

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2017 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Chair Roger Young

**Councillors John Atkins; Austin Fernihough; Mike Hall; Neil Harper; Sue Owen; M Dawson
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey**

The Council Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

141/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr B Adams and Cllr Fernihough.

142/16 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

None

143/16 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2017

The minutes of 15th February 2017 were approved as a correct record by all present.

144/16 To co-opt Mrs Vivien Jackson onto the Parish Council

It was resolved by all present to co-opt Mrs Vivien Jackson onto the Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Jackson, who proceeded to sign her Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk. Register of Interest forms were given to Mrs Jackson to be returned to the clerk within 30 days. Mrs Jackson introduced herself to the Council.

145/16 Resignation of Mr William Young.

The clerk read out an email received from Mr William Young giving his resignation from the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Cheshire East to notify them of the vacancy and put notices in the Parish Council Notice Boards and Website.

146/16 Introduction to Mr Vic Tarrant, present as an Observer and interested in applying to be a Parish Councillor.

Mr Vic Tarrant who is interested in the position of parish Councillor was introduced.

147/16 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 15th February 2017 and other outstanding issues.

147/16/1 Speed limit issues in the Parish

The clerk agreed to maintain contact with PCSO Hobbs regarding the use of a SID to monitor speed in the Parish's problem areas.

147/16/2 Overgrown hedges and tree problems in the Parish

Cllr Hall reported that some do appear to have been cut but it needs establishing how extensive this needs to be to last the Summer.

147/16/3 Update on Flooding and Drain problems in the Parish

It was reported that the gully team are currently in the area. It was agreed to monitor the progress as much as possible.

147/16/4 Flyposting

The clerk is investigating the legality of the large sign on Lagan's land at the lights and will report back Generally and otherwise, flyposting has improved slightly with some discretion being used when required to allow community events appropriate notice.

147/16/5 Street Lighting Issues including the switched off lights

Cllr Hall updated the Council on the situation and progress with the switched off lighting.

147/16/6 Defibrillator Funding from the NHF

The clerk informed that the defibrillators training sessions are being organised and that both the Memorial Hall and Horseshoe Inn have provide a room and refreshments. Quotes from three electricians for the installations are being organised.

147/16/7 Connecting Communities

The clerk reported that investigating Connecting Communities has not yet been progressed.

147/16/8 Fund raising by the Parish Council – legalities and options available

The clerk informed that ChALC have confirmed that fund raising by Parish Councils is allowed although all decisions to do so and all transaction must be clearly shown and authorised in agendas and minutes.

148/16 For the Council to receive an updated list of meetings and contact list

The clerk agreed to further update the contact list to include Mrs Jackson.

149/16 To consider the Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the banner should go up one to two weeks before the meeting. It was also agreed that the clerk advertise the meeting in The Link, Lawton Lights, on the website and in the Noticeboards.

150/16 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey

Cllr Bailey raised the following issues:

- Connecting Communities which has been discussed by the Cheshire East Cabinet
- The future running of the sports facilities planned for the MMU site at Alsager.
- Availability of Planings

151/16 Police Issues

It was agreed that it was useful to have met the local PCSO, Nigel Hobbs, and that the issues raised at the meeting with him were informative. The clerk agreed to liaise with PCSO Hobbs over the use of a Speed Indicator Device in the Parish.

152/16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

It was reported that the area designation has now been submitted to Cheshire East Council and that the next meeting is to be held on the 6th March 2017.

153/16 Noticeboard Replacement

The clerk was asked to obtain three quotes from suppliers for new noticeboards.

160/16 Planning issues

160/16/1 Cheshire East Local Plan

The clerk informed of the various consultations taking place regarding the Cheshire East Local Plan. Members felt that they were unable to comment on these consultations.

160/16/2 To receive new Planning Applications since the Meeting of 15th February 2017.

17/1163C Proposed two detached dwellings. Land at Sandbach Road, Church Lawton, Alsager. Comments deadline 5th April 2017

It was agreed by all present that the Parish Council have no comment to make on this application but that response should be deferred until nearer the comments deadline to allow residents' comments to be monitored. The similarities with a recent and nearby application lost at appeal by Cheshire East were noted.

17/1065D Discharge of Conditions 12 and 23 on application 16/1609C

Comments deadline 27th March 2017

It was noted that there seemed to be discrepancies between 17/1065D and 17/1066D and the information submitted on each in relation to the conditions referred to. The clerk agreed to query this with the Planning Officer.

17/0838C 6, Lawtongate Estate - Existing lean-to type conservatory to be replaced with small, solid wall extension with flat roof.

Comments deadline 5th April 2017

The Parish Council resolved that the clerk submit a response of 'no comment' to this application closer to the deadline date such that any comments received by residents can be first noted.

160/16/3 To Update the Council on Existing Applications

17/0358 and 17/0364D 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.

The clerk reported that these condition discharges have been approved by Cheshire East.

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.

This application was heard at the Southern Planning Committee on the 1st March. The application was refused because there has been no attempt to market the brownfield site as a business. The Council thanked Cllr Young, who spoke on behalf of the Parish Council, and Cllr Adams for attending on their behalf.

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

The clerk reported that has been approved.

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

No decision to date.

161/16 Correspondence Received not covered elsewhere including:

The clerk read out a letter received from Cllr Jane Smith of Alsager Town Council regarding reports from a resident that toads of crossing Cherry Lane. The clerk agreed to write to Cheshire East to ask if the 'toad signs' can be re-erected. It was pointed out that none of the actions raised at a meeting with Simon Wallace of Cheshire East Highways of which several related to the Cheery lane area have been completed and the clerk agreed to enquire about this.

The clerk read out a letter received from Mr Frank Byatt updating on his progress with building work at the Rectory farm site.

162/16 Training and Meetings

162/16/1 Forthcoming:

The Clerk informed of upcoming ChALC training courses and it was agreed that the Council would pay for those Councillors who wish to attend.

162/16/2 Attended since the meeting of 15th February 2017

The clerk has attended a meeting Finance and Audit Course organised by ChALC on the 13th March 2017 (paid for by Hough and Chorlton parish Council).

Cllr Adams and Cllr Young attended the Southern Planning Committee on 1st March 2017.

163/16 Members reports

163/16/1 Cllr Dawson informed that he has been contacted regarding the Cheshire Railings between Sandbach Road and Knutsford Road. The resident has reported to him that insurance money was received by Cheshire East but the railings have not been repaired. The clerk agreed to pursue this.

163/16/2 Cllr Jackson raised about the lack of a footpath on Knowsley Lane.

163/16/3 Cllr Jackson informed that the bollards are not lit along the A34 from the traffic lights.

The meeting concluded at 20:45

To agree Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 19th April, 2017, at 7:30pm