

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL

Present: Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Joy Sansom, Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr Ally Williams, Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr James Du Pavey

In attendance

Abbi Miller (Parish Clerk)

Gerald Langston (Member of the Public)

23/46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Rob Tindall, Cllr Ian Bennion and Cllr Janet Clowes (Ward Councillor).

23/47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

23/48 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Dibben and agreed that the minutes from 24th July 2023 are approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23/49 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC REGARDING ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, section 1d, members of the public were able to ask a question of the Parish Council or make a statement.

There were no questions or comments from the one member of the public in attendance.

23/50 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th July 2023.

23/51 FINANCE MATTERS

- A) The Finance Report (Appendix 12) was provided by the Clerk.
- B) Unity Bank update: **ACTION:** Cllr Knibbs to chase up the RBS account closure.
- C) The following cheques or equivalent transactions from Unity Bank were authorised:
 - i. 586 Clerk wages (£386.86)
 - ii. 587 Clerk contributions to HMRC (£113.57)
 - iii. 588 Litter Bin see **23/42** (£335.99)
 - iv. 589 Daffodil Pack see **23/42** (91)

23/52 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors received the Planning Report (Appendix 13), and the following planning applications with decisions made since the last meeting held on 24th July 2023:

Plan No.	Address	Decision
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23/2667S	Land at Hatherton Lodge Farm, Hunsterson Road, Hatherton, CW5 7RA	EIA Screening Opinion with regards to a solar farm with associated infrastructure - Decision made: EIA unnecessary 22/08/2023
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23/52.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/3179N	Manor House Stables, London Road, Walgherton, CW5 7LA	Full Planning – change if use from rural building to domestic dwelling house	Parish Council response – Object Unnecessary development in the countryside (PG6 – Open Countryside Policies).
23/3448N	Mulberry House, Lodge Lane, Hatherton	Full Planning - Conversion and extension to existing outbuilding to form garaging, hobby room, workshop, office, storage, guest and ancillary accommodation*	Parish Council response – Provide comments No objection but the Parish Council recommends the removal of permitted development rights to ensure any further changes require a further planning application.
23/3266N	Tollgate Cottage, Audlem Road, Hatherton, CW5 7PJ	Householder - We have moved a 2m high timber fence away from the highway back to it's original position, with the instruction of Andrea Bickerton (Senior Highway Officer). The fence is essential to us for security, noise and fume reduction from road traffic.	Parish Council response – No comment The planning application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting and there was no comment.

23/53 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Cllr Dibben has reported 17 new issues on the Cheshire East Highways Website
- Cllr Knibbs is working on putting evidence together to support a weight restriction limit on Park Lane.
- The Council had received correspondence from CE Highways regarding possible improvements to Crewe Road in the parish. **ACTION:** Clerk to obtain clarification on the make-up of the information needed from Cheshire East before making this available for residents of Crewe Rd and side roads to comment to us.

23/54 UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

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- Cllr Clowes was not present and no deputy attended.

23/55 PARISH IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT AND PROGRESS

Cllr Williams provided an update of the Improvement Working Group Meeting held on 18th September.

- Thanks were given to Cllr Clinton for providing planter bulbs.
- Work in progress with painting the finger post at the bottom of Park Lane
- Boars Head layby improvement, **ACTION** Parish Clerk to purchase waste bin value £335.99, proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Sansom. ANSA has agreed to empty it on their rounds
- A529 Path clearing, Cheshire East started but not finished. The weeds have returned to smother the footpath in places and hedges have grown over in places. **ACTION** Cllr Knibbs to ask local resident if he would be interested in clearing.
- It was proposed by Cllr Du Pavey and seconded by Cllr Sansom **ACTION** Cllr Williams to purchase daffodils at a cost of £91.00

23/56 CHESHIRE EAST CONSULTATIONS

Charging for Car Parking Audlem Car Park – ACTION: Parish Clerk to input, stating that for the residents of this Parish it would be an inconvenience as there is no footpath or cycle path from the Parish to Audlem.

FlexiLink: Service Proposals – ACTION: Parish Clerk to complete.

Final Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning – Not relevant

Allocations Policy Consultation 2023 – Not relevant

23/57 (ALL) MEMBERS REPORTS TO RAISE TO COUNCIL (FORMERLY AOB)

- Cllr Mitchell noted that the old Royal Mail Post Box location at Artle Brook had been in a dangerous position. **ACTION:** Cllr Dibben to look into options.

23/58 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 27th November 2023
Hankelow Chapel, 11 Old School Lane, Hankelow, CW3 0JN

The meeting closed at 20:32 pm