

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present:

Cllrs Steve Boyes, Neil Clowes, N Dibben, Chris Knibbs (Chair), Steve Mitchell, Deborah Robb and Rob Tindall.

In attendance

Ralph Bason (Clerk)

19/28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Janet Clowes

19/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2019 be approved as a true and correct record subject to amendment including the attendance of Councillor Mitchell and signed by the Chairman.

19/18 MATTERS ARISING

- Clerk to continue to take up concerns regarding street light at Walgherton.

19/19 FINANCE REPORT

The Council received the finance report circulated with the agenda comprising income and expenditure since the last meeting and bank reconciliation.

The Council authorised the following payments:

Clerk's net salary/expenses June/July 2019	cheque no. 463	£360.72
R Tindall (re website hosting)	cheque no. 464	£40.95
Doddington and District PC (re planning consultation in respect of Doddington Hall)	cheque no. 465	£112.66

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

The Council discussed the merits of keeping what was considered a high balance of funds. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the next meeting when the budget for 2020/21 would be considered.

19/20 PLANNING

19/20.1 The Council received the planning log which would be amended in respect of some details.

19/20.2 The Council received the minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 4 September and which considered applications 19/3852N – Laurels Farm; 18/2153N – Doddington Estate appeal;

19/3993N – Whispey Hill, London Road; and 19/3812N – Oak Dene, London Road.

19/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Council noted that the Plan had now reached regulation 17 stage following consultation. It would now be considered by Cheshire East Council for minor adjustments to be made by the examiner. It was hoped that a referendum could be held in November.

A meeting of the chairs of the relevant Parish Councils would be held on 3 October.

19/22 PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

The Council considered a report prepared by the Chairman and Councillor Robb.

(1) It was agreed to install two benches, one at Park Lane East and another at the Boars Head layby – the clerk to request permission from Cheshire East Highways and that installation follow practice set out by Stapeley Parish Council. Councillor Knibbs would approach Councillor Bennion to take action.

(2) It was further agreed that the noticeboards be shown by inscription to be specifically 'parish council' boards.

(3) It was agreed that the Council plant daffodils in the area, particularly around signs and, if suitable sites could be identified, wildflower beds. The clerk to take action to obtain two sacks of maturing daffodils.

(4) It was agreed that Cheshire East Highways be asked to remove the sign at Park Lane which incorrectly directed traffic to Hatherton.

(5) Thanks were expressed to Councillor Dibben for touching up the paintwork on road signs.

19/23 HIGHWAYS

It was agreed that Cheshire East Council be asked to give consideration to the introduction of a 7.5t weight limit on Park Lane and that the clerk write to highways in this regard.

It was noted that Cheshire East had been notified that a SID traffic speed indicating sign at Crewe Road had been damaged by traffic. The clerk would write to highways in this regard.

Continuing flooding and blocked gulleys due to poor maintenance were noted.

19/24 CLERK

It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Tindall interview candidates for the position of Clerk to the Parish Council.

19/25 HS2

The Council noted that a community liaison meeting was due to take place on 30 October to consider various HS2 funds and the type of projects that would

be appropriate; visibility improvements at the Boars Head Junction was suggested. The Chairman would attend the meeting.

19/26 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported thanks received from Wybunbury PCC for the Council's donation; the Council also noted that there were now no burial spaces left at the cemetery.

The Clerk reported that Cheshire Association of Parish Councils AGM would be held at Middlewich on 24 October. Councillor Boyes would attend.

19/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 25 November 2019 - to be held at Hankelow Chapel.

The programme of meetings for 2020 was also agreed vis.

Mondays 27 January,
30 March,
18 May (Annual Meeting - preceded by the Annual Parishes Meeting at 7.30pm),
27 July,
28 September, and
23 November.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm