

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2016

Present:

Cllr Simon Chettle (Chairman), Cllr John Bache, Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Barry Dakin, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Steve Mitchell.

In attendance

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes, Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk)

16/40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Rob Tindall

16/41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to items on the agenda, Cllr S Mitchell made a declaration of interest in planning application 16/5628N.

16/42 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2016 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16/43 MATTERS ARISING

- 16/31/1 Cllr Chettle to continue to monitor the vehicle activated warning sign on the A51 and notify Highways as it is inaccurate. The inaccuracy has also been noted by a resident.
- 16/31.5 Cllr Chettle and Ward Cllr Clowes attended the Highways event in Nantwich on 31st October and reported that Highways are beginning to work “smarter” in relation to gully emptying. They are also moving to replace streetlights with LEDs which focuses the light downwards onto the road.
- 16/31.7 Clerk wrote to Wybunbury School with copy to Wybunbury Parish Council regarding car parking in the road outside the School.
- 16/34 Clerk submitted agreed Parish Council comments to Planning regarding outstanding planning applications.
- 16/37.2 Cllr Bache attended ChALC Annual Meeting on 20th October and an excellent ChALC training session on 10th October.
- 16/38.1 Cllr Bennion still to arrange relocation of the Walgherton noticeboard from the main road to the green area near the wooden bench. Highways have confirmed that the hardstanding area near the junction is a layby.

16/44 PLANNING MATTERS

- 16/44.1 The status of current planning applications was noted.
- 16/44.2 16/4116N - Proposed fisherman’s retreat /car park off Bridgemere Lane. Revised plans had been received since the last meeting. This is a repeat of application 12/1349N but now has a little more detail on the proposed building drainage – the previous application was refused because there was no business case. A number of material concerns were identified. Resolved to comment on and call in this application.

- 16/44.3 16/5434N - Oak Dene London Road Walgherton CW57LB. Conversion of existing Conservatory into Orangery. Replacement of front and part side elevation walls, replacement windows, new driveway and road access and detached garage/carport. Concern was expressed regarding the size and location of the new driveway.
Resolved to comment on and call in this application.
- 16/44.4 16/5628N - Fields Farm Audlem Road Hatherton CW5 7PG. Single apex steel frame agricultural building, with 1.829m (8ft) cantilever to front side.
Resolved not to comment on this application.
- 16/44.5 16/5719N - Doddington Estate CW5 7PU. Outline application under “Enabling Development” for the development of 12 sites for up to 102 dwellings with means of access and layout included, but with all other matters reserved, for a 15 year phased release and delivery period. Sites 11 and 12 and a small part of site 10 are situated within Hatherton and Walgherton parish.
Resolved that the Ward Councillor arrange an extraordinary meeting of the two parish councils together with representative from Planning as soon as possible and to arrange follow up public meeting.

16/45 MEETING WITH CHESHIRE EAST PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Ward Councillor Clowes reported on a recent meeting with the Enforcement Team which was also attended by Cllr Chettle and Cllr Knibbs. Following this meeting it was evident that a Planning Enforcement policy applicable across Cheshire East is required and that appropriate training, possibly in conjunction with ChALC, should be available for parish councillors.

Resolved that Ward Cllr Clowes report parish council comments to Enforcement.

Resolved that Cllr Knibbs discuss planning enforcement training with ChALC.

16/46 WYBUNBURY & DISTRICT COMBINED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ward Cllr Clowes reported that a neighbourhood plan steering group is actively being set up, with volunteers now in place from each parish. Cheshire East are discontinuing neighbourhood plan grants. Some start-up funding will be required from parish councils, with contributions to be deposited in the Wybunbury Neighbourhood Plan account. Further details will be provided in due course.

16/47 FINANCE REPORT

16/47.1 Finance Report

The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and showed a bank balance at 20th November of £4069.47.

16/47.2 Payments authorised at meeting

Payee/reason for payment	Amount £	Cheque No
ChALC – training	30.00	390
Hankelow Methodist Church – room hire	180.00	391
Scottish Power – street light	79.88	392
Audlem Community Responders - grant	200.00	393
Post Office – HMRC - PAYE Oct/Nov/Dec	94.80	394

16/47.3 Spending against budget

The current spend against the budget for 2016/17 was noted.

16/47.4 Proposed Budget for 2017/18

The Council considered the draft budget for 2017/18 which is in the sum of £4,280, noting some small increases/decreases across a few items where next year’s costs are still to be set and that the contingency figure is £300. Cllr Chettle felt the Training budget should remain at £150, which will increase the total budget sum to £4,310. The end of 2016/17 year bank balance is projected to be approximately £2248. At present it is not known whether the £400 budgeted for Neighbourhood Planning will be spent during this financial year. Resolved – that the budget for 2017/18 be approved in the sum of £4310.

47.5 Precept Recommendation for 2017/18

Cheshire East has indicated that the tax base for 2017/18 is likely to be 250.77 (currently 246.51) and that the Council Tax Support Grant (currently £20) has now ceased. The Cheshire East tax base for 2016/17 is to be fixed by resolution on 15th December. It was noted that keeping the parish precept at the same level as his year provides a total precept of £3702 and this is neutral for all property bands.

Resolved - the Council agreed the precept for 2017/18 should be £3702.

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

16/48 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16/48.1 **A529 Safety Review**

The draft A529 safety report had been received and comments submitted to Ward Cllr Clowes. The results of an additional speed survey test installed at the end of the straight and surface adhesion tests will be included in the final report. As part of the road review, the low pressure gas pipe has been discovered at the damaged Artle Brook bridge.

Resolved - Ward Cllr Clowes to submit PC comment to Highways.

16/48.2 **Bridgemere Lane**

Hatherton & Walgherton and Doddington & District Parish Councillors met with representatives from Highways to discuss the poor condition of Bridgemere Lane which is badly damaged because of HGV traffic. The original proposals from Highways to install passing places and bunded banks were not acceptable to residents. Instead, the road edges will be restored and white lines painted to delineate the edges of the road.

16/49 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

16/49.1 Hough Mill Quarry

The planning consultant has requested a meeting with the joint parish councils. This has still to be arranged.

Other items to report had been covered under specific minute points.

16/50 HS2 - UPDATE

Hatherton & Walgherton are not directly affected by this. An announcement is awaited as to whether the hub station will be located at Basford or the existing Crewe railway station.

16/51 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Letter from Cheshire East advising of 4 days free parking over a rolling 12-month period on Pay & Display car parks in the borough. It Is not clear if we will be advised of the actual dates or if these will be advertised at the car parks.
- Thank you email from St Chad’s Parochial Church Council for the £200 donation towards upkeep of the graveyard.
- The public telephone phone box at Walgherton crossroads is to be removed.
- British Heart Foundation funding programme to improve the availability and accessibility of defibrillators - Clerk to follow up.

16/52 ANY OHER BUSINESS

16/52.1 Clerk to investigate the possibility of bringing forward the 3rd April meeting to Monday 27th March.

16/53 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th February 2017 - to be held at Hankelow Chapel.

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm

Chairman
6th February 2017