

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30th MARCH 2020

Present via video link:

Cllrs Nigel Dibben, Chris Knibbs (Chair), Rob Tindall, Deborah Robb

In attendance

Ward Cllr Janet Clowes, Carol Bell (Clerk), Melanie Yeomans

19/68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Steve Mitchell, Steve Boyes and Neil Clowes

19/69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19/70 STANDING ORDERS

A change to the standing orders to allow video conferencing meetings to take place during government restrictions on social gatherings was proposed by Councillor Deborah Robb and seconded by Councillor Nigel Dibben

19/71 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR FOR HATHERTON

The Chairman called for nominations to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor for Hatherton. It was proposed by Cllr Rob and seconded by Cllr Dibben that Mrs Melonie Yeomans be co-opted as Parish Councillor for Hatherton. Cllr Yeomans was unanimously elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be given to Cllr Yeomans to sign. Cllr Yeoman's General Notice of Registrable Interests form has been received by the Clerk.

19/72 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th January be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/73 MATTERS ARISING

19/73.1 Clerk advised that a follow up e-mail had been sent to 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 with no acknowledgement received to date.

19/73.2 Clerk advised that an electrical contractor had advised they would inspect the street light on the Boar's Head crossroads when they were next in the area to advise if it could be restored back to working order.

19/73.3 Councillor Dibben advised that the SID device on Audlem Road, Hatherton had been turned around to face oncoming traffic but the supporting poles had not been repaired. It is unknown if it is working or not. Ward Cllr Janet Clowes advised that this sign was in fact called a VAS (vehicle activated sign).

19/73.4 Clerk advised that RBS had been in contact regarding the switch of the parish bank account to Co-op. It appears this can go ahead but there is some query on the paperwork. Clerk will follow this up but may need to wait until current pandemic is over as RBS only accepting urgent phone calls at present.

19/73.5 Councillor Knibbs advised that the construction of the new Walgherton Parish Notice Board was underway

19/73.6 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

19/73.7 Clerk has contacted Cheshire East Council with regards to the removal of a number of housing signs and other unauthorised signage around the parish. The enquiry has been acknowledged by the Planning Enforcement Team and Highways Department who will investigate.

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19/74 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning log was reviewed and the following noted.

19/74.1 Recent applications awaiting decision

20/0570N Park House Farm, Park Lane, Hatherton – Prior approval for change of use from agricultural use to dwelling.

Resolved – The request does not meet Policy H2 of the neighbourhood plan. With major flooding in the adjoining field, concern is expressed over the effectiveness of any septic tank system and surface water run-off. In addition as all of the neighbouring houses in Greenhaven court are built on pile driven rafts due to the whole area being boggy, the conversion of the old metal frame helicopter hangar would need similar foundations to support the additional weight of the housing structure

20/0668N Broomlands Bungalow, Birchall Moss Lane, Hatherton – Proposed extension and alterations.

Resolved - No comments

20/126N Mole Hill House, Birchall Moss Lane, Hatherton – Proposed stable block and change of use of land from agricultural to mixed equine and agricultural use. Condition to be made that the stable block is for personal/private use only and not for business use or to set up a future business.

20/1141N Chapel House, Crewe Road, Hatherton - Replacing collapsed flat roof to an existing outbuilding with a new dual pitched tile roof, associated gable brickwork, front and rear elevations.

Resolved – to object. This is an unapproved storeroom, erected without planning permission. The pitched roof would overshadow the neighbour's garden. It also appears to be too close to the boundary. If permission is granted, then it is recommended that permitted development rights are removed

20/1160N London Road Farm, Oakside Barn, London Road, Walgherton – New stable and tack room

Resolved – this is an addition to the garage approved in 2019 where a decision was made that the garage should be used for domestic storage purposes only. To confirm on the type of material to be used for the build and whether it is to be attached to the garage or is to be a separate building as the plans show both

19/75 DODDINGTON ESTATE

Ward Cllr Janet Clowes advised that the S106 agreements were in and the process finished and awaiting inspector's deliberations

19/76 FINANCE REPORT

19/76.1 The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and comprises of income and expenditure since the last meeting and bank reconciliation. The bank balance at 31/01/2020 was £5,520.43 with un-presented cheques of £76.80. The following cheques were authorised:

Carol Bell CHALC training	Cheque no.479	£35.00
Carol Bell Clerk's net salary & expenses Feb & Mar 2020	Cheque no.480	£302.43
Carol Bell HMRC (PAYE) Feb & Mar 2020	Cheque no. 481	£66.80

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Cllr Knibbs Protective gloves for litter pick

Cheque no.482

£9.00

19/76.2 Spending against Budget

The current spend against budget was noted.

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

19/77 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Wynbunbury combined neighbourhood plan passed referendum on 27th February with a turnout of 27.15% of which 940 votes were for and 37 against and 1 spoiled. Ward Councillor Clowes advised that all bills had now been submitted and previously donated un-used funding would be allocated back to the parish council. A separate notice outlining the above to be displayed on parish notice boards.

19/78 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Knibbs read out the compiled highways report from Cllr Dibben

19/79 PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

On hold in light of Corvid-19

19/80 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Due to Corvid-19 activities on hold or only necessary operations. Basic waste collections are being maintained. Two strategic resource centres to aid the vulnerable have been set up in Crewe and Macclesfield.

19/81 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk to e-mail advising residents to contact clerk if they or anyone they know of is in need of help during this pandemic.

19/82 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th May 2020 – location tbc

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm