

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD****ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE**

Present: Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), O'Donoghue (IO'D)(Vice Chairman), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL), Macfarlane (IM), Rathbone (TR) & Williams (EW)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Kolker (CEC) and 7 residents

- 10.18.1. Declaration of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest received from councillors.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McCubbin.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2018.
- **Motion :** To approve Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2018
  - Chairman of the Meeting to Sign the Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2018.
- Resolved:** *The Minutes of the Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were accepted 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.
- Cllr Kolker responded to the resident's comment regarding the large number of CEC Highways Staff involved in the investigation into the cause of the dip in Main Road at the junction with Bank View. He explained that investigations into the cause of the dip were inconclusive, but the dip was being monitored.
- The Autumn Governance Commission** has initiated a review of the Parish Boundaries. There are issues with regard to the boundaries in Holmes Chapel and there is also an issue of whether the part of Allostock next to Goostrey should be part of Goostrey. However, any requests for change would need to be reviewed by the Boundary Commission as the boundary for Goostrey is with Cheshire West and Chester Council and not Cheshire East.
- Holmes Chapel Library** are proposing altering their opening times. They are proposing to open on Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 1pm all other times are unchanged. If anyone wishes to reply to the consultation they should do so via the CEC web site.
- Diversion around J18 of M6** on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Waste Site at Blackden Firs** – The head of Planning Enforcement is dealing with this as it is a high priority issue. She had been to visit the site again on 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- Railway Service not running from Goostrey at the weekend** – IO'D had an enquiry from a resident asking if a replacement bus service would be provided? AK indicated that it would be the responsibility of the rail company to provide such a service and agreed to reply directly to the resident.
- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:
- **Finance Committee Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

IO'D made a report from the Finance Meeting (minutes of this meeting are available on the website)

    - External Auditor's Report

**Motion:** To accept the report and to ensure the form is checked by the Chairman of the Finance Committee before submission in subsequent years. **Resolved:** *The Parish Council Resolved to accept the External Auditor's report and to ensure the form is checked by the Chairman of the Finance Committee before submission in subsequent years.*

- **Staff Committee Meetings on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council would be updated on Staff Matters in Part II of the meeting (the minutes of the meeting are available on the website).

**6. Planning Matters** To review the outcome of the Planning Meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman made a report from the Planning Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October (the minutes for the meeting are available on the web site).

**7. Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedule 10/18. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

- **Motion:** To approve 10/18 Schedule of payments.
  - Chairman and Vice-Chairman (or any other councillor) to sign the 10/18 Schedule of Payments.
- Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedule for 10/18.*

The payment schedule was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**8. Clerk's Report**

**Actions from Last Meeting**

- AK report to the Council regarding any news on the Sibelco Quarry.
- Clerk to amend the minutes for the Staff Committee Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September to read as the Chairman suggested.
- Clerk to arrange regular meetings for DC with our CEC Highways contact to progress highways issues such as the dip in Main Road, at the junction with Bank View, white lining and road signs etc.
- Clerk to invite PCSO to attend some sessions.
- Clerk to contact CCA to find out when the entry forms will be sent out for the Best Kept Village, and the categories.
- Clerk to progress achieving CiLCA qualification by Christmas. Clerk to circulate the criteria for LCAS Quality and Quality Gold awards.
- EW to create an Environmental Policy based on policies from other Parish Councils. **Action:** EW to produce a draft at the next meeting.
- Clerk to write to the person who suggested the Hermitage Bridge & Railway Sidings projects to explain why the Council cannot progress them further.
- Play area and s106 monies - Clerk to ask for a plan for how the money will be spent. Parish Council to open communication with CEC regarding the s106 monies. Contact: Cllr Mark Stocks, CW&C
- Bar servery and new tables and chairs for the Village Hall –Clerk to ask VHMC to put forward a proposal for the updating of the Bar Servery. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the School Business Manager regarding new tables and chairs.
- Clerk to mail a list of potential articles for the Newsletter to the members of the Council by the end of the week.
- A resident reported that the fencing on path between the School and Village Hall car park is in a very dilapidated condition – Clerk to speak to School and Sanctuary Housing to see what can be done to improve the fencing.
- Dip in Main Road at junction with Bank View – Clerk to check what blue markings on the road mean.

