

# HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 at HANKELOW CHAPEL

**PRESENT:** Cllr Chris Knibbs (Chair), Cllr Deborah Robb (Vice Chair), Cllr Rob Tindall, Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr James Du Pavey, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Joy Sansom

**IN ATTENDANCE:** ChALC Chief Officer Jackie Weaver, Ward Cllr Janet Clowes, PCSO Nick Jarvis, Selina Clarke (Clerk),

### 21/56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Absent with no apologies given from: Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Steve Mitchell

### 21/57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Knibbs to Application at Helers, Laurel Farm, Crewe Road, Hatherton. There were no other declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda

### 21/58 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Robb and seconded by Cllr Sansom and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be approved as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

### 21/59 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME (LCAS)

Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council was awarded Foundation Level on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The Foundation Award demonstrates that a council meets the minimum requirements for operating lawfully and according to standard practice.

We are one of 13 Parish/Town councils in Cheshire ALC to be recognised against a total of 298 given in England.

The council was absolutely delighted to have Chief Officer Jackie Weaver of ChALC to present them with their certificate. Jackie also acknowledged and thanked the council for all their contribution, hard work and dedication.

### 21/60 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

11 members of public attended and spoke of their concerns with noise and proposed development from Helers Farm.

### 21/61 MATTERS ARISING

**21/61.1 – Planning Slides** – Carry forward for Ward Cllr J Clowes and Cllr D Robb to share and compare their Planning Training slides before the clerk organises a Zoom councillor training session before January 2022.

**21/61.2 - Cheshire Archives** - Carry forward for Clerk to archive historic minutes prior to 2000

**21/60.3 – Advisory Committee** - Carry forward for a new advisory committee to be set up with Cllr Knibbs, Cllr Tindall and Cllr Dibben. This is to explore ideas for improvements and report to the council with suggestions that would benefit the Parish within the Local CEF and BLEF funding guidelines.

**21/61.4 – RESOLVED** - Members of the council and public attended a tour around the CHP unit at Helers Farm on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**21/61.5 - On-demand bus service** - Cllr Knibbs is attended the launch on 4th October 2021 at Dorfold Hall. It revealed the service does not include any areas in Walgherton where we have two businesses that are Dagfields and the Boars Head. Cllr Knibbs will continue to liaise with Cheshire East to included Walgherton during the 3 year trial.

### 21/62 POLICE MATTERS

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**21/62.1** - The council were updated with the crime statistics for the last three months.

**21/62.2** - The clerk received a letter from a Member of Public (MOP) regarding the speeding along the A51 in Walgherton near to the Boar's Heads Pub. PCSO Jarvis did a mobile speed check on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and found 5 vehicles speeding with one at 70mph on a 40mph speed limit road. noting this is an accident black spot with 2 previous fatalities and a scene of a police attended RTA this last week.

The 40mph limit was proposed by Cheshire East as part of their A51 Route Management Strategy Review in 2012. A copy of the Cheshire East TRO notice from February 2013 was shown to councillors and our Parish Council have recorded in minute references **12/44** and **12/55** confirming due diligence had taken place. The relevant Cheshire East Legal and Highways teams are to be tasked to resolve the issue and provide appropriate TRO to the Police Department in order to prevent any more serious speeding related injuries and particularly safeguarding our residents who currently have difficulty exiting their properties.

**RESOLVED:** Ward Cllr Clowes to request for appropriate paperwork be forwarded from the Highways & Legal team to the Police.

## **21/63 PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors received the Planning Log, appendix 6 and the following noted.

