

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017

Present:

Cllr Steve Boyes, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Chris Knibbs (Acting Chairman), Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr Rob Tindall.

In attendance

Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk), Ward Cllr Janet Clowes

17/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Cllr Tindall, seconded by Cllr Dibben 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

17/02 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.

17/03 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 Dibben and seconded by Cllr Tindall that Mr Steven Boyes be co-opted as Parish Councillor for Hatherton. Cllr Boyes was unanimously elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council's Proper Officer. Cllr Boyes' General Notice of Registrable Interests form was received by the Clerk.

17/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr John Bache and Cllr Ian Bennion.

17/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

17/06 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2017 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17/07 MATTERS ARISING

16/38.1 The Clerk recorded thanks to Cllr Bennion for arranging the relocation and excellent renovation of the Walgherton noticeboard.

16.61 Ward Cllr Clowes advised that United Utilities had confirmed that major structural work will be required to the local water distribution system before any additional housing developments can be permitted within Wybunbury. The key pressure valve for the ring link around the village is in Hunsterson Road. It was also noted that just outside the United Utilities area of concern

are currently two water leaks on the A529 located at either end of Hatherton bends, underpinning the fragility of this water supply network.

16/69.1 Flooding outside Lodge Farm - to be reported to Highways when the flooding recurs.

16/80 Cllr Tindall to set up link from the parish council website to the Neighbourhood Planning website.

All other matters arising have been completed or are individual agenda items.

17/08 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The following lead Councillors were confirmed:

Cllr Boyes	Planning
Cllr Dibben	Highways
Cllr Tindall	Homewatch/Parish website
Cllr Bache	ChALC/Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Knibbs	Health
Ward Cllr Clowes	Strategic Planning
Cllr Bennion	Wybunbury United Charities Representative for Walgherton
Cllr Mitchell	Wybunbury United Charities Representative for Hatherton

17/09 FINANCE REPORT

17/09.1 The finance report had been previously circulated and showed a bank balance of £3,933 as at 16th May, with four unrepresented cheques to the value of £707.

17/09.2 Payments authorised at meeting

Details	Cheque no.	Amount
Clerk's net salary/expenses May 2017	408	£184.93
HMRC (PAYE) May 2017	409	£32.20
JDH Business – internal audit	410	£129.00
Wybunbury PCC	411	£200.00

17/09.3 Spending against budget

The current spend against budget for 2017/18 was noted.

17/09.4 Outcome of internal audit

The auditors have confirmed that there are no issues arising from the internal audit and that all internal control objectives have been met and a comprehensive set of books and records has been maintained throughout the financial year, particularly with regard to budgetary control.

The auditors have noted that the council should check that their website meets the requirements of the transparency code. The Clerk confirmed that an application to reclaim VAT is scheduled.

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

17/10 PLANNING MATTERS

17/10.1 **Planning Log**

The status of current planning applications was noted. The following applications were reviewed.

- 17/10.2 **17/2211N – Grain store – Whittakers Green Farm.** There were material concerns this building could lead to a significant increase in HGVs on local lanes, especially Birchall Moss Lane and Bridgemere Lane, which have already been considerably damaged by existing HGV movements to this site. It was observed that the proposed building appears to be too large purely for storage of grain produced within the farm, and that the proposed building may be structurally unsuitable for grain storage.
Resolved - to object to this application.

- 17/10.3 **16/5719N - Doddington Estates.** Noted this is due to come before the Strategic Planning Committee in early July or August. This committee is now chaired by Gill Merry, previously of Southern Planning.

17/10.4 **14/5841W - Hough Mill Quarry Back Lane, Walgherton**

Noted that Planning Officers are scheduled to visit this site following complaints from residents about excessive HGV movements. There are also concerns about the destruction of wildlife habitat.

17/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

There had been an excellent response to the recent housing needs survey. A second survey to obtain residents' views on the elements important to the parish(es) has now been delivered. Ward Cllr Clowes confirmed that the views of the Parish Council could be submitted to her following the next Parish Council meeting on 24th July. Public consultation events will be held on 10th June at Wybunbury Fig Pie Wakes and on 14th June at Bridgemere School.

17/12 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 17/12.1 **A529 Safety and Speed Review** – Although some elements of the improvements have been implemented, the road surface improvements and white lines/cat's eyes are still to be carried out.

17/13 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

- 17/13.1 **Local Plan** – This is now progressing well. Scheduled to go to full Council on 27th July. Noted that fracking firm Quadrilla had been investigating a site around Den Lane, but this had proved geologically unsuitable.
- 17/13.2 **Wybunbury United Charities** – Ward Cllr Clowes issued cheques for the contributions to Hatherton and Walgherton. For the purposes of this charity funding, it would be easier to administer if Hatherton and Walgherton could form one township and she requested Cllr Mitchell to contact Nick Clowes, the Charity trustee.

17/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Letter from Sandbach Town Hall requesting support in opposing the CE proposal to close the Household Waste Recycling centre at Arclid. It was felt inappropriate to comment as this does not affect Hatherton & Walgherton.
- Email from St Chad's PCC to request grant towards maintenance and improvement of the churchyard. This has been budgeted for 2017/18 in the sum of £200 and cheque authorised (item 17/9.2).

17/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16/85 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 24th July 2017 - to be held at Hankelow Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm