

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2019 AT CHURCH LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Chair Roger Young
Councillors: Vic Tarrant; Bill Banks; John Atkins; Sue Owen; Robert Fisher; N Harper
Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey*

The meeting started at 7:30pm

**Cllr Bailey arrived at 19:40 and left at 19:50*

18-19/140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Barbara Adams, Vic Tarrant and Sue Owen.

18-19/141 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Banks reported an interest in the projector purchase. The item was deferred.

18-19/142 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2018

Resolved: The minutes of 28th November 2018 were approved as a correct record by all present.

18-19/143 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING OF 28TH NOVEMBER 2018

18-19/143/1 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The current vacancy was discussed along with the need to encourage volunteers to stand at the next election. The Clerk agreed to circulate a draft leaflet for comment. It was also agreed to look at hiring the Memorial Hall on a Saturday to allow members of the public to discuss the role with Councillors.

Action: The Clerk to arrange the hall hire and circulate the leaflet.

18-19/143/2 NOTICEBOARD REPLACEMENT

The Clerk reported that the quotes are being sought and land ownership being verified to ensure the correct permissions are in place.

18-19/143/3 SCREEN/PROJECTOR FOR MEETINGS

Deferred until the February 2019 meeting.

18-19/144 TO REVISED LIST OF CONTACTS

The revised list of contacts was deferred.

18-19/145 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A DATE FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the fourth Wednesday in April (24th). The Clerk agreed to discuss this further with the Cheshire Association of Councils.

Action: The Clerk to discuss further with ChALC.

18-19/146 TO CONSIDER A DATE FOR THE 2019 CIVIC SERVICE

Deferred

18-19/147 TO RECEIVE CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS FROM CLLR RHODA BAILEY

Cllr Bailey updated on Cheshire East issues:

- The cabinet meeting will discuss progress on the Middlewich bypass and Congleton Link Road. There will be a contactor event at Black Firs Primary School regarding the Congleton Link Road, 17:00 to 19:30 on the 29th January.
- Cllr Bailey raised about the arm's length companies such as ANSA and ESAR and reported that the governance of such companies is to be reviewed.
- A debate is to occur regarding the cabinet system at Cheshire East.

Cllr Bailey left after her report at 19:50.

18-19/148 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE MEETINGS HELD WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS/PARTNERS.

A further meeting still to be organised along with further dementia training for those who were unable to make the first session.

Action: The Clerk to progress both issues.

18-19/149 LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

The Clerk updated the Council and informed that the Memorial Hall has been approached and that the proposal of a councillor attending the meetings is being taken to the Memorial Hall Committee.

18-19/150 POLICE MATTERS

18-19/150/1 BEAT REPORTS

The Council noted receipt of the November and December beat reports. It was noted a request to provide a bit more information could be taken to the Cluster Meeting. It was further noted that the number of drivers caught speeding on Congleton Road appears high and that the next steps to tackle the problem should be discussed with the PCSO.

18-19/150/2 UPDATE ON THE CLUSTER MEETINGS

It was noted that the next cluster meeting is to be held on the 10th January. Cllrs Young agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. The venue will be the Odd Rode Parish Council office, Newfield House.

18-19/150/3 OTHER POLICE MATTERS INCLUDING FEEDBACK FROM POLICE SURGRIES

There was nothing to report from police surgeries.

18-19/151 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The lack of progress with the Neighbourhood Plan was raised. The Clerk did inform that some residents of the Brattswood Drive Area had been writing policies, some hard work has taken place and that an email had been received earlier that day. It was felt the Neighbourhood Plan Group had not been consulted nor had sight of this work to date as the chair hasn't called any meetings.

It was agreed that a meeting was needed to pull the Neighbourhood Plan back together. Cllrs Young, Fisher, Banks volunteered to attend the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting to consider joining. Cllr Harper is considering his role due to other commitments. The clerk reported that Councillor Owen had previously expressed an interest.

Action: The Clerk to call a meeting.

18-19/152 HIGHWAYS MATTERS – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE

There were no issues raised.

Action – The Clerk to report to Cheshire East.

18-19/153 PLANNING

18-19/153/1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE MEETING OF THE 28TH NOVEMBER 2018

Three deferred conditions have been received on the Caradon/Twyfords development. The council decided that these would not be considered.

18-19/153/2 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The outstanding applications (awaiting a decision by Cheshire East) were noted.

18-19/154 FINANCE

18-19/154/1 TO APPROVE RECEIPTS – DECEMBER 2018

The receipts for December were approved.

Resolved: To approve the receipts.

18-19/154/2 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS REQUIRED SINCE THE MEETING OF 28TH NOVEMBER 2018.

The Clerk's salary was approved for payment.

18-19/154/3 TO RECEIVE THE Q3 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

Deferred.

18-19/154/4 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE 2019/2020 BUDGET. TO RESOLVE TO AGREE THE PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2019/2020.

Councillors had no further projects to add to the budget. It was **resolved** that the budget proposed at the November meeting be approved and that the precept be set at £22,000.

Action: The clerk to submit the request to Cheshire East.

18-19/155 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk informed of a police commissioner series of events to discuss the police precept. The nearest event is Crewe on 12th January.

Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Group have written to ask if they can put a banner up at Lawton Lights. The overall opinion was that it wasn't appropriate.

18-19/156 TRAINING/MEETINGS ATTENDED NOT REPORTED ELSEWHERE

Cllr Fisher agreed to attend the Town and Parish Conference on the 29th January 2019, Middlewich, 18:00.

18-19/157 MEMBERS MATTERS

- Flyposting is increasing again.

- Litter problems.
- Poor condition of footpaths in places.
- Blocked gully/drain on Liverpool Road West..

18-19/158 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Canal Bank Improvement.
- Equipment for display for the Memorial Hall.
- Walking Maps of Church Lawton.
- Planting schemes for the next financial year.

The meeting concluded at 20:40

To agree Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th February 2019, at 7:30pm