### **21/63.1 - Planning Application Decisions Made by Cheshire East since Last Meeting**

<b>Plan No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>21/1873N</b>	<b>Dagfields Farm, Crewe Rd, Walgherton, CW5 7LG</b> Proposed crafts and antiques workshops (Use Classes E(a) and E(g))	Approved with conditions 13/10/21
<b>21/3517N</b>	<b>Fox View, Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, CW5 7PN</b> Erection of ancillary accommodation to house a swimming pool	Refused 29/10/21
<b>21/3499N</b>	<b>Woodside Farm, Bridgemere Lane, Hatherton, CW5 7PL</b> Conversion of outbuilding to accommodation, (residential annex), construction of a small link extension	Approved with conditions 01/11/21
<b>21/3486N</b>	<b>9 Hunsterson Road, Hatherton, CW5 7RA</b> Proposed two storey extension on side of house and ground floor extension to rear	Approved with conditions 13/10/21
<b>21/4963N</b>	<b>New House, Wybunbury Road, Walgherton, CW5 7NG</b> Two Storey Side Extension, Replacement Porch and Single Storey Rear Extension	Approved with conditions 28/10/21

### **21/63.2 - New Planning Applications**

#### **21/5061N The Shielings, Back Lane, Walgherton, CW5 7NQ**

Indoor Swimming Pool – Council received comments extension until 24/11/2021

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to submit Comment Only ref PROW, doubling footprint and water disposal

#### **21/5478S Joseph Heler Limited, Laurels Farm, Crewe Road, Hatherton, CW5 7PE**

EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening opinion for a new packaging building

Comments due by 23/11/2021

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During Public Question Time, 11 neighbouring residents attended and 5 gave an individual representation about the many existing negative environmental impacts with the operation at Laurels Farm.

The residents who attended were clearly concerned over any potential intensification of factory units positioned at the edge and beyond the current curtilage. Requests were made for a reduction in activities at the site and its relocation to a more sustainable urban industrial unit. The Environmental impact is significant in relation to Policy LE1 of our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council would like the EIA to go ahead to take account of, Excessive noise, increased traffic, odours, light pollution, risk of flooding and land contamination:

**RESOLVED:** The council recommends that an EIA is required

## **21/5503N GB Engineering, Westfield, Wybunbury Road, Walgherton, CW5 7NG**

Extension to existing industrial unit and associated external works

As the noise report was too large to download and Cheshire East had not been able to distribute it before the meeting, the parish council could not come to an informed decision.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Knibbs and Du Pavey to visit reference open countryside and proposed test track concerns and report.

## **21/5617N Wood Farm, Lodge Lane, Hatherton, CW5 7LD**

Demolition of existing dwelling house and outbuildings to enable site reconfiguration and erection of replacement dwelling

Comments due 15/12/2021

**RESOLVED:** To object, reference inappropriate size, WCPNP policy H4 and proximity to PROW

## **21/5548C HS2 National Grid Gas - Feeder 4 - TX 35 Construction Site, Newcastle Road, Chorlton, CW2 5NQ**

Development authorised by the High Speed Rail (West Midlands- Crewe) Act 2021 relating to National Grid Gas - Feeder 4 (Tx35) pipeline diversion

Comments due 15/12/2021

This application does not affect Hatherton or Walgherton although it contains generic Schedule 17 lorry route information to other sites which does affect ourselves.

**RESOLVED:** not to comment as above.

## **21/5722N HS2 Phase 2a lorry routes relating to Community Area 5 for authorised sites**

High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Act 2021, pursuant to Schedule 17 Part 1, Paragraph 6 Conditions relating to Road Transport, of the Phase 2a Act

Comments due 22/12/2021

Cllr Knibbs has been attending regular HS2a liaison meetings with unheeded Boars Head junction accessibility and safety concerns.

**RESOLVED:** to comment as above.

## **21/64 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Cllr Dibben updated the council there isn't much to report except a few pot holes have appeared.

**21/64.1 – RESOLVED:** During the recent road closure between a small section of A529 between Park Lane and Crewe Road has had the following repairs done:

Fixed a leak from 3 years ago / A repair on a drain / Cleared a few gullies but not all of them / Patched some verges

## **21/65 HS2 UPDATES**

Cllr Knibbs shared that the November Liaison meeting had been postponed to December where representatives of HS2a's Early Works departments will be present.

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## 21/66 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Since residents received the Autumn 2021 Newsletter 100% of replies from resident emails all voted in favour of keeping the status quo of 10 councillors and not 7 as per the consultation recommendation. This data was agreed to be added to our response as previously minuted **20/74**.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to add comments on the Community Governance Consultation Portal

## 21/67 PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

An update was received from Cllr Robb from the last Parish Improvements Advisory Committee meeting on 25/10/21. No recommendations were received.

