

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2017 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Vice-Chair Barbara Adams (who took the chair for this meeting)

**Councillors Neil Harper; Sue Owen; M Dawson; Viv Jackson; Vic Tarrant; John Atkins; Mike Hall
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey**

The Council Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

17/36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Roger Young and Austin Fernihough.

17/37 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

17/38 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2017

Resolved: The minutes of 21st June 2017 were approved as a correct record by all present.

The Chair agreed to cover Cllr Bailey's items first as she needed to leave early to attend another meeting.

17/39 TO RECEIVE CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS FROM CLLR RHODA BAILEY

Cllr Bailey raised the following issues:

17/39/1 Cllr Bailey updated the Council regarding the withdrawal of subsidies to some bus services. A meeting has been held at the Odd Rode office with Transport Service Solutions which the Clerk attended. Suggestions were to combine services, to enhance the current Community Transport or to use the Odd Rode Runner with a paid driver. An extra drop-in session was organised that was advertised throughout Church Lawton.

17/39/2 SID locations were raised. Suggestions are Congleton Road North, Sandbach Road, Cherry Lane and Crewe Rd on the stretch into Alsager. Cllr Bailey also stated that it has been confirmed that Sandbach Rd does not qualify for a 30mph limit.

17/39/3 Cllr Bailey informed that she is the official contact for the school.

17/40 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING OF 21ST JUNE 2017 AND OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

17/40/1 GRASS VERGES – STONES ALONG VERGES AND PARKING PROBLEMS

The Clerk informed that Cheshire East Highways have confirmed that letters have been sent out to those residents with stones on verges to ask that they be removed. The issue has also been reported in the Congleton Chronicle.

Cllr Bailey is pursuing the issue of parking on grass verges.

Action: The Clerk to write a letter of support for Cllr Bailey.

Cllr Bailey left the meeting at this point.

17/40/2 LIGHTING ISSUES IN THE PARISH

Cllr Hall updated the street lighting issues in the parish. The lights we had requested to be turned back on along Knutsford Road will not be put back on the far side as the spread from the lanterns will not light the pavements up.

Action: The Clerk to invite Ian Darlington to one of our meetings to explain his departments and to give us some further understanding of the issues.

17/40/3 FLYPOSTING ISSUES

The flyposting continues to be monitored. It was agreed that any signs on the street furniture should be dealt with immediately.

Action: The Clerk to write to The Bleeding Wolf regarding signs on the Street Furniture and also to the owners of the sign on Liverpool Rd East.

17/40/4 NOTICEBOARD REPLACEMENT

The Clerk updated the Council. The owners of the property by the Grove need to be contacted. A builder will be required to install the noticeboards.

Action: The Clerk to progress

17/40/5 CHESHIRE EAST BUS SERVICE REVIEW – UPDATE

Further to Cllr Bailey's update, the Clerk reported that she has received 50 hard copies of the questionnaire for distribution in the Parish. Cllr Hall and the Clerk are placing copies in the bus shelters.

17/40/6 UPDATE ON RUBBISH BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ONE BIN TO ANOTHER

The clerk updated the Council after discussions with ANSA, residents are being asked to make a note of the exact days which this problem occurs.

17/40/7 GRASS CUTTING AND THE VERGES BEING LEFT A MESS

The problem has been reported to Cheshire East Council as there have been two complaints. Cheshire East noted the complaints. Cllr Harper noted a national drive to allow the verges to grow to benefit wildlife.

17/40/8 SPORES FROM TREES AND PLANTS REPORTED TO BE FROM THE WATER WORKS

The complaints of spores reportedly from the waterworks causing allergy problems was discussed. Cllr Harper raised that there is Himalayan balsam along the water ways in the area.

Action: Cllr Young be asked to provide more information from the complainants.

17/41 MEETING WITH GARY NEWSOME, ARBOROCULTURALIST AT CHESHIRE EAST

The meeting with Gary Newsome to learn more about the work of his department at Cheshire East was felt to be very informative. The Clerk was asked to write a thank you letter.

17/42 OVERGROWN TREES AND HEDGES INCLUDING A COMPLAINT FROM THE HORSESHOE

The tree next to the Horseshoe is reportedly causing problems with the telephone signal. The ownership of the tree is uncertain. Cheshire East has informed the Clerk that the issue is the responsibility of BT regardless of ownership.

Action: The Clerk to write to BT to support the Horseshoe

17/43 POLICE ISSUES AND SPEEDING – AN UPDATE

The council received the latest PCSO update.

The Clerk informed of the PCSO surgeries and suggested we write to support but ask to be involved in the future so that we can support and help to advertise.

Action: The Clerk to write to the PCSO

The Clerk reported that one person has shown interest in Speed Watch on Congleton Rd North but more volunteers would be required.

17/44 REQUEST BY THE HORSESHOE FOR A MEETING

Cllr Adams informed that the Horseshoe had requested a meeting.

Action: The Clerk to arrange a meeting.

17/45 CHURCH LAWTON BARROWS – UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Cllr Harper reported that the talk at Lawton Memorial Hall by the Archaeologist had been very well attended and showed what an interest there is in the Community. The newsletter had been very successful at advertising the event. Cllr Hall was thanked for assisting with the rapid delivery of the newsletter.

