

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024 AT HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL

Present: Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Joy Sansom, Cllr Ally Williams, Cllr Rob Tindall, Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Steve Mitchell

In attendance

Abbi Miller (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Janet Clowes (Ward Councillor)

24/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr James Du Pavey, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Gerald Laxton.

24/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

24/03 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Sansom and seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed that the minutes from 27th November 2023 are approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

24/04 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.

24/05 MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 27th November 2023:

Cheshire East Consultations – A Consultations Sub-Committee meeting was held on 6th December 2023 to discuss the Cheshire East Consultations. It was agreed at this meeting which of the Consultations needed attention from the Parish Council and these were subsequently fulfilled and met the deadlines. **RESOLVED.**

24/06 FINANCE MATTERS

A) The Finance Report (Appendix 16) was presented by the Clerk.

B) The following payments were authorised:

- Parish Clerk wages £363.72
- Parish Clerk HMRC contributions £91.00
- Webhosting UK £11.99

24/07 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors received the Planning Report (Appendix 17), and the following planning applications with decisions made since the last meeting held on 27th November 2023:

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There were no new planning applications with decisions since the last meeting held on 27th November 2023.

24/07.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/0114N	Birchall Moss Lodge, Bridgemere Lane, Hatherton CW5 7PL	Proposed single storey extension to existing Birchall Moss Lodge	Parish Council response – Planning Sub-Committee to make a decision on if this needs a Parish Council Response
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24/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Cllr Dibben continues to report Highways issue to Cheshire East.
- b) Cllr Clowes informed the Parish Council that Cheshire East has been given funding to report potholes and encouraged the Parish Council to continue to report issues.
- c) Cllr Dibben informed the Parish Council that a resident had contacted him regarding the surface of Hunsterson Road which has broken up and this has been reported.
- d) Cllr Dibben also reported that Park Lane has now been flooded three times. Photographs have been sent to Cheshire East to show the depth of the water.

24/09 UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

- Cllr Clowes was pleased with the response regarding the tree that fell down in the Parish recently.
- Cllr Clowes acknowledged the flooding problem within the Parish, and spoke of one resident whose situation was very bad, and water was accumulating on the property.
- Cllr Clowes highlighted the importance of the Parish Council to complete the Cheshire East Council Budget Consultation to input into the decision making.
- Cllr Clowes also informed the Parish Council of some issues with the access road to Whittaker's Green for the residents that live down that road. The road also has a waste site access that is partially shared by the residents but there is damage to the road which is the responsibility of the waste site operator, however, they are not fixing it.

24/10 PARISH IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT AND PROGRESS

Cllr Williams provided an update of the Improvement Working Group Meeting held on 15th January.

- 10 new hi-vis vests had arrived for use during litter picking in the Parish.
- Cllr Knibbs is to purchase some paint for the sign posts.
- The Working Group is proposing purchasing around 5 blossoming trees to be planted on the Audlem Road as a cost of approximately £80.00 each. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to enquire with Cheshire East as to the feasibility of planting trees in this location. Cllr Williams to provide three quotes for the trees.
- Cllr Bennion kindly agreed to sponsoring new 'Welcome' signs for the Hatherton and Walgherton respective villages.
- Date of next meeting, 11th March 2024.

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24/70 CHESHIRE EAST CONSULTATIONS

Adult Social Care Charging Consultation 2023

Actioned at the Consultation Committee Meeting 6th December 2023.

Cheshire East Council Budget Consultation for 2024 to 2025

ACTION: Cllr Tindall to fulfil.

Direct Payments Policy Consultation 2023

ACTION: Cllr Knibbs to fulfil if required.

23/11 (ALL) MEMBERS REPORTS TO RAISE TO COUNCIL (FORMERLY AOB)

- Cllrs Sansom and Williams reported that they attended the Warm Space Hub held at the Hankelow Methodist Chapel to volunteer to help. Unfortunately, no one turned up, and it was reported by the organiser that no one turned up the week before either. The Parish Council discussed ideas of how to promote this and to feedback to the Chairman, Cllr Knibbs.
- Cllr Clowes is running a community bingo on the 1st of every month and is accepting donations for prizes. The next bingo is being held on 1st February. All monies raised go to local charities.

24/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 25th March 2024
Hankelow Chapel, 11 Old School Lane, Hankelow, CW3 0JN

The meeting closed at 20:40 pm