parish Noticeboards – These are situated at Crewe Road/Park Lane junction (Hatherton) and opposite the Boar’s Head (Walgherton). Cllr Bennion undertook to have the Walgherton noticeboard relocated from its current position on the main road to the green area near the wooden bench,
- 16/38.2 SFBB – this still in the process of installation for lines linked to Wybunbury exchange. It was understood that there are no current plans to extend the fibre to the remote properties not included in the initial roll-out.

16/39 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th December 2016 - to be held at Hankelow Chapel.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman
5th December 2016