**Correspondence**

- ChALC Weekly Bulletins
- Manchester Airport Invitation to Parish Council Briefing on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – GL attended – There is a new Flight path which skirts the village. Parking is still an issue at Manchester Airport. PG to progress the donation of an Oak Tree by Manchester Airport.
- CEC Electoral Department – re notification of Casual Vacancy
- CEC Planning Enforcement – re Waste Site at Blackden Firs
- External Auditor – notification of completion of Audit
- New Homes Bonus Congleton Representative – Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- CEC – re Scheme 1358 – Funding for Minor Road Improvements
- Roger Bennett – Resignation from Parish Council
- Complaint from resident regarding the sounding of Traction Engine whistles – Clerk to send information to resident.

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

- **Highways**
    - DC highlighted the meeting with CEC Highways regarding the Railway bridge, Network Rail still needs to provide authorisation for the location of the traffic signal equipment before the work can start. However, they are hoping to start the work in February 2019.
    - Some of the funds needed for the road safety scheme at the junction of Main Road and Boothbed Lane have been secured from the Congleton Minor Road Improvements by Cllr Les Gilbert. The Chairman thanked him very much for his help. Highways will send someone to see what can be done and will report back to the Council.
    - DC will discuss with our local Highways contact the renovation of Cheshire Fencing.
    - AK to progress the updating of the steps opposite the School with CEC Highways.
    - The Chairman asked that Councillor Kolker continue to pursue improved crossing opportunities outside the school with Claire Visco as mentioned by Rob Welch at the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September.
    - The Chairman will chase the reinstatement of the footway at 61 Main Road with CEC Highways.
  - **SpeedWatch** -TR directed the members to the report in the pack. IO'D asked if the PC or PCSO could attend SpeedWatch sessions as they do in Holmes Chapel. TR indicated that he believed that Holmes Chapel may not have a SpeedWatch team and that the PCSO and PC run their own sessions. The Chairman indicated he was supportive of the SpeedWatch initiative.
 

**Action:** Clerk to continue to give SpeedWatch Session dates to the PCSO.
- 10. Local Policing:** - TR mentioned the Beat Report (circulated to Members) and that the PCSO had made one visit to Goostrey in the past month.
- 11. New Homes Bonus Community Fund** - Parish Council to consider bidding for funds.
- The Chairman indicated that following a review of the Parish Council's reserves he did not feel that it was likely that we would get approval for a bid this year.
- As the priorities for the fund had not yet been released the decision to apply will be deferred to the December Meeting.
- 12. Capital Projects Working Party** - Update
- DC indicated that there had not been another meeting of the Capital Projects Working Party since the last Parish Council Meeting. Information regarding potential project have been submitted to the Working Party in particular, Village Hall Stage Lighting and the Bar Servery Refurbishment. The Chairman agreed to join the group following the resignation of Cllr Bennett. **Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Capital Projects Working Party.
- 13. Connected Communities** – Update – Clerk
- The Clerk confirmed that the Connected Community Centre would be opened on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the date.
- 14. Casual Vacancy**
- The Chairman proposed that we record our thanks to Roger Bennett for his service to the Parish Council.
- Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to publicly thank Roger Bennett for his service to the Council and to send him a letter of thanks.*
- The Elections Department at CEC confirmed that there was no call for an election from electors which leave the Parish Council free to co-opt a new Councillor. The advertisement for the new Councillor will be advertised for two weeks from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 15. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:** To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest.
- Cllr Kolker queried the validity of "Parking Matters" being in Part II. He sited the Local Government Act of 1972. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council was adhering to the Act.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**17. PART TWO****MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO RETIRE.**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by the Local Government Act of 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the discussion of the undermentioned items on the grounds that the publication of the matters would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Parking Matters – **Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve Motion 1 in the confidential report from the Working Party meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.*

Staff Matters – **Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve Motions 1 & 2 in the confidential report from Part II or the Staff Committee Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.*

**18. Closure of Meeting:** The meeting was closed at 9.35.pm.**Public Forum**

Questions from residents were received on the following subjects:

- The Light at the bottom of Bank View.
- Trees needing to be cut back to enable the streetlights to light the footways.
- Complaint about the number of Highways Employees who cordoned off Main Road at Bank View to look at the dip in the road.

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