

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH JULY 2021

Present: Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Neil Clowes Cllr Chris Knibbs (Chair), Cllr Rob Tindall

In attendance

Ward Cllr Janet Clowes, Selina Clarke (Clerk), Mrs J Sansom (Resident)

21/18 Open questions to resident Mrs J Sansom who has expressed an interest in our current vacant councillor position.

RESOLVED Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions

21/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from: Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr James Du Pavey, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr Deborah Robb

21/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Knibbs declared an interest in 21/3517N (Fox View) and 21/3499N (Woodside Farm) as a neighbour but declared that there was no disclosable pecuniary interest in either application. No other declarations were made.

21/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/22 MATTERS ARISING

21/22.1 - Local Council Foundation Award – It was submitted on 6th May and waiting to hear from NALC, results were expected in August.

21/22.2 – Noise from Helers Factory – It is reported that there has been less noise, possibly due to some areas being tarmacked. Also, some cooling units have been ordered, although this is positive, the second cold store isn't in operation yet.

Mr Heler has invited councillors for a tour around the CHP. Clerk to arrange after 17/08/21 due to holidays

21/22.3 – Planning Slides – Ward Cllr J Clowes to go through some training slides to help councillors through the Planning process

21/22.4 – Drainage Map of Park Lane, Hatherton – RESOLVED: Cllr N Clowes has provided a map of the drainage network.

21/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

21/23.1 - Councillors received the Finance report, appendix 5, that detailed a bank reconciliation, budget against actual spend and a full year forecast was also noted

- Opening Balance on 01/05/21 was £7,380.63 plus income of £0.12 RBS interest, £112.50 CIL Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) totalling £7,493.25
- Spend since the last meeting on 17/05/21 is £1,143.13 leaving a balance of £6,350.12 which takes into account 3 un-presented cheques totalling £85.00

21/23.2 Internal Audit Recommendations - Clerk to ensure compliance for 2020/21

21/23.3 - Issue 1: None Compliance with Public Rights Notice for 2019/20 – Clerk only in post 6 weeks at that point with no knowledge of Council procedures. Clerk had written an incorrect date on the form but does have an email dated on 07/08/2020 for the Public Rights Notice to be displayed on the website. Also, a paper notice was put up on the notice boards on 07/08/2020 but Clerk wasn't aware of taking a picture for evidence.

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RESOLVED: The Public Rights Notice for 2020/21 has been announced with 10 days prior notice.

21/23.4 - Issue 2: Fixed Asset Register is Basic – Clerk submitted an updated Asset Register in the same format since 2013 but more information is now required to demonstrate effective management of fixed assets.

RESOLVED: Clerk to produce an in-depth analysis of fixed assets as recommended

2019/20 Recommendations Outstanding

21/23.5 - Issue 1: Public Rights Notice for 2018/19 – Clerk not found the document in old paperwork.

21/23.6 - Issue 2: No VAT reclaimed – Clerk to contact HMRC as unable to access H&W account

21/23.7 – Consider re-appointment of JDH Business Services as internal auditors for 2021/22

RESOLVED: Council agrees to the recommendations set out in the internal auditor's report and that JDH Business Services continue to act as the internal auditor in 2021/22.

21/23.8 - Payments to be authorised

RESOLVED – the following payments to be authorised:

Payment to	Details	Cheque Number	Amount
ChALC	Planning Training – D Robb	000519	£25.00
Scottish Power	Streetlight Electricity	000520	£16.51
Rob Collins	2 nd Instalment on Notice Board	000521	£143.29
Chris Knibbs	Cement for Notice Board	000522	£19.56
Selina Clarke	Clerk Salary & Expenses Jun/Jul	000523	£384.26
Chris Knibbs	Zoom Subscription for June	000524	£14.39
Audlem First Responders	Donation	000525	£200.00

21/23.9 Donations

Last year, H&W PC donated to Audlem First Responders and St Chads Church (for churchyard maintenance). A discussion was held regarding donation in 2021/22. Clerk to seek advice with Wybunbury Parish Clerk for Churchyard ownership and inform council at next PC meeting in Sept'21

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Audlem First Responders with offer of £200.00 donation.

