



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD

ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs Godfrey(PG)(Chairman), Bennett (RB), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL), Macfarlane (IM), O'Donoghue (IO), Rathbone (TR) & Williams (EW)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Kolker (CEC) and 4 residents

- 03.18.1. Declaration of Interests:** To receive and minute any Declarations of Interest. A declaration of interest was received from DC in relation to item 6. Planning Matters, specifically the application for Swallowdale Farm.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** To receive apologies for unavoidable absence. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs McCubbin and Morris.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 13th February 2018.
Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting on 13th February 2018 as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters. To deal with any questions by Members relating to the report and any questions by Members notified in advance to the Chairman and the CE Councillor.
- Cranage Parish Council** – Have started their Neighbourhood Plan, however there is only one person working on it at the moment so it may be difficult. They were going to team with Twemlow Parish Council but Twemlow have now declined the offer. AK said that Cranage may ask for advice. A group has been set up in Cranage to see if they can get any money from Highways England for noise mitigation barriers to cut down the noise from the smart motorway on the M6.
- Library home delivery services** – The service provided by the RVS providing home visits and book deliveries has now been terminated. It will be continued, but the service will be provided in house, however, as yet, there are no details on how the new service will operate. It was a valuable service for those who are house bound.
- New Platt Lane Carriageway Repairs** – The work is being carried out but the road has not been closed for the repairs. **Action:** AK to write to Highways to say that the Road needs to be shut for this scale of repair.
- TR mentioned there had been another report in the Chronicle regarding issues at CEC. PG said there was an article about the MARS scheme and it would be disappointing if people under investigation were able to retire with severance and/or a pension.
Action: AK to write again to Rob Minton re 319 Bus.
- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from Committee Meetings held since the last PC Meeting.
- **Staff Committee**
 - Report from Staff Meeting on 26th February 2018 – IO reported that the Village Hall Caretaker and Booking Clerk, use their home phones for work purpose and claim back any expenses. However, this makes it difficult to regulate when members of the public call them.
Motion: To propose the purchase of two mobile phones at a cost of up to £40 each and to pay ongoing costs of £3.99 per month for each phone for the VH Caretaker and Booking Clerk.
Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to approve the purchase of two mobile phones and the ongoing costs of line rental as proposed.

- **VHM Committee 1st February 2018**

- **Background:** The current VH crockery is chipped and past its best and there are only around 40 of the patterned cups and saucers left. A set of at least 100 of everything, matching is required for larger functions.

White crockery is preferred as it is easy to buy new to replace breakages and it needs to be catering standard super vitrified so that it does not chip or crack so easily.

The VHMC needs to choose the crockery and 5 options have been identified. Quotes for the different types range from £416.00 plus VAT to £1,225.00 plus VAT (quotes may be viewed on request).

Motion: To propose that the Parish Council approves the purchase of new crockery up to the value of £750+ VAT. This is subject to the VHMC choosing the most suitable option from the report.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the purchase of crockery as described up to the purchase price of £750 + VAT.*

EW asked if she would be permitted to try to source the crockery locally. The Parish Council agreed and she committed to providing the quote to the Clerk by 26th March. Any increase in cost would be reviewed by the Finance Committee members before purchasing.

Action: EW to get a quotation for locally sourced crockery.

- **Amenities Committee (follow up action from February PC meeting)**

- **Shrubs at Corner of Bank View and Main Road**

At the last Parish Council Meeting, there was some debate about the removing of the shrubs around the Notice Board at the junction of Bank View and Main Road, as it is very overgrown, untidy and affect the visibility of drivers entering and exiting Bank View.

Motion: Motion to approve the quote from Greenfingers for £200.00 + VAT to remove the plants next to the Notice Board on Bank View and to turf the ground. Quote attached.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the quote from Greenfingers of £200.00 + VAT to remove the plants and turf the area next to the notice board on Bank View.*

- **New SpeedWatch Equipment**

At the last meeting, the Parish Council approved the expenditure of up to £200.00 + VAT for these items and the Clerk was actioned to provide costs:

3 x Hi Viz Jackets (printed with Community SpeedWatch) - £ 42.02 + VAT

Bushnell Speed Gun £122.50 + VAT

TOTAL=£164.52 + VAT = £197.42

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the purchase of the new SpeedWatch equipment up to cost of £164.52 plus VAT..*

6. **Planning Matters:** To receive a report from the Planning Committee Meetings on 13th March 2018
Cllr Craggs delivered the report from the Planning Meeting on 13th March (minutes are posted on the web site).

7. **Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedules 03/18. Includes: Salaries & expenses.
Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the schedules of payments and two bank signatories to sign cheques at the end of this meeting.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on schedule 3/18.including the addition of £80.00 for the purchase of the mobile phones.*

8. **Clerk's Report:** To receive correspondence and report on actions from the previous meeting.

Actions from Last Meeting

- a. AK to chase S106 monies from Bloor Homes for the Play Area.

- b. The lack of progress in regard to the installation of Lights on Station Bridge is due to a delay in Northern Rail approving the installation of the signalling equipment on their land. PG to report this to the head of Northern Rail to see if he can get this expedited quickly – Completed.
- c. Clerk to arrange meeting between IO and Highways – Completed.
- d. Electronic safety signs for Junction of Hermitage Lane, Main Road and Booth Bed Lane - AK to try to raise the status of the project on the LAP list of projects to be considered for funding.
- e. Archive Group - CMcC to write up the proposal and give it to RB to share with VHMC.
- f. Clerk to offer the green crockery to the Scouts if they want it – Completed.
- g. Clerk to obtain costs for 3 Hi Viz Jackets and new Speed Gun for the the SpeedWatch Team

Correspondence

- a. Beverley Okill Re: Sandy lane
- b. Lee Johnson FW: Complaint regarding Resident Parking at Sandy Lane Goostrey
- c. Nikki Hewitt LCAS Invoice
- d. Mike Snape Quote for Internal Auditing Services
- e. Ann McEllin RE: Internal Auditing Services
- f. Anne Sturman Dementia friends session
- g. Liz Chesters Beat Report February 2018 ~[OFFICIAL]~
- h. Graham Dellow MID CHESHIRE AGAINST HS2 - MARCH 2018 UPDATE
- i. maryrosewreck RE: Highways
- j. Marianne Tomkinson Locals Night at the Crown on Friday 16 March 18
- k. WALKER, Julie [OFFICIAL] POSTPONED meeting Holmes Chapel Conected Communities 1 March 2018
- l. WEBSTER, Elaine FW: Annual Playground Inspection
- m. RODWAY, Matthew Automatic reply: [OFFICIAL] Station Road Goostrey
- n. Andrew Spanton Automatic reply: Report 23/02/2018
- o. WEBSTER, Elaine RE: Friends of Goostrey Playground... Wood Gate Repairs...
- p. David Johnson RE: Friends of Goostrey Playground... Wood Gate Repairs...
- q. Liz Chesters RE: SpeedWatch Questions ~[OFFICIAL]~
- r. Daniel Vaughan UK Government Smart Meters Rollout 2020 (2nd email as requested)
- s. maryrosewreck Highways 16/02/2016
- t. Keir Powell-Lewis RE: Jodrell Bank Observatory - World Heritage Site Steering Group
- u. Beverley Okill Re: Sandy lane
- v. Steven Higginbottom Re: Graveyard and Village Maintenance
- w. GLOVER, Lee RE: Application For Street Furniture
- x. DOUGLAS, Paul [OFFICIAL] RE: Blue Fence at 9 Meadow Avenue.
- y. David Johnson Re: Friends of Goostrey Playground... Wood Gate Repairs.

The Clerk reported that she had received a reply to the query about parking on Sandy Lane and that Plus Dane Housing would be dealing with the problem and would report back to her.

The Clerk had arranged a meeting with the same person at Plus Dane Housing on 19th March, for the Chairman to discuss the sale of the garages at Bank View. AK said he would like to attend. **Action:** Clerk to send details of the meeting to AK and to notify Plus Dane Housing that he would attend the meeting.

9. Highways & Speedwatch: To consider any Highways & Speedwatch matters and to take any appropriate action.

- **Speedwatch update** – The Clerk had circulated a report (attached) from the February and March SpeedWatch sessions and said that one of the volunteers had suggested the results were put in the School Newsletter. **Action:** Clerk to arrange for the results to go in the School Newsletter.
- **Highways** – Report from Meeting on 9th March 2018 – IO had circulated a report from the meeting ([attached](#)) which he reviewed with the Council. He added that the repair of the carriage way on Buckbean Way would take place in the next week and await dates for the rest of the works to be completed.

IO indicated that the Parish Council would need to put together a good case for a new Street Light at the junction of Bank View and Main Road. He asked if AK could help. **Action:** AK to approach street lighting at CEC to see if the light can be installed.

10. Local Policing: To receive a report from Cllr Rathbone.

- Select a Councillor to attend the Brereton Rural and Dane Valley Parish Councils with Police Sergeant Claire Lloyd and PCSO Liz Chesters on Monday 9th April 19.30 at Holmes Chapel Community Centre.

