

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

Present: Vice-chair Barbara Adams.
Councillors Neil Harper; John Atkins; Mike Dawson; Susan Owen
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey

The Council Meeting commenced at 7:45pm.

20/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Young, Cllr Fernihough, Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Hall. Cllr Bailey and Cllr Harper had previously informed that they would be attending but would be late. ad previously informed the clerk that she would be arriving late.

21/16 Co-option of Mr William Young

Since Mr Young sent his apologies that he was unable to attend tonight, this will be deferred until the September meeting.

22/16 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

None

23/16 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th June, 2016

The minutes of 15th June, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

24/16 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 15th June 2016

24/16/1 Building work and tree felling in Lawton Woods

The clerk has written to Anne Donkin of Cheshire East again but has not yet heard back

24/16/2 Update on the work at the Telecommunication Masts on Linley Lane

The clerk reported that a further cabinet has been installed at the EE Mast site resulting in removal and damage to some of the newly planted hedge. The contractors have left the site tidy and replanted where possible. It was agreed that Mr Doug Smith be asked to replace any dead saplings in the Autumn and that the Parish Council would pay for this.

24/16/3 Repair of the Cheshire Railings

Three quotes for the work at Lawton Lights have not yet been received but the cost is estimated to be approximately £2000 including clearing the undergrowth.

It was agreed that the Cheshire Railings on the junction of Sandbach Road and Lawton Heath Road also require repair. The clerk was asked to contact the owners.

The clerk was asked to write to Judith Cosgrove at Cheshire East Council to enquire if any S106 money may be available to fund this.

24/16/4 Speed limit issues in the Parish

A meeting has been held with Simon Wallis of Cheshire East Highways, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Hall and the clerk to discuss the speed issues along Sandbach Road. The clerk was asked to follow up the acquisition of a Community Speed Watch SID.

24/16/5 Signage on Cherry lane

The clerk reported that Simon Wallis of Cheshire East Highways has agreed to improve signage to discourage HGVs and also to improve the terminal speed limit signs. The item will be under minor improvements (meeting in September).

24/16/6 Position of the keep left bollard at the junction of Sandbach Road and Knutsford Road.

Simon Wallis of Cheshire East Highways has agreed to have this sign removed (as it serves no purpose) so that it no longer impedes vision when turning out of the junction.

24/16/7 T Junction Problems (Sandbach Rd) and the verges

A meeting with Simon Wallis has been held at the site. The expense of any action here would exceed that minor improvements budget.

24/16/8 Misuse of the One-way system on Cherry Lane, especially by cyclists.

Following the on-site meeting, Simon Wallis has agreed to install the missing cycling sign to direct cyclist coming out of Cherry Lane at the Horseshoe correctly rather than them travelling onto the one-way section against the flow of traffic.

24/16/9 Overgrown hedges and tree problems in the Parish

This has not progressed and will be deferred until the September meeting.

25/16 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey`

Cllr Bailey informed the Council about several Cheshire East issues including:

A decision has been made to withdraw funding for school travel if a walking route exists and the distance is less than 2 miles.

Neighbourhood Plans are still being very much encouraged.

The Local Plan will be back before the Inspector in September, 2016.

26/16 GHA Buses: bankruptcy and effect on the Parish

Cllr Bailey reported that D and G buses have stepped in to provide a temporary service. It was agreed that the situation will need to be monitored.

27/16 Proposal for a Dog Watch Scheme

Deferred until the September Meeting.

28/16 Flooding, Gully and Drain Problems in the Parish

The clerk reported that there have been two complaints regarding blocked gullies: one at the junction where the road past the Wilbraham Arms meets Sandbach Road and one on Knowsley Lane. These will be reported the Cheshire East Highways.

29/16 Ramblers Footpath Report

The clerk informed the Council of the receipt of the Congleton Ramblers Footpath Report for the Parish. One PROW has been given a grade 4 – CHL 15. This path was deemed unpassable due to flooding and frequently blocked by crops. The clerk agreed to look at the path herself and write to Cheshire East to offer support to Congleton Ramblers.

The clerk also informed of frequent flooding of footpath 13 making it impassable which she would also report.

30/16 Woodland for Sale Adjacent to the Wilbraham Arms

The clerk informed of an email received from the daughter of the deceased owner of this woodland who are looking to sell it and would like it maintained for the Community. Alsager Town Council and the Cheshire East Rangers have also been contacted. The value for probate is £50,000. The clerk has contacted the Woodland Trust who would not step in to help purchase for a woodland of this small size.

It was agreed that the Parish Council does not have the financial means to consider such a purchase and that the clerk liaise with Alsager Town Council to establish if they have any interest.

31/16 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire – Process of Review of the Results

It was agreed that before the progression of a Neighbourhood Plan could be considered, at least 5% of Church Lawton’s electorate will be required to have responded in favour of going ahead and 1% will be required to be willing to be keen to be involved in a steering group.

32/16 Review of Standing Orders

An initial draft of the Standing Orders has been circulated for discussion. The clerk was asked to make agreed alterations and to circulate as a further draft.

33/16 Review of the Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct draft document was reviewed. Those present had no amendments and it was agreed that the document be placed on the September agenda for approval.

34/16 Fly Posting Update in the Parish and Review of the Policy

It was agreed by all present that an amendment be made. A clause will be added that allows the Council to exercise some discretion in extenuating circumstances. The document will be placed on the September Agenda for approval.

35/16 Update on the Lawton Barrows Proposals

Cllr Harper reported that he has received an update from Cllr Smith of Alsager Town Council. The Steering Group is in place but progress is not being made with the owners of the site who are not responding. Cllr Bailey agreed to pursue this through a contact.

36/16 Finance

36/16/1 To receive the Q1 Financial Summary

The clerk presented the end of Quarter 1 Financial Position to the Council.

36/16/2 Receipts

Interest 30 th June:	Reserve Account 1- 0.52p	Reserve Account 2- 0.10p
Total -		£0.62

36/16/3 Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary July (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance June	£17.33
Clerk's Salary August (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance August	£17.33
Vistaprint (Questionnaire printing)	£117.27
D Smith (Handiman services to the parish)	£468.00
Stationery/Print Cartridges	£59.98
Total -	£970.73

37/16 Planning

37/16/1 To receive new Planning Applications since the meeting of 15th June 2016.

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

It was agreed that the clerk submit a response expressing our concern at the potential creation of a rat-run by the inclusion of what appears to be a vehicular access from the Sainsbury's part of the development to the housing development.

37/16/2 To Update the Council on Existing Applications

16/1409C 84, Congleton Road North, Church Lawton, ST7 3BA Proposed detached dwelling, demolition of existing garage and new vehicular access.
No decision to date.

16/2295C 10, Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton, ST7 3DA. Proposed replacement dwelling and associated parking and access arrangements.
No decision to date.

15/5693C Land adjacent to 1, Congleton Road North, Scholar Green. Appeal to secretary of state.
Appeal still pending.

16/0699C 2, Greengate Road
Proposed Detached Garage
No decision to date

37/16/3 Update regarding contact with Cheshire east

It was agreed that for the time being, communication should be monitored to see if any more problems arise.

37/16/4 Enforcement Issues.

- The clerk reported that Planning Permission is in place for the agricultural buildings that have appeared being Sandbach Road.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council should not pursue this any further.

38/16 Correspondence Received

The clerk reported that there is a Police Commissions survey to which parish councillors are invited to respond.

39/16 Training and Meetings

It was agreed that Mr William Young be offered the opportunity to attend the ChALC Induction Course.

Cllrs Mike Dawson and Sue Owen have attended the ChALC Induction Course.

Cllrs Mike Dawson and Sue Owen have attended the recent Town and Parish Council Meeting at Sandbach Town Hall.

Cllr Harper and the clerk have attended two Planning Seminars organised by ChALC.

Cllrs Mike Dawson and Mike Hall have attended the recent Police Commissioners Meeting.

40/16 Members reports

40/16/1 It was reported that the traffic lights at Red Bull are obscured by overgrowth.

40/16/2 It was reported that litter and evidence of drug dealing are apparent behind the garages in Greengate and that ANSA should be informed.

The meeting concluded at 10:15 pm. It was agreed to contravene Standing Orders due to the late start time.

To agree Date of Next Meeting : A provisional date of August 17th was agreed should an August meeting become necessary. Otherwise - Wednesday 21st September at 7:30pm