

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH JULY 2015

Present:

Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Simon Chettle, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Janie Parkinson, Cllr Jean Stainthorpe, Cllr Rob Tindall

In attendance

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes, Christine Knibbs (Parish Clerk)

15/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Ian Burton and Cllr Steve Mitchell.

15/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to items on the agenda, there were no declarations of interest.

15/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2015 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/21 MATTERS ARISING

14/36.5 and 14/52.1 – Clerk again to contact CE Planning relating to discharge of conditions relating to planning applications 14/0455N and 14/2550N, with the suggestion this be done under a FOI request in order to elicit a prompt response.

14/76.1 Hedge obstructing road at Holly Cottage. Clerk to send reminder letter and Cllr Bennion to discuss with residents. It may be necessary for Highways to become involved if the obstruction is not removed.

14/76.2 The previous SID data from the B5071 has still to be retrieved. It has been arranged that the SID device will be placed at the Boar's Head A51 junction with the display switched off. The SID records the time and speed of vehicles passing.

15/14 Following the fatal accident at the Boar's Head junction, the Coroner had requested Highways for recommendations to improve safety at this junction. Borough Cllr Clowes to forward a copy of this report to Cllr Chettle when she receives it. The parish council may then suggest further safety measures to Highways

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

15/22 PLANNING MATTERS

15/22.1 14/5654N and 14/5656N – Doddington Estate

The Parish Council had submitted its response to the proposals and Cllr Chettle had attended the Strategic Planning meeting. The application had received approval subject to conditions which were not yet published. Cllr Chettle reported that a member of the Strategic Planning Committee had requested that a condition be included specifically stating that approval did

not automatically guarantee subsequent enabling development. The committee had agreed to this. The number of outside events would be limited to six per annum in total. It was noted that minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting will be available soon on the Cheshire East website.

15/22.2 **Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Janet Clowes reported that the meeting at Wybunbury had been useful in identifying some of the key areas to focus on, e.g. heritage and rural issues, historic elements, ecology, planning and the rural economy. A representative from Cheshire Partnerships will attend the first NP meeting on 30th July to advise on getting the constitution right, managing budgets, applying for funding, etc. It is likely that the first questionnaire to residents will take place late autumn/early winter. Cllr Clowes will provide an update following the meeting on 30th July.

15/22.3 **Planning Log**

The status of current planning applications was noted, in particular that the parish council's detailed response to the Planning Inspector regarding the Solar Park (Appeal ref. APP/R0660/W/15/3033298) had been submitted. Two new applications had been received and these were reviewed as follows.

15/22.4 **15/3239N – The Meadows, London Road, Walgherton – Lawful**

Development Certificate for change of use of “defunct agricultural land to private garden amenity space”. This is a combined application on behalf of 3 neighbouring properties Alders Mead, 1 The Meadows, 2 The Meadows and relates to land at the rear of these properties. It was agreed that the council seek advice whether this application seeks to extend the curtilage of the above three properties. Although not included in this application, it is noted that considerable work has already been carried out on the adjoining land, including the removal of old hedgerows and mature trees and the installation of a new access gate onto the B5071.

RESOLVED to seek clarification from CE Planning and Highways.

15/22.5 **15/3327N – Chapel Farm, Audlem Road. Hatherton - Prior Approval Application for Permitted Change of Use.**

It was agreed that clarification be requested from CE Planning before the council could comment on this application.

RESOLVED that Borough Cllr Clowes and the Clerk should separately contact CE Planning for clarification. Cllr Clowes also to speak to the Enforcement Officer named in the application.

15/23 **FINANCE REPORT**

15/23.1 The finance report showing income and expenditure and bank reconciliation had been circulated with the agenda and showed a bank balance at 19th June of £2738.71. The parish council bank The Royal Bank of Scotland had advised that it will become Williams & Glyn Bank at the end of the year.

15/23.2 The annual grant to Wybunbury Parochial Church Council towards the upkeep of the Wrinehill Road graveyard was due. The Clerk had contacted Rev Chantry who had confirmed the graveyard remains “open” and support for its maintenance much appreciated.
RESOLVED - the £200 grant to Wybunbury PCC was approved.

15/23.3 The protection afforded by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme has now been extended to include “Small Local Authorities” so the parish council bank deposits up to £85,000 (reduced to £75,000 from 01.01.2016) are now protected.

15/23.4 Noticeboard maintenance – Cllr Knibbs had obtained replacement Perspex panels for the Hatherton noticeboard and would carry out essential maintenance. The cost of materials is approximately £47.00.

15/23.5 Payments authorised at meeting

HMRC	£61.20	cheque no 000360
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£324.50	cheque no 000361
Wybunbury Parochial Church Council	£200.00	cheque no 000362
Mr C C Knibbs	£tbc	cheque no 000363

15/23.6 Spending against budget

The current spend against budget for 2015/16 was noted.

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

15/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

SID to be placed at Boar’s Head junction, as already discussed

15/25 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

15/25.1 Local Plan - this had undergone considerable amendment following consultation. Because of the high level of economic growth in the borough, it had been calculated that 36000 new houses were required (previously 29000). Sites had been identified in the north of the borough, also with partners in Stockport, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Moorlands. Considerable improvements are also being made to the area’s infrastructure. More information on the Local Plan and timelines should be available on 29th July.

15/25.2 Transparency Code – it was confirmed that the parish council has adopted the Transparency Code but there was still some work to do to ensure full compliance.

15/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15/26.1 ChALC Annual Meeting – to be held on 29th October at Middlewich Civic Hall.

15/26/2 Superfast Broadband – it seems that the date for SFBB availability to homes linked to the Wybunbury exchange has been delayed, although it is likely to be soon judging from roads activity in the area. Residents need to register their interest on the Contacting Cheshire website. Cllr Chettle stated that 841 and 842 numbers will have fibre connected direct to their homes.

15/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 28th September 2015. Venue is **Bridgemere School** for this meeting as Hankelow Chapel is closed for renovation.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman
28th September 2015