

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2017 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Chair Roger Young; Vice-chair Barbara Adams.
Councillors John Atkins; Austin Fernihough; Mike Hall; Neil Harper
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey

The Council Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

119/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr W Young.

120/16 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

Cllr Fernihough declared an interest in item 18b since he is on the Village Hall Committee.

121/16 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18th January, 2017

The minutes of 18th January, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

122/16 Introduction of Vivien Jackson, applicant for the Parish Council Vacancy.

Mrs Jackson introduced herself to the Council. As she has been on the Parish Council before, those Councillors who have joined since she left introduced themselves to her.

123/16 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 18th January, 2016 and other outstanding issues.

123/16/1 Speed limit issues in the Parish including Wheelie Bin stickers and complaint from a resident.

The clerk has had an email from Rob Welch of Cheshire East Highways regarding the use of Wheelie Bin stickers. After consultation with Cheshire Police, Cheshire East Highways do not support the use of the speed limit roundel signs for Wheelie Bins. However, they will consider requests for the speed signs without a roundel such as 'slow down'. It was decided to wait until the Parish meeting and ask residents for their views.

The clerk reported that she has written to the Police to express the Council's concerns regarding speeding in the Parish and ask for some enforcement and to also ask about the hire of SIDS. A response has been received from PSCO Nigel Hobbs informing that they have a SID available that can be placed in locations at our request. Location suggested were Sandbach Road in the area where they come off Knutsford Rd, and either side of Red Bull Lights, Liverpool Rd West.

123/16/2 Overgrown hedges and tree problems in the Parish

Cllr Hall and the clerk reported that a meeting has been held with Richard Cooper of Cheshire East Highways to review the problem areas in the Parish. Mr Cooper had agreed that a more thorough cut back cut take place. Cllr Hall reported that requests to third parties by Cheshire East have been progressed.

The clerk was asked to chase up the clearing with some of the footpaths, particularly Knutsford Road and Liverpool Road East.

123/16/3 Update on Flooding and Drain problems in the Parish

Cllr Hall updated and reported on the situation. It was agreed that the scheduled gully clearing operation should be monitored to ensure all our problem areas are adequately dealt with or tagged for further action.

123/16/4 Flyposting

The Council was updated on the Fly-Posting problems. The clerk informed that a letter has been sent to Cheshire East enforcement regarding the sign advertising scaffolding on the corner of Dairylands Road and Crewe Road. The clerk was asked to remind the Memorial Hall that events should not be advertised on street furniture.

123/16/5 Street Lighting Issues including the switched off lights

The clerk informed that a reply to the letter regarding the switched off street lights has been received. The clerk thanked Cllr Mike Hall for his detailed background information which assisted in writing the letter. The Clerk was asked to reply to the response to ask for further clarification and timescales.

Lighting at the new Sainsbury's roundabout was discussed and Cllr Hall reported that he is receiving varied answers as to whether the lights under the bridge on the A50 will be switched back on.

Cllr Bailey was asked if she could raise the issue with the Cheshire East cabinet and Cllr Hall agreed to forward her all the relevant information.

123/16/6 Defibrillator Funding from the NHF

The clerk informed that she has received notification that the application for funding for defibrillator and cabinet has been successful for both the Lawton Arms and Horseshoe Inn. Unfortunately, the funding closed before the cabinet for the Red Bull was processed.

The clerk was asked to request three quotes from suitably qualified/certified electricians and to liaise with the Lawton Arms and Horseshoe.

The clerk was also asked to arrange some training sessions at the Memorial Hall and possibly the Horseshoe if they are willing.

Once the equipment is installed, Cllr Adams agreed to be responsible for checking the Lawton Arms defibrillator, and Cllr Owen the Horseshoe defibrillator.

124/16 For the Council to receive an updated list of meetings and contact list

The clerk distributed an updated contact list and a list of meetings for 2017. It was agreed that addresses would not be included on the contact list.

125/16 To consider the date for the Civic Service 2017

Cllr Atkins informed that the 18th June has been suggested by the Church and this date was agreed by those present. The clerk was asked to invite Fiona Bruce although other invitations could wait until nearer the time.

126/16 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey

Cllr Bailey informed that free planings from road surfacing works are available if anyone needs any but need to be able to put down yourself.

Cllr Bailey informed regarding Connected Communities and the events they will hold in Parishes. The clerk was asked to contact Steph Warden for more information.

Transport Service Solutions - There is a survey about use of the buses – rural services thin on the ground.

127/16 Lamp Poles on Brown Avenue and Cherry Tree Avenue

Two poles have been put up for schools – 20mph limits - and there have been complaints from residents. Cllr Bailey informed that, although not statutory, it is Cheshire East's Policy. It was commented that Brown Avenue shouldn't need one as it isn't on the designated route. It was decided to monitor the situation.

128/16 Police Update

The clerk reported that a Beat Manager's Report has been received from PCSO Hobbs. A copy was circulated to Members present.

Cllr Rhodes reminded that Odd Rode are paying for the PCSO at present.

The clerk informed of a letter from PC Penny Jones regarding Speed Indicator devices. PC Jones is compiling a list of devices and who owns them. Church Lawton Parish Council do not own any.

Cllr Dawson, Cllr Fernihough and Cllr Owen cited some incidents which have occurred locally. Comments received suggest that police response is variable.

129/16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Dawson and the Clerk updated the Council on the recent meeting and presented the minutes. The following proposals were considered:

- Designated Area – It was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Dawson progress the area designation submission.
- It was proposed that the clerk submit hours worked on the Neighbourhood Plan each month and that the Parish Council will fund the payment of extra hours. This will be reviewed once the first grant application is made.
- It was agreed that until grant monies are successfully applied for, that the Parish Council fund the extra meetings required.

130/16 Asset Register and Asset Checking

130/16/1 Review of the Asset Register

The clerk proposed that Cllr Hall and herself update the Asset register for Council comment at the March meeting. This was agreed by all present.

130/16/2 Review of the Parish Noticeboards

Cllr R Young and the Clerk reported to the Council of a recent asset inspection conducted of the Notice Boards. In general, most noticeboards (with the exceptions noted below) require the usual annual maintenance performed by Mr Doug Smith. Some concrete posts are starting to corrode and this will be monitored although they aren't considered dangerous at present.

- The noticeboard on Crewe Road at the Grove is in bad condition and the front fell off during the inspection. The clerk was asked to price up replacements.
- The noticeboard at Red Bull contains rotten wood. The costs of repairing and replacing will be considered at the March meeting.
- The clerk was asked to ask Mr Doug Smith if he will fit new locks to the noticeboard by The Spinney.

130/16/3 Review of other assets

The following actions were agreed:

Boundary Signs	Cllr Dawson and the Clerk
Bus shelter	Cllr Hall and Cllr Young
Benches	Cllr Hall and Cllr Young
Planters	Cllr Dawson and Cllr Owen

131/16 Church Lawton Barrows – Update by the clerk, Cllr Harper and Cllr Bailey.

The first meeting has been held and a steering group established. The next meeting is planned for the evening of the 20th February and is to be held at the Clerk's house to reduce costs. This meeting will involve a presentation on the process of applying for Heritage Lottery Funding.

It was agreed that, to maintain the recognition of the Barrows being in Church Lawton, meetings be hosted by Church Lawton Parish Council. The clerk has offered her house as a meeting place, but if a hall is required then the Parish Council agreed to pay the costs.

132/16 Woodland for sale.

A further meeting is currently being organised. The clerk has received an email from the seller asking for an update.

133/16 Parish Council Newsletter – First edition, discussion of draft

The clerk reported that the first draft is in progress and will be circulated to members by the weekend.

134/16 Consideration of a draft Publication Scheme

The clerk circulated a draft Publication Scheme for Comment. Councillors were asked to email any comments to the clerk.

135/16 Finance

135/16/1 Appointment of Internal Auditor

The clerk informed that JDH Business Services who conducted the Internal Audit last year have been approached. The charge for this coming year is £109.00 + VAT up from £105.00 last year. It was agreed by all present that we use them.

135/16/2 To Discuss the Latest Correspondence from Lawton Memorial Hall

The clerk read the letter received from the Memorial Hall thanking the Parish Council for their support in responding the Alsager Chronicle Article.

135/16/3 To Consider a Donation to the North-West Ambulance Service

It was agreed by majority vote that the Parish Council donate £200 as it was felt that the Air Ambulance Service provided an important service to our Rural Community. The Clerk was asked to research to establish the Parish Council's ability to fund raise.

135/16/4 To Approve Receipts

Interest 31 st January 2017:	Reserve Account 1- 0.11p	Reserve Account 2- 0.02p
Total -	£0.13	

135/16/5 Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary February (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance February	£17.33
Lawton Memorial Hall	£41.25
Alsager Library – Meeting room hire	£30.00
Total -	£467.99

136/16 Planning

136/16/1 To receive new Planning Applications since the Meeting of 18th January 2017.

17/0358 Discharge of Conditions 9, 11 & 19 on Approval 16/1609C - Outline Planning Permission with some Matters Reserved for up to 335 Residential Units and Access off Lawton Road and Linley Lane.

Although not consulted on this discharge of conditions application, the application has been noted.

17/0364D Discharge of Condition

Although not notified on this application, it was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Planning Officer to express our concerns regarding the rat-run and to ask for rigorous traffic calming measures.

To Update the Council on Existing Applications

16/5473C – Lawton Mere Nurseries, Cherry Lane, Church Lawton, ST7 3QX, Demolition of existing glasshouses and construction of new residential development for up to three dwellings.

Committee date: 1st March – It was agreed that Cllr Roger Young speak on behalf of the Parish Council. The clerk agreed to register his intent. A working party consisting of Cllrs Young, Adams, Dawson and Owen was formed to formulate a script to reflect the Parish Council's views. The clerk agreed to arrange a meeting.

16/5562C – Rectory Farm, Old Knutsford Road, Church Lawton, ST7 3EQ. Outline application for the erection of up to 5 residential dwellings. Amended plans. Comments date 19th Jan 2017. Committee date 1st February 2017 (no agenda to date).

This application was refused by the Southern Planning Committee- The proposal comprises inappropriate development in the Green Belt contrary to 1. Policies PS6 and PS7 of the Congleton Borough Local Plan First review 2005 and Policy PG3 (Green Belt) of the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy (Proposed Changes) July 2016 . In addition, the proposal by virtue of its size scale, location and relationship to built form is contrary to para 89 of the NPPF.

The clerk was thanked for speaking on behalf of the Parish Council.

17/0036C - Proposed new front dormer to replace existing, garden room and store. 96, Brown Avenue, Church Lawton, ST7 3EP

Not decided

16/2295C 10, Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton, ST7 3DA. Proposed replacement dwelling and associated parking and access arrangements.

No decision to date.

16/0699C 2, Greengate Road

Proposed Detached Garage

refused – obstructive to view of nearby residences

137/16 Correspondence Received not covered elsewhere including:

The clerk read out a thank you letter received from Mr Keith Cartwright regarding his recent gift in recognition of his service.

138/16 Training and Meetings

138/16/1 Forthcoming:

It was agreed the clerk could attend the SLCC regional conference in Derby and that the Parish Council would pay.

The clerk is attending the Chalc audit/transparency code course and this is being paid for by Hough and Chorlton Parish Council.

The clerk circulated the list of forthcoming ChALC courses.

138/16/2 Attended since the meeting of 19th October

Cllr Hall and the clerk attended a meeting with Mr Richard Cooper of Cheshire East Highways.

The Clerk and Cllr Dawson attended the Southern Planning Committee on 1st Feb 2017.

The Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held in Alsager Library on the 8th February 2017 was attended by the clerk and Cllr Dawson and Cllr Bailey.

The Clerk, Cllr Harper and Cllr Bailey attended the Barrows Working Party on the 3rd February 2017.

139/16 Members reports

139/16/1 Cllr Dawson – erosion of verges and islands. Knutsford Rd – cycle race – pickup damaged. Richard Cooper is aware of it. Address needed.

139/16/2 Cllr Hall – road sign on corner of Crewe Rd – defect reported. Vehicle not known.

The next part of the meeting was held in private:

140/16 Consideration of the co-option of Mrs Vivien Jackson

It was agreed by all present to co-opt Mrs Vivien Jackson onto the Council.

The meeting concluded at 9:20

To agree Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 15th March, 2017, at 7:30pm