

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2016 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

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

The Council Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

79/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike Dawson and William Young. Cllr Bailey had informed the clerk that she may be late.

Cllr Keith Cartwright has contacted the clerk to hand in his resignation. It was agreed that the clerk purchase a gift and card on behalf of the Parish.

The clerk was asked to register the vacancy with Cheshire East and to advertise the vacancy in the boards and on the website.

80/16 To receive any Declaration of Interests regarding Agenda Items

None

81/16 To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 21st September, 2016

The minutes of 21st September, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

82/16 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of 21st September, 2016 and other outstanding issues.

82/16/1 Building work and tree felling in Lawton Woods

The clerk has spoken to the enforcement officer at Cheshire East and the site is still being investigated. Our comments about the site being a mess have been taken note of and the clerk is to send in some photos. It was agreed that this item need not be put on the agenda to follow up again unless the problem persists in the Spring.

82/16/2 Repair of the Cheshire Railings

It was agreed that the ownership of the land behind the railings at Lawton Lights needs verifying to progress. The clerk was asked to pursue Lagan and to apply for a land registry search if necessary.

82/16/3 Speed limit issues in the Parish

The clerk reported that she had discussed the possibility of a SID for the Lawton Heath End area with several poles such that it could be periodically moved.

The clerk updated on the position of the stickers and informed that Hough and Chorlton Parish Council have agreed to share the costs.

82/16/4 Signage on Cherry lane

This work has not yet been completed by Cheshire East Council, but Cllr Hall did inform the school sign has now been removed from Liverpool Rd West. It was agreed to remove this

from the agenda until early Spring 2017 to give Cheshire East time to complete the work during this financial year as agreed.

82/16/5 Position of the keep left bollard at the junction of Sandbach Road and Knutsford Road.

Cheshire East Council have not yet removed this bollard. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda until early Spring 2017 to give Cheshire East time to complete the work during this financial year as agreed.

82/16/6 Junction of Sandbach Rd and Knutsford Rd

Cllr Dawson raised that crossing this junction remains a hazard and that he has had an incident where he was clipped by a car. Further guidance and advice from Cheshire East Highways is required.

82/16/7 Misuse of the One-way system on Cherry Lane, especially by cyclists.

Cheshire East have not yet put the improved signage into place. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda until early Spring 2017 to give Cheshire East time to complete the work during this financial year as agreed.

82/16/8 Overgrown hedges and tree problems in the Parish

Cllr Hall updated on the situation. Although some work has been done, much is still outstanding including obscured traffic lights at Red Bull. It was agreed that the clerk chase up the report which was sent to Cheshire East.

82/16/9 PROW problems in the Parish

The clerk updated regarding the PROW issues in the Parish.

82/16/10 Update on Flooding and Drain problems in the Parish

Cllr Hall updated the Council regarding blocked gullies and flooding issues in the Parish. It was agreed Cllr Hall and the clerk prepare an up to date list of all known issues in the Parish.

82/16/11 Update on the woodland for Sale adjacent to the Wilbraham Arms

The clerk reported that a request has been received from Alsager Town Council inviting representation on a joint working party to discuss the woodland. It was agreed that Cllr Roger Young, Cllr Sue Owen and the Clerk represent Church Lawton Parish Council.

82/16/12 Flyposting

It was agreed that the situation was much improved. The clerk was asked to write to Butters.

82/16/13 Street Lighting Issues

Cllr Hall further updated on the situation. A letter of complaint has been prepared to be sent to the leader of the Council and to our MP, Fiona Bruce.

82/16/14 Dog Watch Scheme – Lawton Gate Estate

The clerk updated on the situation. She has been in touch with Cllr Peter Groves of Stapeley PC, who explained how they had set one up, and was awaiting a response from the dog wardens at Cheshire East.

83/16 To receive Cheshire East Matters from Rhoda Bailey

Cllr Bailey also gave a further update on the Barrows site and the efforts of Cllr Jane Smith of Alsager and the working party in contacting the landowners, Lagans.

Cllr Bailey updated on the request to have a SID situated on Congleton Road North and South which has been agreed by Cheshire East Highways.

Cllr Bailey also updated on the efforts to reduce the speed limits along Sandbach Road.

84/16 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

The clerk reported that she has spoken with Cheshire Community Action regarding the results of the questionnaire. Although only a smaller than required response has been received, it was decided to arrange a meeting between those who'd offered help, the Parish Council and Cheshire Community Action to discuss the way forward. The Parish Council resolved to remain firm in its stance that a Neighbourhood Plan would not be progressed unless there was sufficient resident input.

85/16 Discussion regarding a procedure for checking assets

It was agreed that assets would be checked annually and that the checks would be recorded. The clerk agreed to draw up some forms to record the checks based on drafts suggested by both Cllr Hall and herself. Cllr Hall offered to assist in providing a check list for each item for inclusion on the forms.

86/16 Approval of the Risk Assessment

The updated Risk Assessment Document was reviewed and approved by a majority vote.

87/16 Communication with the Community by the Parish Council

87/16/1 Newsletter

It was resolved that the Parish Council prepare its first issue of the Newsletter. It was further resolved that this first issue be printed and delivered to each residence, with a request to provide email addresses to receive future copies. The content of the first issue was agreed.

87/16/2 Social Media

Deferred until November

87/16/3 Other

Deferred until November

88/16 Remembrance Sunday – Donation of a Wreath

A letter has been received from All Saints Church inviting members to the service. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for a wreath (£30) from the British Legion for the service. The clerk was asked to contact ANSA to ask if the lane approaching the Church could be swept.

89/16 Participatory Budget Funding Update

The clerk updated that, from experience putting in an application at her other parish, it appears that funding for defibrillators is not supported.

90/16 NALC Quality Awards

The clerk raised the question of whether the Parish Council could begin the process of the Parish Council earning the Foundation Award, It was agreed that the £50 registration fee could be paid.

91/16 Standing Orders Review

The update is progressing. NALC have recently reissued an updated Financial Regulations update and the clerk will enquire whether the Standing Orders update is also imminent.

92/16 Finance

92/16/1 To receive the half year Summary of Accounts

The clerk presented the half year's accounts which were duly received by the Council.

92/16/2 To Approve Receipts

Interest 30 th September 2016:	Reserve Account 1- 0.52p	Reserve Account 2- 0.10p
Total -	£0.62	

92/16/3 Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Clerk's Salary October (to be paid on the 25th)	£379.41
Clerk's working from home allowance October	£17.33
Clerk's purchases – stationery	£22.50
B Adams for Christmas decorations	£29.77
Total -	£449.01

93/16 Planning

93/16/1 To receive new Planning Applications since the meeting of 21st September 2016.

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

It was agreed that the Council have no comment to make regarding this application. It was resolved that the clerk contact those neighbours who might be affected but hadn't received an official notification.

93/16/2 To Update the Council on Existing Applications

16/3741C The Cottage, Cherry lane - Reserved matters application on approved outline application 15/2909C for a proposed single dwelling.

Approved

16/3961C Hall O Lee Farm, Knowsley Lane, Church Lawton. Proposed grain store. Comments deadline 2nd September.

Ruled that permission was not required. .

16/4025C Acton Way, Church Lawton, ST7 3RD – Proposed first floor side extension including canopy and alterations.

Approved

16/4074C 104, Brown Avenue, Church Lawton, ST7 3EP – Proposed dormer extension to front elevation to extend existing bedrooms with new bathroom and re-surfacing driveway.
Approved

16/4152C 2, Liverpool Road West, Church Lawton. Change of use of the old school house.
Comments deadline 23rd September.
Refused

16/4182C Rectory Farm, Demolition of Existing buildings and construction of one new dwelling.
Not yet decided

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

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

93/16/3 Update regarding contact with Cheshire East

The clerk reported that she has pursued this with Cheshire East Planning.

94/16 Correspondence Received

The clerk reported various pieces of correspondence.

95/16 Training and Meetings

Cllr William Young has been booked onto the Councillor Induction Course on the 25th January.
Cllr Hall and the clerk agreed to attend the forthcoming Highways meeting on the 24th October at Holmes Chapel.
Cllr Hall agreed to attend the police Commissioner's Meeting on the 8th November at Congleton.
The Clerk reported that she has attended a Presentation Skills course at the CVS Offices. This was a free course.

96/16 Members reports

- 96/16/1** Cllr Fernihough informed that there are some traffic recorders in place on Congleton Rd.
- 96/16/2** Cllr Hall commented that Vodafone are conducting more work on the mast and that it will also serve the O2 Network.
- 96/16/3** Cllr Hall reported that United Utilities have been out looking at the drains system under Rectory Farm.

To agree Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 16th November at 7:30pm