

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2016 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Chair Roger Young; Vice-chair Barbara Adams.

**Councillors John Atkins; Susan Owen; Austin Fernihough; Mike Hall; Neil Harper; Mike Dawson; William Young
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey**

The Council Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

97/16 Apologies for Absence

None received

98/16 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

None

99/16 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th October, 2016

The minutes of 19th October, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

100/16 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 19th October, 2016 and other outstanding issues.

100/16/1 Repair of the Cheshire Railings

The clerk has requested quotes and is in contact with Lagan.

100/16/2 Speed limit issues in the Parish

The clerk reported that she is waiting to hear back from Highways regarding the 30mph stickers.

CLlr Dawson reported that there has been another near miss at the Sandbach Road junction with Knutsford Road regarding a pedestrian trying to cross caused by cars speeding and turning at the junction too fast.

The possibility of setting Community Speed Watch areas was discussed but this would require sufficient volunteers from the community to be operable.

CLlr Dawson agreed to write a piece for the first newsletter.

100/16/3 Overgrown hedges and tree problems in the Parish

CLlr Hall updated on the Parish Council. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between Cheshire East Highways and the Parish Council to survey the problems and prioritise them.

100/16/4 Update on Flooding and Drain problems in the Parish

CLlr Hall updated the Council regarding blocked gullies and flooding issues in the Parish. CLlr Hall and the clerk are still to prepare an up to date list of all known issues in the Parish.

100/16/5 Update on the woodland for Sale adjacent to the Wilbraham Arms

The clerk reported a meeting is being arranged and that the Council is waiting to hear from Alsager Town Council to finalise the date.

100/16/6 Flyposting

The Council felt that, whilst appreciating that advertising of local community events is important, signs are again appearing of a commercial nature and signs are not being promptly removed after an event. The clerk was asked to communicate with offenders and provide a copy of Church Lawton Parish Council's Policy.

100/16/7 Street Lighting Issues

Cllr Hall updated on the situation. A letter of complaint has been sent to Cheshire East (Cllr David Brown) by the clerk.

100/16/8 Dog Watch Scheme – Lawton Gate Estate

The clerk updated further on the situation. Tom Becket of Cheshire East, who had been involved with supporting such schemes, has now moved on. It was agreed that this should be deferred until a later date. The clerk agreed to inquire if ANSA had more dog bins available.

101/16 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey

Cllr Bailey reported that following last year's Clean for the Queen, there is a follow up Spring Clean being planned for 2017.

A Nominated Neighbour Scheme is being proposed to protect the vulnerable from cold callers.

A meeting has been arranged for the Barrows Working party and Wain Homes. Cllr Bailey is to attend and Cllr Harper will if work permits.

102/16 Precept discussion and agreement for the 2017/2018 Financial Year

The clerk presented the financial report to date with projected spending for the remainder of 2017/2018 and a draft budget. The Council discussed expenditure in 2017/2018 and agreed a budget. The precept requirement for 2017/2018 was set at £12,000. It was further resolved that reserves would be used for any expenditure which may arise over and above potential grants for a Neighbourhood Plan (which is currently under consideration).

103/16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The clerk reported that those who expressed an interest in forming a steering group have been contacted and a meeting is being arranged for January. Those who indicated that they had limited time but were willing to help will be invited once a date has been confirmed.

104/16 Communication with the Community by the Parish Council

104/16/1 Newsletter

The clerk reminded councillors to forward her their contributions so that she and Cllr W Young could produce and edit a draft newsletter.

104/16/2 Social Media

Cllr W Young updated the Council. Whilst it was appreciated that Facebook could offer some benefit, concerns were also expressed. It was agreed that Cllr Young survey the thoughts of other Parishes who have used social media.

104/16/3 Other

Other communication such as potential face to face sessions in local venues was discussed. It was agreed to concentrate on getting the first newsletter published before considering this further.

105/16 British Heart Foundation Funding for a Defibrillator.

Cllr Adams reported that the landlady at the Lawton Arms is still happy to support a defibrillator being fitted there and the clerk was asked to progress an application.

106/16 Telephone Kiosk Decommissioning

In response to a letter received concerning telephone kiosk decommissioning, it was agreed that the clerk write a letter expressing the Parish Council's concerns and the effect this could have on our elderly residents.

107/16 Finance

107/16/1 To Approve Receipts

Interest 31 st October 2016:	Reserve Account 1- 0.54p	Reserve Account 2- 0.10p
Total -	£0.64	

107/16/2 Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary November (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance November	£17.33
Clerk's Salary December (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance December	£17.33
British Legion Poppy Wreath	£30.00
ChALC Induction Course (W Young)	£35.00
Lawton memorial Hall	£206.25
Total -	£1064.73

108/16 Planning

108/16/1 To receive new Planning Applications since the meeting of 19th October 2016.

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.

The Parish Council considered comments made by residents and agreed that the objections made should be supported. In addition, it was noted that height data is not provided on the application. It was agreed by all that the parish Council will object and the clerk was asked to draft a response.

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. It was agreed that the Parish Council object on similar grounds to the previous application at this site. It was noted that the current description as 'brown field' by the applicant should be questioned.

108/16/2 To Update the Council on Existing Applications

16/5000C Proposed single storey front porch / shower room extension, 8, Denford Place, Church Lawton, ST7 3RF

Approved

16/4182C Rectory Farm, Demolition of Existing buildings and construction of one new dwelling.

Approved

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

A committee date of 14th December is given.

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

109/16 Correspondence Received not covered elsewhere

The clerk reported that contact has been made with PC Ruth Thomas who is leaving the position soon and the parish will have both a new PCSO and beat manager. It was suggested that clerk contact Inspector Paul Beauchamp at Crewe.

Cllr Adams reported that a letter has been received from the Church thanking us for agreeing to decorate a tree and giving a date of 3rd December for dressing which Cllr Adams agreed to do. The undressing is on the 4th January.

110/16 Training and Meetings

110/16/1 Forthcoming:

The clerk reported that the Town and parish Conference will take place on 28th November, 6:60pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

110/16/2 Attended since the meeting of 19th October

Several Councillors attended the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church.

The clerk reported from a Freedom of Information/Data Protection course she attended, organised by ChALC (paid for by her other Parish). Councillors were advised to heed both Acts whilst conducting Parish Council Business. In particular, it was noted that emails both sent and received should always be copied to the clerk's email address.

Cllr Hall and Cllr Dawson attended and reported from the recent Police Commissioner's meeting.

Cllr Hall and the clerk attended and reported from the recent Highways event organised by Cheshire East Highways that they attended in Holmes Chapel.

111/16 Members reports

111/16/1 Cllr Hall informed the Council that there is a planned transfer of assets to Alsager Town Council from Cheshire East Council.

To agree Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 18th January, 2017, at 7:30pm