

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

Present: Chairman Roger Young; Vice-chair Barbara Adams.
Councillors Neil Harper; John Atkins; Austin Fernihough Mike Dawson;
Mike Hall; Susan Owen; Keith Cartwright
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey

The Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

CLlr Bailey arrived at 8:10 and reported on items that she had missed up till that point.

181/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rhoda Bailey who would be arriving late due to attending the meeting at Odd Rode Parish Council first.

182/15 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

None

183/15 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March, 2016

The minutes of 16th March, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

184/15 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 16th March 2016

184/15/1 Brown Avenue and Greengate Road, cost of Grasscrete

The costing of this is in progress by Stuart Bateman and his successor at Cheshire East and this will be pursued by Cllr Bailey.

It was noted that there are six garages available to rent out and that some are unused. Since more parking is required, the clerk was asked to write to Dane Housing. There have been incidents regarding teenagers congregating around the garages and the clerk was asked to write to the police to inform them of the trouble.

184/15/2 Building work and tree felling in Lawton Woods

The clerk was asked to contact Anne Donkin at Cheshire East to ask for an update on this.

184/15/3 Street Lights and Pavement – A50 towards Rode Heath

The clerk was asked to chase up the issue with Cheshire East and to copy Odd Rode Parish Council into the email.

184/15/4 Damage and removal of Hedge at EE Mast

The clerk was asked to continue to pursue this and to contact Anne Donkin at Cheshire East to ask for her support in the matter. The clerk was also asked to establish the land ownership of the strip of land immediately behind and to continue to pursue the matter with the contractors and with EE.

184/15/5 Repair of Cheshire Railings

Cllr Hall has identified two possible contractors but a third is needed. Permission is needed off the landowner for access on the other side of the fence. Cllr Hall will pursue

these issues. Cllr Hall also raised the issue of tendering and the Chair agreed that more information about this was needed.

184/15/6 Gritting of the Church Lawton School Route and speed limit.

Cllr Bailey reported that gritting of this route will not be arranged as it is not on a slope. Cllr Hall questioned the need for the 20mph speed limit and Cllr Bailey stated that this will proceed in line with current guidelines for schools.

184/15/7 The Alsager Tree – progress

The clerk has received two quotes from Cheshire East approved arboriculturalists, the lowest of which was £500. Both firms feel that the tree can survive with proper pruning to remove the dead wood. Removal of the dead wood is also required for safety reasons. Land ownership has not been able to be established. The Council resolved to report the issue to Cheshire East Highways who will conduct their own survey and act accordingly based on safety grounds.

184/15/8 Dog Fouling Issues

The clerk reported that the warden has again been contacted and it was agreed that no further action could be taken by the Parish Council at present.

184/15/9 Identification Cards

The clerk reported that ChALC had informed that there is no rule against a Parish Council issuing identity cards should we wish. However, they also advised against because they felt that the duties of a parish councillor shouldn't ever necessitate the need. A vote was held and it was resolved not to introduce identity cards.

184/15/10 Speed limit issues

Cllr Bailey is pursuing these issues. Lawton Heath Rd only has property on one side which is a criterion for a 30mph limit and an assessment will be required. A SID is still needed to conduct an assessment on Sandbach Rd.

184/15/11 T Junction Problems at end of Sandbach Rd and the verge.

It was agreed that the clerk write to Cheshire East Highways to explain the problem and ask for options after consultation with Cllr Dawson and Cllr Hall.

185/15 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey`

Cllr Bailey reported she has chatted to Stuart Bateman's replacement at Cheshire East and the Police will not introduce any more control without more signage. Cllr Bailey is pursuing this.

Cllr Bailey informed that she has reported some pot-holes by the Horseshoe Public House.

Cllr Bailey updated the council on the situation regarding the dedesignation of some Children's Centres and informed about the mobile centre to be introduced for rural areas.

186/15 Website progress

Cllr Harper and the clerk informed that the website is now live and that each councillor needs to provide a picture of themselves for the Councillor Details section.