17/46 CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE OF THE NEWSLETTER, THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST AND THE POTENTIAL USE OF A FACEBOOK PAGE

The Clerk updated the council and informed that the first newsletter appeared to have been favourably received by residents. It was agreed to continue the newsletter approximately two to four times a year.

The Clerk updated the progress of the email list for disseminating news. It was agreed that this should also progress and that Cllr Hall also have the emails list to act as a backup to the Clerk.

Facebook pages were discussed. It was agreed to defer a decision.

Action: The clerk was asked to

17/47 INITIAL REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A RISK ASSESSMENT FOR MR DOUG SMITH

The Clerk has arranged to talk to D Smith. The Clerk also informed that Mr Smith has informed his rate has increased to £8/hour.

Action: Cllr Hall and the clerk to progress the risk assessment.

Resolved: To approve Mr Smith's continued use as a contractor at his new rate of £8.00/hour.

17/48 FINANCE

17/48/1 To Approve Receipts (Received during June)

Interest 30 th June 2017:	Reserve Account 1- 0.10p
Total -	£0.10

Resolved: To approve receipts

17/48/2 Approval of Payments:

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The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary July (to be paid on the 25th) *	£416.37	(Standing order)
Clerk's working from home allowance July	£17.33	"
Clerk's back pay from March Neighbourhood Plan	131.33	"
Doug Smith	£367.24	Cheque no 1057
Printing – Blueprint	£100.00	Cheque no 1056
Total -	£932.27	

* including 3 hours overtime for the Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: To approve payments

17/49 PLANNING ISSUES

17/49/1 To receive new Planning Applications since the Meeting of 21st June 2017.

17/3127 – View Fields, Bleeding Wolf Lane, Scholar Green, Cheshire, ST7 3BH

Proposed New Stable Block Comments deadline – 26th July 2017

Resolved: The Parish Council has no comment to make.

17/3155C – 50, Congleton Road North, Church Lawton, ST7 3BA

Proposed single storey rear extension.

Resolved: The Parish Council has no comment to make.

It was also noted that complaints have been received regarding protected trees being felled on the WainHomes Site.

17/49/2 To Update the Council on Existing Applications

17/2759C – Rectory Farm, Old Knutsford Rd, Church Lawton, ST7 3EQ.

Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

No decision to date

17/2833C – 9, Denford Place, Church Lawton.

Proposed extension to kitchen/garage area.

No decision to date

17/2416C – Retrospective application for the advertisement at Lawton Lights.

No decision to date

17/2791C – 6, Knowsley Lane, Church Lawton, ST7 3AX

Proposed single storey rear extension

Approved 12th July 2017

17/2548C – The Cottage, Cherry Lane, Church Lawton, ST7 3QZ

Application for approval of all reservation matters on approval 15/2909C - Proposed single dwelling, access details, layout, scale and appearance and landscaping details.

Refused 11th July 2017

17/2161C – Variation of Condition 2 of existing permission 14/2351C – Construction of 14no semi-detached houses. Comments deadline 18th May 2017 – Now 24th May

No decision to date

17/2062C – Lawton Mere Nurseries. Demolition of existing glasshouses and construction of new residential development for up to three dwellings. Comments deadline 25th May 2017

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The clerk informed that this application was due to be heard at the Southern Planning Committee on the 7th July. It was agreed that representation was not required as the Parish Council have no further comments to make.

Approved with conditions 7th July 2017

16/5562C – Rectory Farm Appeal against refusal by Cheshire East for the building of five houses. Deadline 7th June 2017

Approved on appeal

17/1245C Outline application for proposed residential developments of three executive properties, 2, Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton, ST7 3DA Comments deadline 7th June 2017

No decision to date

17/1163C Proposed two detached dwellings. Land at Sandbach Road, Church Lawton, Alsager. Comments deadline 5th April 2017

No decision to date.

17/50 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE INCLUDING:

17/50/1 The clerk raised about the letter from Cllr David Brown regarding a proposed Highways Meeting. It was agreed to pursue having a combined meeting with odd Rode

17/51 TRAINING AND MEETINGS

17/51/1 Forthcoming:

Cheshire East Area Planning Update, 25th July 2017, 7:00pm. Cllr Owen and the Clerk to attend.

Highways Meeting 9jointly with Odd Road) with Cheshire East Council – 27th July 2017

17/51/2 Attended:

Cllr Hall attended the PCSO surgery earlier in the day.

17/52 MEMBERS' ITEMS

17/52/1 Cllr Adams welcomed Cllr Atkins back to the meetings.

17/52/2 Cllr Hall raised that he has received a complaint regarding poor visibility when leaving Church Lane into Liverpool Road which he is pursuing.

17/52/3 Cllr Jackson asked if more dog waste bins could be provided for the canal at each exit. The Clerk agreed to talk to ANSA and noted that bins are no longer differentiated.

17/52/4 Cllr Harper requested a Planning Working Party meeting in August.

17/52/5 Cllr Dawson raised about litter which is not improving and more bins are required.

The meeting concluded at 21:15

To agree Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th September 2017, at 7:30pm