**21/67.1** – Cllr Du Pavey has offered to have a defibrillator on his entrance gate, the council thanked Cllr Du Pavey for the kind offer. Cllr Robb shared her findings on a new Defibrillator plus possible sponsorship.

**21/67.2** – Bench installation - Clerk waiting for Land Registry to come back ownership of the verge before any more work can be done.

**21/67.3** – New introduction of Welcome letter to new residents is working well

**21/67.4.** Selecta DNA, Neighbourhood Alert has announced they are widening Operation Shield to all of Cheshire. Cllr Dibben is testing the process.

**RESOLVED:** Next Improvement meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, everyone is welcome.

## 21/68 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

No impact for Hatherton & Walgherton for SADPD currently being inspected.

## 21/69 DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Four documents circulated but Cllrs had not had time to assimilate their opinions. Delegated to Improvements Committee to discuss and report back.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Knibbs to invite a speaker for the next meeting in January 2022.

## 21/70 FINANCIAL MATTERS

**21/70.1** - Councillors received the Finance report, appendix 8, that detailed a bank reconciliation, budget against actual spend and a full year forecast was also noted.

- Opening Balance on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 was £5,751.57. The council received the following void cheques 000510 & 000514 for LCAS; income RBS £0.11; Precept 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment £2,201.00; VAT Refund £293.72; CIL £225.00.
- Giving a balance of £8531.40
- Spend since the last meeting on 27/09/21 is £420.18 leaving a balance of £8,111.22 which takes into account 1 unrepresented cheque totalling £30.00.

### **21/70.2 –Proposed Budget**

The Council considered the draft budget of £5,870.00 for 2022/23, noting that some amounts stayed the same or had a small increase. The increases were based on either rising costs or 2021/22 actual current spend.

**RESOLVED** - The budget for 2022/23 be approved in the sum of £5,870.00

**RESOLVED** – Minute ref **20/44.3** to allocate £500 for Wybunbury Neighbourhood Plan Revisit

### **21/70.3 - PRECEPT RECOMMENDATION 2022/23**

Cheshire East Council is due to fix its tax base for the financial year 2022/23 by resolution of the Council on 15th December 2021.

An email from Cheshire East dated 26th November 2021 indicates that the tax base for Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council area is likely to be 255.57 compared to a current amount of 250.55.

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The council was provided with 2 options and chose Option 1 for the current Band D Council Tax of £17.57 to remain the same and increase the precept to £4,490.00 for the year 2022/23

**RESOLVED** - The precept of £4,490.00 be requested for 2022/23.

## 21/70.4 - PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED

**RESOLVED** – Clerk received approved authorisation for cheque 000528 - £90.00 for 3 x Planning Training, minute 21/50.2. The Planning Training has since been cancelled, no invoice received, cheque was not written. This cheque number 000528 is now available for payments approved at 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2021 PC Meeting.

**RESOLVED** – the following payments to be authorised:

Payment to	Details	Cheque Number	Amount
Audlem Printers	200 A3, folded Newsletters	000528	£110.00
Selina Clarke	Clerk Salary & Expenses Oct/Nov '21	000529	£379.56
Hankelow Chapel	Room Hire at Hankelow Chapel x 4 meetings during 2021 @£35.00 each	000530	£140.00
Neil Clowes	Reimbursement of Land Registry fee for Ownership of Verge at Park Lane / Crewe Road	000531	£17.94

## 21/71 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

**21/71.1** - Clerk received an email from eForest with an offering of free trees. There wasn't enough information to make a decision but it could be included as part of Climate Emergency

**21/71.2** - Clerk received a letter from a resident regarding the speeding along A51 – response is documented under Police Matters

## 21/72 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

All meetings next year to stay the same date but begin at a slightly earlier time of 7:30pm and Annual Parish Meeting (May '22) to begin at 7:15pm.

## 21/73 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the new time of 7:30pm  
Hankelow Methodist Chapel

The meeting closed at 10:29pm