

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2021

Present via video link: Cllr Chris Knibbs (Chair), Cllr Rob Tindall (Vice Chair), Cllr Steve Boyes, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Deborah Robb, Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Steve Mitchell

In attendance

Ward Cllr Janet Clowes, Selina Clarke (Clerk), Mr James Du Pavey (Observer), Mrs Katie Clinton (Observer)

20/52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Barry Dakin.

20/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

20/54 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2020 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20/55 MATTERS ARISING

Consultation on CEC Car Parking and Transport

The Parish Council discussed the issues surrounding the consultation, like consistency across the borough, differences between rural and urban usage, all day parking for employees of the town, plus concerns over the current financial climate.

RESOLVED – Clerk to submit a response with the observations from the Parish Council before the consultation finishes on 31st January 2021

20/55.1 - Open questions to the 2 new interested parties for Councillor vacancy

RESOLVED Current councillors had the opportunity to ask questions to the 2 observers.

20/56 FINANCIAL MATTERS

20/56.1 – Councillors received the Finance report, appendix 5 that detailed a bank reconciliation, budget against actual spend and a full year forecast.

Opening Balance of £8,157.26 plus income of £0.13 for interest totalling £8,157.39

Spend since the last meeting was £482.45 leaving a balance of £7,674.94. There is a further £910.60 of unpresented cheques.

At the end of year 2020/21 the bank balance is projected to be approximately £6,000.

20/56.2 – RESOLVED – the following payments to be authorised:-

Payment to	Details	Cheque Number	Amount
Selina Clarke	Clerk Salary & Expenses Dec/Jan	000502	£365.16
Chris Knibbs	Zoom Subscription Dec/Jan	000503	£28.78
Rob Tindall	Annual Domain Fees	000504	£83.34

20/56.3 - RESOLVED – Clerk requested to re-adjust the 2021/22 budget in light of new information. Agreed, so long as completed before the end of this financial year.

20/56.4 - RESOLVED – The council resolved to accept an interim invoice for work completed to date for the noticeboard up to £350, this does not include installation costs.

20/56.5 - New Bank Account progress.

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Clerk called in at the Cooperative Bank in Crewe and informed that they no longer offer a banking product to Parish Councils. Options were discussed to either stay with RBS or consider a different bank where we would have to pay a monthly banking fee. Attempts will be made to have an improved relationship with RBS first.

20/57 PLANNING MATTERS

20/57.1 - Councillors received the Planning Log, appendix 6, which was reviewed and the following Planning Applications with decisions from Cheshire East since Parish Council meeting on 23rd November 2020

20/5229N - Hunsterson House, Hunsterson Road, Hunsterson, CW5 7RB
Approved with Conditions on 19/01/2021

It has been noted that on the Hatherton Parish side of Hunsterson House, it has a partially built building. Enforcements have been informed as the Parish has not been made aware of a planning application.

20/5230N - Sandygate Lodge, Crewe Road, Walgherton, CW5 7LG
Approved with Conditions by CE Planning on 21/01/2021.

20/5315N - Whittakers Green Farm, Pewit Lane, Hunsterson, CW5 7PP
Environmental Health have Withdrawn the Objection to the Biomass Boiler.
Parish Council to write and ask for details of what are the lorries transporting to and from the Green Waste Site in light of seemingly increased site HGV traffic and continued destruction of the roadside verges.

20/57.2 - New Planning Applications since the last meeting on 23rd November 2020

20/5733N – Mulberry House, Lodge Lane, Hatherton CW5 7LD
RESOLVED to Object

The submitted plans appear incomplete with stairs going up to a first floor with no plans provided for the first floor.

The council would object to it being converted to a separate residential dwelling and would like the permitted development rights to be withdrawn.

This is only to be used as ancillary to the main house.

20/58 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

20/58.1 - VAS unit out of action progress Hatherton Bends

Clerk has reported that fault reference 3410540 Current Status is at Enquiry received as at 02/12/2020 with no update from Cheshire East.

20/58.2 – Flooding Issues

B5071 Outside Dagfields - A drainage wagon turned up in mid-January but left without starting work as the traffic light / signage team did not turn up. Resolved to expedite this gully clearance problem.

Park Lane - Flooding in adjacent fields has got worse with the latest heavy rainfall that is on top of already saturated land. Cllr N Clowes to speak to a previous owner who knows the history of drains around Park Lane area in an attempt to clear the downstream field drains and identify any road drain weaknesses. It appears that after extensive work in 2020 the Park Lane surface water road drains are inadequate and this surface water overflows into adjacent fields where the field drains also are ineffective and /or damaged not allowing the excess water to soak away.

Between the Wybunbury end of Back Lane & the School at Walgherton – Ward Cllr Clowes has managed to arrange an investigation to improve the drainage problems.

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20/58.3 - Damaged Road Verges

A529:- They are getting crushed by vehicles causing mud to breakaway and flow into the drains. Reported to CE Highways

Bridgemere Lane:- As per minutes 16/48.2 (2016) H&W & D&D Parish Councils met with Cheshire East Highways, who agreed to sort out the verges and mark road edges with white lines. Agreed action still awaited Clerk to write to Highways and forward a copy of the minutes to ask for an update.

20/59 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Council have published the budget pages and bringing in 5% increase, the extra 3% is to cover rising Social Care costs.

20/60 PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

20/60.1 - Parish Improvements Progress - First meeting has taken place and items discussed:

- Defibrillator – Clerk to write to Mike Heler to offer thanks and ask for his existing Defibrillator to be moved on the of his building so it could be used by the Parish.
- Consideration was discussed for an Information/Historical Sign to be placed in the centre of Hatherton, the crossroads of Crewe Road and Park Lane.
- Consideration for a bench, possibly landscape the area and get residents opinions.
- Waste Bin at Oakes Corner / Crewe Road layby to be progressed.

20/60.2 – New Website Progress

Cllr Dibben has been working to get our new website to meet Accessibility Standards. He will share the link for councillors to view and forward any comments.

Chairman thanked Cllr Dibben for all his efforts in completing the new website

20/60.3 - January CEC Parish Engagement Session

Cllr Knibbs attended and gave us an update on the Cheshire East proposed budgeting for the next few years.

20/60.4 - Litter Pick

This normally takes place mid-March. If Covid permitting, it will take place. Clerk to also to write to residents and ask them if they would help by picking up some rubbish where safe to do so.

20/60.5 - Police Meeting Update

Cllr Robb attended the last Police Meeting, regarding the recent spate of garage/shed burglaries the Police are increasing drive arounds in the evening and middle of the nights to see if this helps.

20/60.6 - No official Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

There are some local areas that 'look out' for each other. Clerk to speak to PC Nick Jarvis to ask for guidance on setting up a proper group and/or signage available that would help to create a deterrent or use Facebook local Rural Watch. Clerk to share any information to Cllr Dibben to put on the new website.

20/61 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

RESOLVED – Precept was approved on 16/12/2020 with a Taxbase of 250.55

20/62 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Clowes mentioned Helers doing some work and Electricity will be off for one day.

Cllr Knibbs mentioned HS2 – If HS2 gets the go-ahead, 24 properties will be affected by construction traffic noise and vibration going past their homes, to and from the site. Although the

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properties are more than 300metres from the HS2 Line, the transport disturbance is likely to be an issue for several years.

20/63 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 29th March 2021 – Location TBC or Zoom
The meeting closed at 9:45 pm

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