

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th MAY 2020

Present via video link:

Cllrs Nigel Dibben, Chris Knibbs (Chair), Rob Tindall, Deborah Robb, Melanie Yeomans, Neil Clowes, Steve Boyes

In attendance

Carol Bell (Clerk)

20/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Cllr Dibben, seconded by Cllr Robb and unanimously carried that Cllr Knibbs be elected as Chairman.

Resolved that Cllr Chris Knibbs be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year

20/02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Cllr Dibben, seconded by Cllr Clowes and unanimously carried that Cllr Tindall be elected as Vice Chairman.

Resolved that Cllr Rob Tindall be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

20/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Janet Clowes

Absent - Councillors Steve Mitchell, Ian Bennion and Barry Dakin

20/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Regarding items on the agenda, there were no declarations of interest.

20/05 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2018 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20/06 MATTERS ARISING

20/06.1 Clerk advised that no response received from Cheshire East Council regarding the removal of the Hatherton sign from the end of Park Lane and the 7.5 ton limit request on Park Lane. Clerk to follow up

20/06.2 Due to Covid-19 no movement on street light on the Boar's Head crossroads.

20/06.3 Cllr. Knibbs advised that the VAS device on Audlem Road, Hatherton was not working. Cllr Dibben to follow up with Cheshire East Council.

20/06.4 Due to Covid-19 no further movement on bank account switch.

20/06.5 Councillor Knibbs advised that the construction of the new Walgherton Parish Notice Board was underway

20/06.6 The siting of a bench in the lay-by at the end of Park Lane had been rejected by the council. Clerk has appealed the decision

20/07 FINANCE REPORT

The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and comprises the full report for the year from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, together with items for annual review.

20/07.1 The income and expenditure and bank reconciliation for the financial year ending 31st March showed a closing balance of £5,030.95 with five unrepresented cheques totalling £455.03

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20/07.2 The latest bank statement dated 8th April, showed receipts of £2,2043, being the first instalment of the parish precept, plus 43p interest from RBS, giving a bank balance of £7,232.38 at 8th April, with two unpresented cheques for £76.80

20/07.3 Annual Governance Statement

Resolved that this be approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

20/07.4 Accounting Statement for year ended 31st March 2020

Resolved that this be approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

20/07.5 Final Spending against budget for 2019/20.

This showed an actual spend of £4,692.00 compared to the budget of £3,189.83, a variance of £1502.17.

20/07.6 Review of Insurance and insurance provider

The Council had taken advantage of a 5 year LTU option (Long Term Undertaking) in 2019. Resolved that the insurance should remain with Zurich Insurance.

20/07.7 Receipts and Payments Summary and Balance Sheet for the year

These detailed the Council's income and expenditure during the financial year. The opening balance at 1st April 2019 was £4,345.50 and the closing balance at 31st March 2020 was £5,409.18.

20/07.8 Payments authorised at meeting

Zurich Insurance	Cheque 00483	£154.91
ICO	Cheque 00484	£40.00
Carol Bell net salary/exp April & May 20	Cheque 00485	£314.33
HMRC Carol Bell PAYE	Cheque 00486	£66.80

20/07.9 Confirmation of banking arrangements and Payment Approval Procedure

The arrangements were reviewed and it was confirmed they will remain unchanged as defined in the financial regulations.

20/07.10 Risk Schedule

The Council considered the risk schedule which identifies the risk matters, the frequency of review and the minute number relating to the most recent consideration of specific risk items. General Data Protection Regulation had been added to the Risk Schedule.

20/07.11 Asset Register

This remains unchanged - the auditors have issued guidance that the value of fixed assets should be amended only for additions or disposals.

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

20/08 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning log was reviewed and the following noted.

20/08.1 Recent applications awaiting decision

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20/1621N Moss Gate, Hunsterson Road, Hatherton – Construction of single attached garage and conservatory

Resolved – with comments. Due to the siting of the garage and conservatory and the proximity to the neighbouring property, Spring Cottage that the comments of the owners of Spring Cottage be taken into consideration. That the first floor window of the side elevation facing Spring Cottage be changed to obscure glazing to safeguard the amenity of the neighbouring property, Spring Cottage as stipulated in the decision for planning approval 13.04.2018 Application 17/2790N. That it be noted that the applicant has already prepared foundations for the build prior to a planning decision being made.

20/1918N Mulberry House, Lodge Lane, Hatherton – Proposed 3 bay oak framed garage with loft space above entered by external staircase to the south side of Mulberry House which will sit at the apex of the drive.

Resolved - No objection in principle. Loft space above garage to remain as loft space with no further development rights.

20/1869N Joseph Heler Ltd. Laurels Farm, Crewe Road, Hatherton – Application for the erection and use of a new electrical substation.

Resolved –No objection in principle but as substation will be based alongside a public footpath subject to review by Cheshire East public rights of way group

20/09 LICENCE APPLICATION

Blind Taste, Birchall Moss Cottage, Bridgemere Lane Hatherton. Application for a premises Licence. To use as a base for the storage and distribution of mail order wine. The owner states there will be a maximum of one collection of goods for delivery per day.

Resolved – no objection on the proviso that if traffic levels to and from the property increase then a planning application will need to be submitted

20/10 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dibben reported he had received a response to his letter sent in October 2019 to Cheshire East Council highlighting various highway issues. Park Lane gulleys and subsidence have been worked on and gulleys in general around the parish have been cleared by Cheshire East Council

20/11 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

No report this meeting.

20/12 CORRESPONDENCE

None received

20/13 REPLACEMENT OF PARISH CLERK

Carol Bell the current clerk has tendered her resignation due to returning to full time employment. The councillors wished her well and thanked her for her contributions over the last 6 months. Cllr Knibbs advised an advert had gone out for a new clerk.

20/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Boyes advised there had been a spate of burglaries in the area with both cars and garden sheds being broken into. Clerk to e-mail parish residents to advise.

20/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th July 2020 – location tbc

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm