

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 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.

Note – Item 130/16/1 was covered early (after item 121/16) so as to allow Cllr Fernihough to leave the meeting to attend the Memorial Hall meeting of which he is also a member. All other items progressed in the order shown.

119/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Dawson, Cllr W Young and Cllr Owen have sent apologies.

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

Cllr Austin Fernihough declared an interest in agenda item 12a as he is a member of the Lawton Memorial Hall Committee. It was agreed that although he should not comment on this item, he should remain in the meeting whilst it is discussed such that he can feed back to the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr R Young declared an interest in agenda item 13d as he lived close to the site. Since the item is more an informative item not requiring a Council decision, it was not felt that Cllr Young need leave the room during discussion.

121/16 To approve Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 30th November, 2016

The minutes of 30th November, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

122/16 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 16th November, 2016 and other outstanding issues.

122/16/1 Repair of the Cheshire Railings

The clerk informed that, after the Parish's request to the Strategic Planning Committee, Condition 22 of the Decision Notice relating to application 16/2229C requires WainHomes to repair the Cheshire Railings around The Barrows.

Regarding the Cheshire Railings at the junction of Sandbach Road and Lawton Heath Road, the clerk was asked to contact the home owner to enquire if they have been informed by Cheshire East Council that the railings are now their responsibility.

122/16/2 Speed limit issues in the Parish including Wheelie Bin stickers and complaint from a resident.

The clerk has been in contact with Rob Welch, who advised that a Cheshire East formal position will be available shortly, but that there are some legal concerns regarding enforcement which are being considered.

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding speeding on Sandbach Rd. The clerk was asked to respond and explain the situation and efforts that the Parish Council are making to improve the situation.

The clerk was asked to write to the Police to express the Council's concerns regarding speeding in the Parish and ask for some enforcement. The clerk was also asked to enquire from the Police about the hire of SIDS.

122/16/3 Overgrown hedges and tree problems in the Parish

The clerk reported that Cllr Hall and herself are meeting with Richard Cooper of Cheshire East Highways on Thursday, 19th January to discuss and prioritise issues in the Parish requiring attention.

Cllr Hall informed that he is updating the report on this issue.

122/16/4 Update on Flooding and Drain problems in the Parish

Mike presented his updated draft report on flooding and drainage in the Parish. Specific issues covered were Linley Lane under the railway bridge, Knowsley Lane, Lawton Heath End, Sandbach Road, Knutsford Road. Looking at tie in of our reports and the gully sweepers. Cllr Hall was thanked for his hard work in compiling the report.

Cllr Hall explained the tag system used by Cheshire East Highways to label gullies which require attention.

The clerk informed the Council that Alsager Town Council have sent her a copy of a letter written by them to Cheshire East Council Highways asking that the flooding be alleviated under the Alsager to Kidsgrove bridge on Linley Lane prior to any new roundabout work commencing. It was agreed that the clerk should write a letter to Cheshire East Highways in support.

122/16/5 Update from the Working Party on the Woodland for sale adjacent to the Wilbraham Arms

The clerk has been in contact with the clerk from Alsager Town Council and agreed that a further meeting should be arranged. The clerk has also contacted the local Cheshire East Ranger who has expressed an interest in joining the working party to provide advice and a link to Cheshire East.

122/16/6 Flyposting

The Council was updated on the Fly-Posting problems. The clerk was asked to write to enforcement regarding the Scaffolding Advertising sign on the wall at the entrance to Dairylands Road.

122/16/7 Street Lighting Issues including the switched off lights

The clerk informed that a reply from David Brown was received in December promising a reply in the New Year. An email was received from Katie Henshall on the 13th December 2016 promising to get back in a week and that nothing has been heard since. The clerk was asked to forward the letter to Cheshire East leader, Rachel Bailey.

Cllr Hall suggested we write people doing work on the roundabout on Linley Lane, once work commences, to ensure that it will include a street lighting scheme.

122/16/8 Defibrillator Funding from the NHF

The clerk has applied to the National Heart Foundation for a defibrillator for the Lawton Arms. The defibrillator and cabinet are included but the Parish Council would be required to pay a suitably qualified electrician to perform the installation and the Clerk asked for

approval for the bid to be able to progress. The Council unanimously agreed to the payment for an electrician to come from Parish Council funds.

The contact in the North-West Ambulance Service, Nick Blair, asked if the Parish Council would also consider applying for a cabinet for the defibrillator at the Red Bull Public House and/or a defibrillator package for the Horseshoe Inn (subject to their agreement). This would incur further electrician costs if successful. The Parish Council resolved to approve this proposal.

The North-West Ambulance Service have offered to run free training events for the community in both resuscitation and the use of the defibrillators. The clerk was given permission to progress this should the bid be successful.

123/16 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey

- Cllr Bailey informed of the situation between Crewe and Macclesfield Hospital Trusts regarding problems with bedlocked delayed transfer causing blockages in the system. The Hospital Trusts are planning to debate the issue
- At the December meeting of Odd Rode Parish Council, at which representatives from the police were present, the option of paying for one full time PCSO was considered at a cost of about £34,000.
- The Local Plan situation was updated and Cllr Bailey informed that a call for sites would soon be made for Part 2 of the plan.
- Cheshire East have awarded Freedom of Borough to Olympic Medallists.
- There are proposals to close down The Mental Health unit in Macclesfield which is the only one in Cheshire East and which would entail Cheshire East residents needing to use Chester or The Wirral. proposals.

124/16 Discussion Regarding the Vacancy on the Parish Council

The clerk was asked to advertise the vacancy in The Link, Lawton Lights and by doing a leaflet drop in areas which currently do not have a councillor.

125/16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The notes from the meeting held with residents on Monday, 16th January, in Alsager Library were circulated. The clerk is to arrange a further meeting for those wishing to form a steering group.

126/16 Church Lawton Barrows – Update on the Clerk and Feedback from the Steering Group

The next meeting is planned for the evening of the 1st February and Lawton Memorial Hall is booked. Parish Council representatives are Cllr Harper and also the Clerk has recently joined to ensure a backup. Cllr Bailey and resident and ex member of the Heritage Society, Mr Arthur Burton, have also joined.

127/16 Parish Council Newsletter – First edition, discussion of draft

The newsletter first draft is deferred and will be deferred to the February meeting.

128/16 Alsager NatWest Closure.

It was agreed the clerk write a letter of complaint about the imminent closure.

129/16 United Utilities Work – Old Knutsford Road

Cllr Hall updated on the situation of the blocked roots and the work which may be required. No action is needed at present.

130/16 Finance

130/16/1 Discussion regarding correspondence received from Lawton Memorial Hall including the increase in price (see note at the beginning of the minutes)

The clerk summarised the situation and advised that the charge will be £17.00 from April 2017. The clerk was asked to write a letter to express our feelings. Cllr Fernihough was asked to feed back to the Lawton Memorial Hall Committee meeting taking place concurrently in the hall. Due to an administration error, the cheque issued in December for hall payments has been cancelled. The clerk asked for the issue of a new cheque.

Cllr Fernihough left the meeting at this point.

130/16/2 To Approve Receipts

Interest 31 st December 2016:	Reserve Account 1- 0.10p	Reserve Account 2- 0.02p
Total -	£0.12	

130/16/3 Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary January (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance January	£17.33
Cllr Cartwright – leaving gift and card	£21.89
Stationery	£3.58
SLCC Subscription Contribution	£55.00
Ink Cartridges	£51.30
Total -	£528.51

131/16 Planning

131/16/1 To receive new Planning Applications since the Extraordinary Meeting of 30th November 2016.

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).

It was agreed that a further response be submitted by the clerk. The initial comments to the application should be forwarded with the addition of comments relating to the disturbance to the badges and flooding issues. It was agreed that the comments made by residents that a lake once stood on the site should not be referred to since no evidence can be found from old maps.

It was resolved that the Parish Council notify the applicant, Frank Byatt that we've had a complaint and ask if he could keep us informed of ongoing work.

The clerk was asked to attend the Southern Planning Committee on the 1st February to speak on the Parish Council's behalf. The clerk agreed to prepare a draft script for comment.

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

It was resolved that the Parish Council have no comment to make.

131/16/2 To Update the Council on Existing Applications

16/5169C – 75, Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton, ST7 3DG - Outline application for the proposed erection of 3no. new detached houses onto the existing garden/land to the rear of 75 Liverpool Road West to include a revised access off Liverpool Road West.

Decision - approved

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

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

No decision to date

16/2229C – Reserved matters application following outline application 11/4109C – Caradon Bathrooms.

Approved with conditions. The clerk had spoken at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

131/16/3 Discussion surrounding the building of a roundabout on Linley Lane, and the potential creation of a Rat-Run

Cllr Hall suggested that we try and suggest traffic calming measures and ask if we can be consulted prior to traffic calming measures being agreed. The clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East Planning to request this.

131/16/4 Discussion regarding 16/9500S – EIA Screening Opinion for the proposed erection of 30 dwellings

Cllr Bailey informed that the application to request if an EIA is required should not have been put out to consultation. The Parish Council have no comment to make until an outline planning application is received.

132/16 Correspondence Received not covered elsewhere including:

The clerk has been in contact with PCSO Nigel Hobbs and PC Penny Jones and was asked to invite them to attend a meeting.

The clerk informed that Cllr Jane Smith of Alsager Town Council had informed her that Gary Newsome, Cheshire East Arboriculturalist, had given Alsager Town Council an excellent talk on their work. The clerk has been in contact with Mr Newsome who has offered to give the talk to the Parish Council The clerk was asked to arrange this.

Cllr Mike Hall offered to complete the Highways Survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

The North-West Air Ambulance have written to request a donation and it was agreed that this be an agenda item for the February meeting.

133/16 Training and Meetings

133/16/1 Forthcoming:

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

133/16/2 Attended since the meeting of 19th October

The Clerk attended Strategic Planning Meeting on the 16th Dec 2016.

The Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held in Alsager Library on the 16th November for residents was attended by the Clerk, Cllr R Young, Cllr B Adams, Cllr M Hall and Cllr N Harper as well as Ward Councillor Bailey.

134/16 Members reports

134/16/1 Cllr Adams reported that she has received a complaint regarding waste bins and the ANSA collection workers tipping rubbish from one to another. It was agreed that if this should cause further complaints, that the item will be placed on the agenda to suggest a letter is written to complain.

The meeting concluded at 9:20

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