

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2018

Present:

Cllr Steve Boyes, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Chris Knibbs (Chairman),
Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr Deborah Robb,

In attendance

Ward Cllr Janet Clowes, Christine Knibbs (retiring Parish Clerk). Ralph Bason (new Parish Clerk)

18/42 INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARISH CLERK

Ralph Bason was introduced and welcomed as the new Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to replace Christine Knibbs who is standing down from this role after almost 5 years.

18/43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Ian Bennion and Cllr Rob Tindall.

18/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

18/45 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th September 2018 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/46 MATTERS ARISING

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

18/47 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning log was reviewed and decisions and dates noted.

18/47.1 Recent Applications awaiting decision/Parish Council comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/5113T - The Oaks, Crewe Road, Hatherton. Tree works at Hatherton Wood. This application has not been notified to the Parish Council. There were concerns about the large number of trees to be felled. Resolved – to comment on this application, and to confirm with CEC Tree Officers that such major felling is required and that substantial replanting of suitable replacement trees will be carried out. It is not known if there is a woodland management plan in place.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/5318N – The Hollies/The Pines, Park Lane, Hatherton. Non-material amendment to existing permission 18/1685N. This application has not been notified to the Parish Council. Noted that approval has now been granted, ahead of the decision target date.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/5454N – Hatherton Hall, Crewe Road, Hatherton. Conversion of existing barn to provide dog kennel/utility at ground floor and games room at first floor. Resolved – There were no objections to the uses outlined in the application, but to recommend that permitted development rights should not be granted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/5666N – 3 Oakes Corner, Audlem Road, Hatherton. Conversion of existing garage to form ancillary accommodation. There were concerns about highways safety, possible exacerbation of existing drainage problem at this location, and that the accommodation will be sub-standard in terms of living area in view of the constrained area of the site. Resolved – To recommend refusal. If consent is granted that this building should be as ancillary to the main accommodation only.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/5734N – Hillcrest, Back Lane, Walgherton. Proposed alterations and rear extension. Resolved – There was no objection.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/5903N – Doddington Hall New application for restoration of the Delves Tower. The application is pending.

18/48 FINANCE REPORT

18/48.1 The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and comprises income and expenditure since the last meeting and bank reconciliation. The bank balance at 20/10/2018 (*not 20/8/2018 as indicated in the report*) was £6047 with no unrepresented cheques.

18/48.2 Payments authorised at meeting

Payee	Details	Cheque No.	Amount
Scottish Power	Electricity for street light 30/9/17-30/9/18	444	£79.76
Hankelow Methodist Church	Room bookings 1/4/2018 to 31/3/2019	445	£210.00
Audlem First Responders	Donation	446	£200.00
C Knibbs	Clerk net salary/expenses Oct/Nov 18	447	£300.88
HMRC	PAYE Oct/Nov 2018	448	£70.00
*Audlem & District Community Action	Donation	449	£250.00

* As agreed at meeting.

18/48.3 Spending against Budget

The current spend against budget was noted.

18/48.4 Proposed Budget for 2019/20

The Council considered the draft budget for 2019/20 which is in the sum of £4692, noting some small increases/decreases across a few items where next year's costs are still to be set. The end of year 2018/19 bank balance is projected to be approximately £3,000.

Resolved that the budget for 2019/20 be approved in the sum of £4692.

18/48.5 Precept Recommendation 2019/20

An email from Cheshire East dated 5th November indicates that the tax base for Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council area is likely to be 244.89 compared to 246.66 currently. Cheshire East Council is due to fix its tax base for the financial year 2019/20 by resolution of the Council on 13th December 2018. Raising the precept to £4300 in line with inflation (2.5%) would increase Band D Council Tax to £17.56 per annum (currently £17.01).

Resolved that a precept of £4300 be requested for 2019/20.

18/48.6 Royal Bank of Scotland

Noted RBS Business Banking Switch is scheduled to launch in February.

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

18/49 WYBUNBURY & DISRICT COMBINED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ward Cllr Clowes provided an update on progress.

The CEC proposals for new boundary signs had been received. However, the costs seem excessive and do not break down the individual costs as required. Based on Parish Council

reactions to date, it is unlikely any of them will wish to install new signs. A meeting of the NP Steering Group will take place next week.

18/50 HS2a Meeting with Wybunbury Ward Parishes

Noted this meeting will take place on 29th November at 1.00pm at Weston Church Hall. A HS2b public meeting will take place on 6th December.

18/51 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Dibben reported that some work has been carried out on the A529 at Park Lane and at Oakes Corner. He has reported several highways issues but these are not promptly followed up by Highways. The recent speed limit traffic assessment on Park Lane/A529 has identified that speed is not excessive outside Greenhaven Court driveway entrance. Cllr Dibben advised that several Nantwich approaches road closures and diversions were scheduled for January, but diversion signs were often confusing and incorrectly placed. It was noted that gully/drain clearing had taken place recently around Park Lane/B5071 junction and it was hoped this would alleviate the flooding problem in this area.

18/52 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

A Member Code of Conduct and Standards Complaints Process is in the preliminary assessment stage at CEC. Parish Councils may wish to adopt this once it is finalised next year.

18/53 CORRESPONDECE RECEIVED

- 18.53.1 Letter from Royal Mail requesting the Parish Council to help raise awareness of scam mail. Posters have been provided for parish noticeboards.
- 18.53.2 Letter from Audlem & District Community Action advising that CEC have not renewed their grant funding and requesting a donation to assist with the running costs of their various activities to help reduce social isolation.
Resolved – to provide a donation of £250 and to confirm the support of Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council for their application for the New Homes Bonus Scheme.
- 18.53.3 Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2019/2020 - consultation and feedback invited. Details to be provided to Cllr Dibben.

18/54 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 18/54.1 A burglary had been reported following reports of a suspicious vehicle in the area. It was suggested the parish website should have a link to the Facebook and Rural Alert sites.
- 18/54.2 Cllr Dibben pointed out that there had been no commemoration within the parish of the end of the First World War. It was suggested that Wybunbury Church may include names of Hatherton and Walgherton residents on their First World War memorials.

18/55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The following dates were confirmed for meetings during 2019:

- Monday 28th January
- Monday 25th March
- Tuesday 21st May (Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting)
- Monday 29th July
- Monday 30th September
- Monday 25th November

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.