DC agreed to the Meeting with TR. **Action:** Clerk to notify Holmes Chapel Clerk

- 11. Matters arising from the Meeting with the Leader of CEC on 15th August 2017**
- Bus Service – There was no update other than the new Timetable was available from 1st April and that a temporary timetable was in place whilst the works were being carried out near the Red Lion.
 - Old Ticket Office at Goostrey Station - -PG reported that there has been some agreement to fund securing the structure (no work on the interior). The current schedule is summer 2018. It will be painted red, green and cream. It won't be a working building initially. The next steps would be to get a user to take it on to refurbish inside and there is currently an interested party. DC is happy to help as he has looked into refurbishing the building before.
 - Station Bridge – PG reported that after some discussion it has been confirmed that Northern Rail are responsible for the land where the equipment (a cabinet and a post) for the proposed traffic signals on the bridge will be located. A contact has been found which we hope will speed up the permission process between Northern Rail and CEC Highways.
 - Footpath from Station to Jodrell Bank – PG referred to the reply received from Professor Garrett, which was quite disappointing, however he felt it was still worth pursuing it as a safe path was still needed for people attending the Blue Dot festival.
- 12. Local Council Award Scheme – Foundation Status – update** – The Clerk reported that Chalc had reviewed the website with the new policies etc and had come back with a list of items to change. One specific item was that the Parish Council should have specific Financial Orders separate from Standing Orders. PG suggested that IO work with the Clerk to progress the changes required to obtain the Foundation Award. **Action:** Clerk to liaise with IO to complete the changes.
- 13. Goostrey Village Archive** - To receive a report on the current status. RB reported that he had made progress with the Archive group and was now putting together a detailed plan and costings for what needed to be purchased and paid for, which he would present at the May meeting.
- 14. Report from Safeguarding Course** - The Clerk reported that both she and DC had attended the course. It had been useful in pointing out the Parish Council's responsibilities and information had been circulated to the councillors ahead of the meeting. One of these responsibilities was a requirement for the Parish Council to have a Safeguarding Lead and a Deputy so that councillors and members of staff could report safeguarding issues to them, and they would pass the information to CEC for action.
- **Motion:** To appoint a Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding Deputy.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to appoint the Clerk as Safeguarding Lead and Cllr Craggs as Safeguarding Deputy.*
 - **Motion:** To propose the Clerk draws up a Safeguarding Policy for the Parish Council to consider at the April meeting (Information to be sent separately).
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the motion.*
Action: Clerk to draw up a draft Safeguarding Policy.
- 15. Annual Parish Meeting 24th April 2018 - To agree the agenda and reports for the meeting:** The Clerk reported that the speaker from Jodrell Bank was unavailable for the meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that there would be no speakers invited to present at the meeting. The invitation to residents to attend the meeting would be circulated (including) the Agenda in the Parish Council Newsletter by 10th April 2018
- 16. Newsletter – To agree articles for the next Newsletter which must be delivered by 10th April 2017**
- Items for the Newsletter to include: Invitation and Agenda for APM; Dementia Friends Meeting Details, Highways Report, SpeedWatch report; Traffic Lights on Bridge progress report; Archive; Remembering Nell in Goostrey; Article to welcome the New Vicar.
- 17. Royal British Legion** – RB reported that he had been approached by Arthur Lamb, from the Royal British Legion, to discuss the possibility of doing something to commemorate the men from the Village who were lost during the 1914-18 War. One suggestion could be a tree planted near

where the person lived or perhaps RB thought it might be possible to combine the need for a new Christmas Tree on the Bogbean and the commemoration. The matter has been referred to the Amenities Committee for discussion at their next meeting. EW suggested that a new bench may be another possibility as the RBL bench on Boothbed Lane is no longer sound.

- 18. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:** To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest.
- **Sustainable Methods of Transport for Schools** – An invitation to a meeting had been received from a member of Twemlow Parish Council. Cllr Craggs volunteered to attend the meeting on 23rd March, and report back at next meeting.
 - **Action:** Clerk to write to Cheshire East - Who is responsible for the steps at the end of the path between Village Hall car park and Main Road
 - The Parish Council thanked Cllr Rathbone for his hard work, care and attention to the hedge and grass at Shearbrook Bank, over the years. It is thanks to TR that the hedge is in such good shape. Greenfingers will be taking over Village Maintenance in April.
- 19. Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting –10th April 2018. **Action:** Clerk to notify JB speaker that the meeting will now start at 7.00pm not 7.30pm.
- 20. Closure of Meeting:** To formally close the Meeting. The meeting closed at 21:35.

Public Forum

There were no comments from the Public Forum.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Until then they are draft minutes.