

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2016 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Chairman Roger Young; Vice-chair Barbara Adams;
Councillors Mike Hall; Neil Harper; John Atkins: Kay Stark
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

114/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Jackie Andrews, Austin Fernihough and Keith Cartwright.

115/15 Introduction of Applicant to the Councillor Vacancy – Mike Dawson

Mr Mike Dawson, attending the meeting as an observer, was introduced to the Council by the Chairman.

116/15 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

None

117/15 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18th November, 2015

The minutes of 18th November were approved as a correct record.

118/15 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 18th November 2015

118/15/1 SID for Sandbach Rd and extraction of data for Liverpool Rd East

Cllr Hall reported that the SID has now been collected by Cheshire East without resolution of the software issues. It is unlikely that the data obtained on Liverpool Road West will be extracted for the Parish's use.

118/15/2 Brown Avenue, cost of Grasscrete

Cllr Bailey reported that Cheshire East Highways have informed that the Parish Council cannot arrange this work themselves. They have not yet provided a price for completing the work on our behalf. Cllr Bailey agreed to chase this and ensure that Cheshire East are aware the parish Council are willing to contribute towards the cost.

118/15/3 Drainage Work, Old Knutsford Road, and Removal of Trees

Cllr Hall reported that this work is almost complete and has been done in an efficient and speedy manner. The clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Steve Willis and to copy Cllr Brown (Highways portfolio Holder) and the leader of Cheshire East in.

Once the soil has been replaced it will require time to settle and trees and hedges will be replaced by Cheshire East. It was suggested that Church Lawton School could be involved in some bulb and/or tree planting.

118/15/4 Activity in Lawton Woods

The clerk reported that Enforcement are investigating this issue and it is ongoing.

118/15/5 Chells Hill – ongoing problem with HGVs and the low bridge.

Cllr Hall reported that new signs have been placed to warn drivers of the low bridge using metric to indicate the height and that the signs have been placed according to the positioning requested by the Parish council.

118/15/6 Funding for a defibrillator

The clerk reported that the funding has been exhausted for the current financial year. It was agreed that placement agreement should continue so an application can be made immediately that further funding becomes available in the 2016/2017 financial year.

118/15/7 Fly Posting

The clerk reported that Enforcement at Cheshire East have the issue of the advertising sign at the junction of Dairylands road and Crewe Road in hand. Cllr Hall reported that fly-posting at Lawton lights has generally improved and it is still being monitored.

118/15/8 Street Lights and Pavement – A50 towards Rode Heath

The clerk reported that a report has been sent to Ian Darlington at Cheshire East Lighting requesting that the lights be switched back on. Odd Rode parish have been contacted to ask for support to help ensure the hedge is kept cut back and the lighting is returned.

118/15/9 Lighting Issues – Liverpool Rd West

The clerk reported that Ian Darlington of Cheshire East Highways has confirmed that the lights around the care home and along the pavement towards and past the bus stop (the six Rural Type Lights) will be converted to LED and switched back on. New columns will be installed if necessary.

119/15 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey`

Cllr Bailey asked the Parish Council to list outstanding highways jobs in the parish.

It was agreed that the following are high priority:

Speeding on Sandbach Road.

Speeding on Congleton Road North and South and possibly moving the SID to a new location is a high priority.

Placement of an interactive sign in the vicinity of the Red Bull Public House.

Assessing the need for a crossing in the vicinity of the Red Bull Public House.

It was agreed that the following are medium priority:

The problem of HGVs on Moss Lane and the possibility of a weight limit.

Cllr Hall requested that a sign or SID is needed to help control traffic coming into the bend along Liverpool Rd West. Rhoda informed that an assessment will be made here in light of the recent fatality.

120/15 Parking Damage to grassed area by Rutland Cottage

Various ways of preventing damage to the green by Rutland Cottage and close to the Lawton Arms caused by vehicle parking on it were discussed. The clerk was asked to find out who the land belongs to. The possibility of placing planters there was considered.

121/15 Record of Cheshire East Work

Cllr Hall presented the Council with a document that he has compiled to keep track of outstanding Cheshire East highways Work.

The clerk agreed to request that the damaged 'no entry' sign and post be replaced possibly by using the redundant post by Rutland Cottage.

122/15 Resilience Response

Cllr Hall raised this issue in light of the recent flooding around the Uk. Cllr Bailey agreed to enquire where emergency sandbags would be available so that the Parish can be prepared should there ever be local flooding.

123/15 Website Progress

The clerk and Cllr harper reported that the website is progressing. The developers have suggested a 'plug-in' for WordPress which would allow a more useable newsfeed along with other functions. The Parish Council agreed to the further annual cost this would incur of approximately £65.

124/15 Use of Email by the Parish Council

The clerk requested that those Councillors who are able try to respond to emails as sometimes feedback on an issue is required between meetings. It was highlighted that key decisions should never be made by email and should also be brought to a full Council meeting.

125/15 Cold Calling

It was agreed to get the stickers and information. It was suggested that the issue could be raised at the APM.

126/15 Training requirements 2016

The ChALC 2016 training list was circulated to members. It resolved that Cllr Harper and the clerk could attend the Planning Course in early February. It was also resolved that newer members could attend one of the introductory courses should they wish and to pass their preferred date to the clerk.

It was further resolved that Church Lawton Parish Council pay half the registration costs for the CiLCA Qualification for the clerk.

127/15 Finance

127/15/1 Sector Led Body Audit Proposals

It was resolved that Church Lawton Parish Council would not opt out of the Audit arrangements being put into place by NALC and due to commence in 2017.

127/15/2 The Clerk's Old Laptop

It was resolved that the clerk's old laptop could be passed to Mr Doug Smith to assist him in his services to the parish.

127/15/3 Receipts

Interest 30th November: Reserve Account 1- 0.54p Reserve Account 2- 0.10p

Interest 31 st December:	Reserve Account 1- 0.54p	Reserve Account 2- 0.10p
Total -		£1.28

127/15/4 Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary January (to be paid on the 25th)	£325.00
Clerk's working from home allowance January	£17.33
Clerk's purchases – Printer Cartridges	£38.40
SLCC membership	£65.50
AP Accountancy	£61.20
VISTA Print (leaflets)	£42.28
Total -	£549.71

Cllr Bailey left the meetings at this point.

128/15 Planning

128/15/1 Update on the Rural Housing Needs survey

Residents have now received their questionnaires. The clerk was asked to request a copy of the mailing list.

128/15/2 To receive and discuss new Planning Applications:

15/5280C Lawton Mere Nurseries, Cherry Lane

Demolition of existing glasshouse and the construction of six new dwellings.

An objection to this application was made on the basis of highways, sustainability, lack of affordable housing and the Green Belt. A complaint was also lodged about the failure of some local residents to receive notifications and the comments date was extended.

15/5589C The Cottage, Cherry Lane, ST7 3QZ

Reserved Matters for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale following Outline Approval.

An objection was made based on the ridge height of 5m which members thought was over and above that expected of a single storey dwelling.

15/5508C Land adjacent to 23, Sandbach Road, Church Lawton, ST7 3DW

Two dwellings at House Plot Numbers 19 and 21 Sandbach Road.

An objection to this application was made on the basis of highways, sustainability, affordable housing issues and the Green Belt.

15/5378C 21, Lawtongate, Church Lawton, ST7 3ES

Proposed Extension. An objection was made to this application based on the large size of the extension in relation to property size and also to the white render proposed finish which members felt would appear out of place.

15/5693C Land adjacent 1, Congleton Road North

Re-submission of application 15/0355C for proposed detached dormer bungalow. It was agreed that the Parish Council's original objections are still valid and that a response recommending refusal will be made.

128/15/3 Update on Existing Applications:

Greenacres Nursery

A new hearing date of 16th February has been made. It was agreed that the clerk forward the Parish Council's concerns to Cllr Bailey, who will be attending.

15/5115C 1, The Spinney, Church Lawton, ST7 3BB – Two story side extension.
Approved with conditions.

15/5095C 1, Grove Cottages, Dairylands Rd, Church Lawton – Proposed Garage Conversion.
Approved with conditions.

129/15 Correspondence Received

The clerk reported on correspondence received including:

- Nominees have been asked for to attend the 2016 Buckingham Palace Garden Party. It was agreed by all that the clerk ask Cllr Fennihough if he would like to be nominated.
- An invitation to a meeting for town and parish council representatives on 26th January in Crewe has been received. Cllr Mike Hall is to attend.

130/15 To Report on Meetings/Training Events Attended

The clerk reported on the Town and Parish Conference held on 10th December at Sandbach Town Hall.

131/15 To Receive and Discuss Matters Raised by Members

131/15/1 Cllr Adams thanked the clerk for delivering the leaflets to the Lawton Heath End area advertising the councillor vacancy.

131/15/2 Cllr Harper requested that a letter of thanks be sent thanking the Church with their help taking the Christmas decorations down.

131/15/3 Cllr Harper commented on the litter in the Parish and informed of the Keeping Britain Tidy litter drive. The clerk agreed to speak to Cllr Bailey. It was also suggested that this issue could be discussed at the APM.

131/15/4 Cllr Harper raised that the lack of a meeting in December resulted in several planning applications being able to be discussed at a Council meeting. It was suggested that in future, a provisional date be set for an extraordinary meeting in both December and August.

131/15/5 Cllr Hall updated the Council regarding the Cheshire Railings and the repairs required. Cheshire East have been approached and he is currently waiting to hear back.

131/15/6 Cllr Hall informed that the hedging around the EE mast is still missing and asked the clerk to chase this up again.

- 131/15/7** Cllr Hall informed that the school route wasn't gritted as there are problems regarding safety issues with the lorry reversing. The clerk was asked to talk to Cllr Bailey regarding this issue and possible inclusion in the Schools gritting list.
- 131/15/8** Cllr Hall informed that two road closures will affect the parish: brick work at Chells Hill and the bridge repairs on Knowsley Lane.
- 131/15/9** Cllr Hall informed that the lights that are out at the bus stops (by the Rectory, Grove Corner and on Congleton Rd North) will be replaced.

Members of the Public were excluded from the discussion of the following item:

132/15 Councillor Vacancy

It was resolved that Mr Mike Dawson be invited to be co-opted on to the Council at the February meeting.

To agree Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 7:30