

HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024 AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL

Present: Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Steve Mitchell, Cllr Joy Sansom, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr Rob Tindall

In attendance

Abbi Miller (Clerk), Janet Clowes (Ward Councillor)

24/70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr James Du Pavey, Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Gerald Laxton.

24/71 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24/72 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Dibben and seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed that the minutes from 22nd July 2024 are approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24/73 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, section 1d, members of the public were able to ask a question of the Parish Council or make a statement.

There were no members of the public present.

24/74 MATTERS ARISING

Item 24/61: Parish Clerk had not received the requisite information from the Doddington & District Parish Clerk in order to write a letter to Scottish Power in this period. **UNRESOLVED:** Carry to next meeting.

Item 24/66: Cllr Clowes confirmed that Cheshire East were content with plastic poppies being attached to lamp posts for the Remembrance period. **RESOLVED.**

24/75 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr Clowes explained to the Parish Council that the Neighbourhood Plan and not been able to progress due to an ongoing consultation regarding a potential Government intervention with Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Clowes also expressed her concern over the new Government's housing formula and how this would be calculated for Wybunbury Ward.

24/76 FINANCE MATTERS

A) The Finance Report (Appendix 12) was presented by the Clerk.

Cllr Knibbs enquired as to how often the Unity Bank fee is charged. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to report back at next meeting.

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B) The following payments were authorised:

- D Williams £60.00
- G Laxton £80.00
- Zero Signs £234.17
- A Miller £409.36
- HMRC £102.20

24/77 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors received the Planning Report (Appendix 13), and the following planning applications with decisions made since the last meeting held on 22nd July 2024:

24/0114N	Birchall Moss Lodge, Bridgemere Lane, Hatherton, CW5 7PL	Householder - Proposed single storey extension to existing Birchall Moss Lodge	Approved with conditions – 05/09/2024
24/0628N	1 Kiln Cottage, Audlem Rd, Hatherton, CW5 7QT	Householder - Proposed replacement garage.	Approved with conditions – 30/08/2024
24/0870N	The Broomlands, Audlem Rd, Hatherton, CW5 7PH	Listed Building Consent - Listed building consent for replacement of existing windows.	Approved with conditions – 28/08/2024
24/2299N	BIRCHALL MOSS FARM, AUDLEM ROAD, HATHERTON, CHESHIRE, CW5 7PJ	Remodel of front elevation to suit internal modifications and replacement roof to create an additional 2 bedrooms.	Approved with conditions – 20/09/2024

24/77.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/3187N	Bank Farm, London Rd, Walgherton, CW5 7LB	Householder - Demolition of single storey buildings and provision of new two storey side and rear extensions	Parish Council Response: No comment
24/3078M	THREE ACRE WOOD, BRIDGEMERE LANE, HATHERTON, CHESHIRE, CW5 7PL	Certificate of lawful proposed development of the Installations of Solar Panels on the paddock part of the landholding	Parish Council Response: No comment.

24/78 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr Dibben reported the following:

- Cheshire East Highways had completed a lot of work on Crewe Road and was much better.

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- Cheshire East Highways are scheduled to carry out gully clearances in October. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email Cheshire East Highways to ensure attention is paid to the gulleys at the junction of Hunsterson Road and Park Lane, and also the area outside Dagfields that regularly floods.
- Cllr Dibben had installed 3 of the new road signs. Other signs need either cleaning or painting.
- Cllr Laxton has painted the historic guide post.

24/79 HATHERTON LODGE SOLAR FARM

Councillors attended a meeting on 27th August with Noventum Power, which was extremely useful and thorough. The following was discussed:

- Noventum Power updated that they would like to submit the planning application by the end of September. The proposed route of the electrical supply would not be included in this.
- There will be a widening of the junction to Hatherton Lodge Farm.
- A traffic light system will be installed during the period of construction.
- There will be a maximum of six HGV's a day coming into the site.
- The Parish Council will propose to Noventum the acquisition of a small piece of land for the Parish to manage as a community space with good access to include an orchard and seating area. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to Noventum Power with the proposal.

24/80 UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

Cllr Clowes updated the Parish Council with the following:

- A Back Lane resident of Wybunbury has reported overhanging trees onto the road, and branches are being broken off by heavy vehicles passing at speed, which he is clearing himself. Cllr Clowes has contacted Cheshire East Highways, and asked the Parish Council to also report this. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Cheshire East Highways to ask them to contact the landowners.
- There has been a crash into a wall by the properties Perrins Croft and Malbic. The homeowners are concerned about the speed traffic is travelling at when passing this area as the road narrows quite considerably. The Parish Council agreed to look into having a sign put up warning of the narrowing of the road. **ACTION:** Cllr Dibben to obtain a quote for the sign.
- Cheshire East Highways are content with the Doddington & District Parish Council's proposal to install bollards and 8 indigenous trees along Bridgemere Lane Hunsterson. The bollards will be graduated and will be widened out around the field gate. The trees will be planted behind the bollards. There will be an allowance for passing places. Although some minor verge potholes have been filled by Cheshire East Highways on the 5th September, many remain in a potentially vehicle damaging condition in both Hunsterson and Hatherton parish, opposite Birchall Moss Wood on Bridgemere Lane and along Birchall Moss Lane, specifically plainings may be used to make it safer.

24/81 PARISH IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP REPORT AND PROGRESS

The Improvements Committee agreed to the purchase of four Royal British Legion silhouette soldier cut outs at a cost of £175.00 each, and six plastic lamp post poppies at £5.00 each. These are to be displayed two weeks before Remembrance Day and two weeks after. Cllrs Dibben and Clinton agreed to store the items after the Remembrance period. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to order items from the Royal British Legion.

24/82 PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Knibbs reminded the Parish Councillors of the code of conduct, in particular highlighting that individuals represent the Parish Council as a whole, and also the policy regarding gifts and hospitality.

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24/83 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

RESOLVED: Cllr Knibbs agreed to complete the current Cheshire East Council consultation.

24/84 (ALL) MEMBERS REPORTS TO RAISE TO COUNCIL (FORMERLY AOB)

- Cllr Dibben has changed the 'Neighbourhood Alert' section on the website to read 'Safety and Security'.
- Cllr Tindall highlighted the parking issue at Wybunbury School. Cllr Clowes stated that she would report this at the next governors meeting.

24/85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 25th November 2024
Hankelow Chapel, 11 Old School Lane, Hankelow, CW3 0JN

The meeting closed at 21:22 pm.

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