

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2024 AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL

Present: Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Ally Williams, Cllr Rob Tindall, Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr James Du Pavey, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Gerald Laxton

In attendance

Abbi Miller (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Janet Clowes (Ward Councillor)

24/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Joy Sansom and Cllr Ian Bennion.

24/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

One typo in minute ref 24/08b - change from 'report' to 'repair'. **RESOLVED.**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Clinton and agreed that the minutes from 22nd January 2024 are approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

24/16 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 members of the public in attendance.

24/17 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

24/18 FINANCE MATTERS

A) The Finance Report (Appendix 18) was presented by the Clerk.

£400 had been budgeted this FY for Charitable Donations. The Parish Council agreed that £300 be donated to ADCA, and £100 be donated to the North West Air Ambulance. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to arrange.

B) The following payments were authorised:

- Parish Clerk wages £409.36
- Parish Clerk HMRC contributions £102.20
- Webhosting UK £11.99

24/19 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors received the Planning Report (Appendix 19), and the following planning applications with decisions made since the last meeting held on 22nd January 2024:

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23/0325N	Walgherton Waters, Sandy Lane, Walgherton	Full Planning – New entrance to B5071, car parking and static caravan	REFUSED 31/01/2024
23/4049N, 23/4050N	Bank House Farm, Oakes Corner, Audlem Rd, Hatherton	Householder/Listed Building Consent – Demolition of 20 th Century pitched roof wrap around extension and construction of new single storey “orangery” extension	REFUSED 08/02/2024

24/19.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/0628N	1 Kiln Cottage, Audlem Rd, Hatherton	Householder – proposed replacement garage	Parish Council Response – The council have no objection to the building in principle. We request highways to assess the practicality for turning and access the highway. Consideration should also be given to tree and hedge roots.
24/0870N	The Broomlands, Audlem Rd, Hatherton	Listed Building Consent – for replacement of existing windows	Parish Council Response – No comment
24/0743N	Foxes Bank Farm, Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson	Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use/Dev – Install a prefabricated toilet and wash room unit	Parish Council Response - The council are concerned of the appearance of a green painted ex shipping container in open countryside. We are concerned it will be an eyesore and inappropriate visually in the surrounding area. Please can we also request that the drainage be disclosed and assessed if it is complaint with current regulations before the erection of any new facility.

24/20 HIGHWAY MATTERS

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- a) Cllr Dibben continues to report Highways issues to Cheshire East, including potholes and BT covers and exposed drains that are cracking and breaking which is leaving sharp edges.
- b) Flooding is causing road edges to break up. Blocked drains and exacerbating the problem.

24/21 UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

- Cllr Clowes informed the Council that a Peer Review is taking place, which will lead to a report being submitted to DLUHC and published in June.
- Cllr Clowes updated the Council on the financial pressures faced by Cheshire East Council in particular the pressures of providing special needs provisions.
- Cllr Clowes informed the Council that the Neighbourhood Plan will start to be revised. There will need to be a focus on biodiversity net gain and also design policy. This needs to be revised by 2025, and the first meeting of the Steering Group will be held in the next few weeks.

24/22 PARISH IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT AND PROGRESS

Cllr Williams provided an update of the Improvement Working Group Meeting held on 18th March:

- A litter pick was held on Sunday 24th March.
- Cllr Williams discussed the installation of a safety mirror at Hatherton Crossroads. Spend of £64.99 **approved**.
- Cllr Williams will purchase approx. 4 trees to be installed by Birchall Brook and Yew Tree Farm. Total cost is approx.£320. Spend **approved**.
- Cllr Dibben updated the Council on the replacement of new village signs. There will be approx. 5 for Hatherton and 4 for Walgherton. They are made of aluminium and are reflective. Total cost is approx. £714. Spend **approved**.
- Cllr Laxton has spoken to the manager of the Boars Head pub regarding the maintenance of the layby by the Public House. He would be happy to consider its maintenance.
- Date of next meeting, 13th May 2024.

24/23 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

Cllr Knibbs had reviewed the Parish Council Policies and proposed the following changes:

- Standing Orders: One change which relates to planning procedures, that the Parish Council gives permission to the Planning Committee to make planning related decisions.
- Complaints Policy: Changes to Cheshire East Monitoring Officer address. Changes to Parish Clerk address.
- Finance Regulations: One change relating to the approval of expenditure between Parish Council meetings to increase from £250.00 to £350.00.
- Risk Policy: One change relating to the defibrillator and that that this is checked regularly.
- Training Policy: Once change relating to Cllr Laxton now having responsibility to brief councillors on relevant training opportunities.

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- Code of Conduct: Cheshire East has extensively revised this in recent years. Cllr Knibbs has changed the Parish Council's inline with Cheshire East's revision.

It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Dibben that the above-mentioned recommended changes take place and are approved by the Parish Council. **RESOLVED.**

24/24 (ALL) MEMBERS REPORTS TO RAISE TO COUNCIL (FORMERLY AOB)

- A Parish Council WhatsApp group be set up so Councillors can receive real time information.
- Cllr Knibbs gave an update on Heler's recent acquisition in Skegness which will be responsible for distribution and that this could mean more traffic in the area.
- Cllr Tindall and Cllr Laxton gave their apologies for the next meeting.

24/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 28th May 2024
Hankelow Chapel, 11 Old School Lane, Hankelow, CW3 0JN

The meeting closed at 21:23 pm

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