

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019

Present:

Cllr Steve Boyes, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Neil Clowes, Cllr Barry Dakin, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Deborah Robb, Cllr Rob Tindall.

In attendance

Ralph Bason (Clerk)

19/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: that Cllr Chris Knibbs be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year

19/02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Resolved: that Cllr Rob Tindall be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

19/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

received from Ward Cllr Janet Janet Clowes

19/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19/05 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2019 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19/06 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Clerk to continue to take up concerns regarding street light at Walgherton.
- (b) The Chairman and Councillor Bennion would look into the repair of the noticeboard at Walgherton
- (c) Cllr Tindall agreed to apply some preservative to the Walgherton noticeboard.
- (d) Ward councillor J Clowes would bring the Council up to date with HS2 matters at the next meeting.

19/07 ELECTIONS 2019

It was noted that the following were elected as Councillors on 2 May 2019:

Hatherton: S Boyes, N Clowes, N Dibben, C Knibbs, S Mitchell, D Robb, R Tindall.

Walgherton – I Bennion, B Dakin

There remained a vacancy for a Councillor in the parish of Walgherton.

It was agreed that Councillors take on the following roles:

Police – Cllr Robb

Chalc and Planning – Cllr Boyes

Highways – Cllr Dibben

Website – Cllr Tindall
Wybunbury United Charities – Cllr Bennion (Walgherton) and Cllr Mitchell (Hatherton)

19/08 POLICE

Councillor Robb reported on her attendance at the 'Wybunbury Cluster' meeting on 11 April which had been poorly attended and covered the January to end of March Crime and Disorder Review was presented.

19/09 PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman introduced this item whereby he encouraged members to report item of interest to the clerk so that they might be shared, and where appropriate shared among residents of the area.

19/10 FINANCE REPORT

The finance report had been circulated with the agenda and comprised the full report for the year from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, together with items for annual review.

- 19/10.1 The income and expenditure and bank reconciliation for the financial year ending 31st March showed a closing balance of £4,345.50 with an un-presented cheque of £ 57.60.
- 19/10.2 The latest bank statement dated 20th April, showed receipts of £2,150.00 being the first instalment of the parish precept, plus 72p interest from RBS, giving a bank balance of £6,438.62 at 20th April.
- 19/10.3 Annual Governance Statement
The annual governance statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 19/10.4 Accounting Statement for year ended 31st March 2019
The annual accounting statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 19/10.5 Final Spending against budget for 2018/19.
The difference between the spend of £4,207.19 and the budget of £4,571 showed a variance of £363.81
- 19/10.6 Receipts and Payments Summary and Balance Sheet for the year

The Council received the summary of the Council's income and expenditure during the financial year.
- 19/10.7 Payments authorised at meeting:
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| Zurich Municipal Insurance | cheque no. 455 | £153.97 |
| Information Commissioner | cheque no. 456 | £40.00 |
| Clerk's net salary/expenses Apr/May 2019 | cheque no. 457 | £360.72 |
| Chalc affiliation 2019-20 | cheque no. 458 | £152.64 |
| Mr D G Owen (internal audit) | cheque no. 459 | £60.00 |
| Mr C Knibbs – expenses | cheque no. 460 | £13.50 |

(Note: Clerk's annual salary increment at NJC SCP 15 (starting rate))

- 19/10.8 Confirmation of banking arrangements and Payment Approval Procedure
The arrangements were reviewed and it was confirmed they would remain unchanged as defined in the financial regulations.
- 19/10.9 Risk Schedule
The Council considered the risk schedule which identified the risk matters, the frequency of review and the minute number relating to the most recent consideration of specific risk items.
- 19/10.10 Asset Register
This remained unchanged from the previous year's accounts.

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

19/11 PLANNING

The following applications were added to the planning log and considered :

19/1300D - London Road Farm, Walgherton CW5 7LA – discharge of conditions – no comment.
19/2086N - Laurels Farm, Crewe Road, Hatherton CW5 7PE – Cold storage extension. Resolved: - to comment regarding the visual impact, noise mitigation the affect on the public footpath and to suggest an agreement not to expand further.
19/1521-2N – Virginia Barn, Audlem Road, Hatherton - Domestic Garage and listed building consent Resolved: No objection nor comment.
19/2061N – The Hollies, Park Lane, Hatherton– Proposed agricultural worker's dwelling (permanent) to support the existing farm business Resolved: To express concern regarding the sustainability of the smallholding and justification for building in the open countryside contrary to PPG6.

19/12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Chairman reported that stage 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan process was now complete; the plan had been amended accordingly and published.. Consultations would now be conducted in accordance with regulation 15 after which the plan would be put to referendum.

19/13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Councillor Dibben reported on 'run-off' drainage near Dagfields at which the owners were putting in alleviating measures.

Blocked gulleys throughout the area continued to be of issue.

Councillor Dibben reported that he had raised the confusing and sometimes unnecessary diversions put in place when at the time of road closures.

Councillor Dakin reported that a new field entrance had been made in London Road; the clerk would report this to Cheshire East Council.

It was noted that Cheshire East Council had been contacted about the loss of the roadside hedge on the A529 and Birchall Moss Lane.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 29 July 2019 - to be held at Hankelow Chapel. 7:45pm

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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