187/15 Parish Councillor Vacancy due to the departure of Councillor Andrews

The clerk informed that there is now a casual vacancy and that Cheshire East has been informed. Once permission to co-opt is received, the vacancy will be advertised in the notice boards and on the website.

188/15 Update and Final Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that Cllr Young and the clerk put the banners up as a reminder to residents. Cllr Young and Cllr Cartwright agreed to source a projector for use by Cheshire Community Action.

189/15 Consultation on the Draft Cheshire East Borough Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

It was agreed that Church Lawton parish council have no comments to make at this time.

190/15 Parish Council Insurance Renewal

The clerk presented the renewal notice for the Parish Council's Insurance and it was resolved to remain with Zurich and renew the Insurance.

191/15 Finance

191/15/1 BDO External audit

The clerk informed on the arrangements for the BDO external audit. The exercise of public rights commences on the 3rd June for 30 working days. The submission date given to us is 20th June 2016.

191/15/2 To approve the Asset register dated 31st March 2016

The Asset register was approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

191/15/3 To approve and sign the annual governance statement for the year ending 31st March 2016 (Section 1 of Annual Return)

Deferred until the May meeting.

191/15/4 To approve and sign the Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2016 (Section 2 of Annual Return)

Deferred until the May meeting.

191/15/5 Receipts

Interest 31 st March:	Reserve Account 1- 0.54p	Reserve Account 2- 0.10p
Parish precept, 1 st instalment –	3750.00	
Council Tax Support Grant -	£150	
Total:	£3900.64	

191/15/6 Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary April (to be paid on the 25th)	£325.00
Clerk's working from home allowance April	£17.33
Vista Printing	£79.48
Stationery	£15.03

Print Cartridge	£10.75
Zurich Insurance	£536.93
Lawton Memorial Hall	£120.00
A.P Accountancy	£40.80
ChALC Renewal	£679.35
Local Council Review	£17.00
Cheshire Community Action	£50.00
Total -	£1891.67

178/15 Planning

178/15/1 To receive and discuss new Planning Applications since the meeting of 16th March 2016:

16/1612C Rectory Farm, Old Knutsford Rd

Variation or removal of several conditions.

It was resolved that the Council ask for Conditions 19 and 23 to remain.

16/1609C Twyfords bathrooms, Lawton Road, Removal of Condition 14 on approval 11/4109C –

Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for up to 335 residential units and access off Lawton Road and Linley Lane.

it was agreed that the Parish Council have no comment to make.

178/15/2 Update on Existing Applications:

16/1054N Vodafone mast – Linley lane

Approved

16/0728C Red Bull Pub, Congleton Road South

Approved

178/15/3 To discuss Greengate Road and other problems recently experienced in the Parish Council's contact with Cheshire East Planning.

The clerk and Cllr Hall both outlined recent problems in accessing contact with Planning Officers and also the issues around 2, Greengate Road where a response from a neighbour was made public despite a request not to. It was agreed that the clerk email Mike Suarez at Cheshire East to highlight the problems being encountered.

178/15/4 To discuss The Rectory and the response from the Enforcement Team at Cheshire East.

It was agreed that the clerk write to the enforcement team regarding the issues of consistency.

179/15 Correspondence Received

The clerk reported on correspondence received including:

An invitation to the Mayor Making Ceremony, 11th May.

A notification the Alsager Town Council will be holding its Civic Service on 26th June 2016.

180/15 To Report on Meetings/Training Events Attended

The clerk and Cllr Owen had attended a meeting regarding responding to the Local plan at Sandbach Town Hall.

181/15 Member's Matters

- 181/15/1** The apparent dumping of rubbish behind the Nursery on Crewe Road was raised. The clerk agreed to report this and include an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 181/15/2** The use of the route of the Salt Line as a footpath was raised and it was agreed to include this as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- 181/15/3** The misuse of the one way system on Cherry lane was raised and it was agreed this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 181/15/4** A resident has expressed concerns regarding diminishing contact between Church Lawton School and the community. It was agreed that this can be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- 181/15/5** It was reported by Cllr Hall that the tree planting on Knutsford Road is going ahead.

To agree Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 18th May 2016 at 7:30