21/24 PLANNING MATTERS

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

21/24.1 - Planning Application Decisions Made by Cheshire East since Last Meeting

Plan No.	Address	Decision
20/4801N	Park House Farm Building, Park Lane, Hatherton, CW5 7QX	Approved with Conditions
20/4919N	The Shielings, Back Lane, Walgherton, CW5 7NQ	Issue a positive certificate
19/0046N	Land Adjacent To Boars Head Hotel, Walgherton	Appeal Dismissed
21/1292N	New House, Wybunbury Road, Walgherton, CW5 7NG	Approved with Conditions
21/1210N	Poolbank Farm, Crewe Road, Walgherton, CW5 7LG	Approved with Conditions
21/0850N	Hillcrest, London Road, Walgherton, CW5 7LB	Approved with Conditions
21/1859N	Heathfield Farm, Sandy Lane, Hatherton, CW5 7LQ	Approved with Conditions

21/24.2 - New Planning Applications

21/24.2a

21/3517N - Fox View, Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, CW5 7PN

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The application to erect an ancillary accommodation for a swimming pool appears to be a similar size to the dwelling.

The proposed ancillary building is very close Birchall Moss woodland where there are numerous small ponds and any risk of contamination of chlorinated water could have an adverse effect. For this reason, we would want to the swimming pool to be drained using a tanker.

But if a tanker is used, it appears possible to enter through the gates of this site but not near the back where this building is planned for.

We would also like consideration to be given to the impact of any Brown Owls that may be in vicinity of the building works should Planning permission be granted.

RESOLVED: Comment Only on Planning Portal

21/24.2b

21/2647N – Hatherton Lodge Farm, Hunsterson Road, Hatherton, CW5 7RA

This is a Determination Application and not for council discussion.

21/24.2c

21/3499N - Woodside Farm, Bridgemere Lane, Hatherton, CW5 7PL

This planning application is a renewal of 17/4375N but with some alterations where it is proposed to link to the main house.

The council propose that condition 4 of planning application 17/4375N be upheld considering the link to the main dwelling.

If a conversion of the outbuilding into accommodation is permitted, then consideration should be made for an EV Charger as Solar PV panels on the front (south facing) elevation are being installed.

RESOLVED: Comment Only on Planning Portal

21/24.2d

21/3486N - 9, Hunsterson Road, Hatherton, CW5 7RA

The council has no objections in principle but noted that this is a large extension but has sufficient curtilage to accommodate this.

It is also noted that this property has a septic tank to deal with foul waste. As this new development includes a downstairs toilet and an additional upstairs bathroom, it will be important to ensure the septic tank has sufficient capacity to deal with effluent from a larger dwelling and that it is compliant with the new septic tank specifications.

We support the neighbours comments over concerns for privacy during the winter months when the trees are bare, and that consideration for frosted glass in the second floor window that faces Wood View property.

RESOLVED: No Objection In Principle

21/24.2e

21/3394N – Wayside, Audlem Road, Hatherton, CW5 7PJ

This planning application is subject to expired plan 16/0390N for a proposed replacement dwelling

The extension is a substantial size but the height is not as high as the current dwelling. The proposed balcony is at the back and does not infringe on anyone's privacy.

The frontage ground to roof glazing is more urban contemporary rather than countryside appearance and does not fit in with Wybunbury Combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan – Section 5.5: Policy H4 – Design

RESOLVED: Comment Only on Planning Portal

21/24.2f

21/3737N - Oak House, Hunsterson Road, Hunsterson, CW5 7RB (not our area)

This property is just over the parish boundary but we feel that if this application is approved then a condition that the extended outbuilding remains ancillary to the main dwelling.

The council feel that Permitted Development Rights should be removed

We would also like to note that any business being run from the outbuilding is registered with Cheshire East.

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RESOLVED: Comment Only on Planning Portal

21/24.3

Hough Mill Quarry Site - Cheshire Wildlife trust had held a site visit and had advised Cheshire East Council on the business case for the proposals. It is intended that a joint meeting of Parish Councils affected by the proposals be held in late August or early September when Cheshire Wildlife Trust would explain the intended use of the site.

Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council would like to see all the conditions from the last planning application enforced and the site be restored to pre-quarry times, councillors were encouraged to get involved.

21/25 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

21/25.1 – New Issues

Cllr Dibben could not attend meeting due to an emergency so no update provided but any highways details are on H&W Roads website (www.handwroads.org.uk)

21/25.2 - RESOLVED: Grids have been cleared outside Dagfields and they haven't flooded since.

21/26 POLICE MATTERS

RESOLVED – Parish Clerk updated the council on the latest Police Cluster meeting with local parishes held on 19th July 2021.

21/26.1 - Clerk to invite other parishes for a zoom meeting to consider purchasing SelectaDNA equipment and signage to support local crime prevention.

21/27 HS2 GRANTS

Cheshire East have an overall total of £724k available for Grants where Parish Councils can apply for Improvements or Projects under a specific criterion. We will be eligible to apply due to half the properties in Walgherton being on the construction traffic route. Further details on:

<https://hs2funds.org.uk/home/community-environment-fund/>

Carry forward to September Parish meeting to discuss an application.

21/28 LOCAL BUS SERVICE 3 YEAR TRIAL

Cheshire East received a £1.25m Mobility Grant from Dept of Transport for On-Demand public travel between Audlem, Wybunbury and other local parishes.

The 72 and 73 bus service are still running for the time being but no information if the On-Demand service will replace them. There is still no information on whether bus passes can be used or how far the destination point can be.

Cheshire East have until the end of October 2021 to sign up their plans to the National Bus Strategy.

21/29 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY CHANGES

Ward Cllr J Clowes updated the parish councillors on the Constituency Boundary Review that is due to be finalised in 2023. The purpose is to realign and even out areas to have 70k voters and the level of new housing has caused geographical areas to be out of balance.

Our post town is Nantwich but the Boundary Commission has suggested that the whole of the Wybunbury Ward is moved out of Crewe & Nantwich Constituency and into a newly formed South Cheshire Constituency.

Hatherton & Walgherton council feel that moving out of Crewe & Nantwich would cause issues with school catchment areas, lack of networking links as we are segregated by the river Weaver and also where/how we go with our local problems if we need to involve the local MP.

However, the council also acknowledged that the South Cheshire constituency would have a greater understanding of our rural problems.

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21/30 RESPONSE TO LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Proposals for Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council to reduce from 10 councillors to 7 went to full council in June 2021 but consultation has not started yet.

To re-iterate the councils concerns, going down to 7 councillors could lead to:

- inqorate meetings due to unforeseen absences
- reduce the democratic process
- make sharing the workload more difficult
- limit the route to escalate any issues upwards
- less and more difficult succession rates and planning
- make effective contacts with residents much more difficult in our widespread rural community

21/31 PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr D Robb not available to provide an update on the latest Parish Improvements

21/31.1 - Walgherton brand new notice board is now in operation. It looks great and is in a more accessible position but still on the corner opposite the Boars Head Pub.

RESOLVED: Thank you to Rob Collins who built the notice board and also thank you to Cllr C Knibbs, Cllr N Dibben & Rob Collins for erecting it, removing/disposing of the old one.

21/32 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

21/32.1 – Doddington have installed a Defib, H&W clerk to contact D&D clerk for details on training

21/32.2 – Would like to see the temporary lights at the Boar's Head crossroads to be permanent

21/32.3 – Would like consideration for passing spaces by Wybunbury school

21/33 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley shared a letter sent to Highways Chief Executive

RESOLVED: We support their plight as H&W PC are in the same position with some highways issues remain unsolved even after 3 years of initial reporting.

21/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21/34.1 - Cllr N Clowes has noticed a large aerial possibly coming from the unlawful park home on the lower yard at Bank House near Oakes Corner, also noting they have blanked off views from the public. Cheshire East planning enforcement should investigate.

21/35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th September 2021
Hankelow Methodist Chapel

The meeting closed at 10:07pm