

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD****ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE**

**Present:** Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), O'Donoghue (IO'D)(Vice Chairman) Beckham (NB), Godfrey (PG), Lord (SL) Morgan (PM), Rathbone (TR), and Williams (EW)

**In attendance:** Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr A Kolker, CEC and 6 residents

**02.19.1. Declaration of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest received from councillors.

**2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roberts.

**3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 22nd January 2019.

- **Motion:** To approve Minutes of the meeting of 22nd January 2019

**Resolved:** *The Minutes of the Meeting of the 22nd January 2019 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 reported on the following items:

**Council Tax 2019/20** – AK confirmed that Cheshire East Council(CEC) had increased the Council Tax by 2.99%, 1.0% is ring fenced for child services.

**Car Parks in Holmes Chapel** – He reported that there had been some correspondence regarding the potential for car parking charges at CEC owned car parks in Holmes Chapel (HC). He said it was unlikely that CEC would start charging for parking in HC as there were only two small car parks owned by CEC in HC. The majority of car parks in HC are privately owned. In 2010 an investigation was carried out regarding the feasibility of charging for car parking in HC, the result of which was that the cost of collecting the charges outweighed the funds raised by the parking fees.

**Sibelco Sand Quarry** – Following the hearing at Cheshire West and Chester Planning Committee, the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing by Cheshire East, which is being held in the light of additional information, will take place at Macclesfield at 1030am on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – AK & KM to attend.

**Update on the Waste Site on Bridge Lane** – Deborah Ackerley, Head of Enforcement, CEC, had reported to AK that CEC continues to work with the operator regarding the submission of a planning application. If the application fails to materialise, enforcement action will be considered. AK went on to say that enforcement action is at the end of the complex and lengthy legal process.

PG commented that the waste site seemed to be running down but in the last week or so activity seems to have increased. **Action:** AK to notify the Clerk, how long the process is likely to take.

**5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:

- **Amenities Committee Meetings on 18th & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Cllr Godfrey reviewed the minutes (available on the website). Cllr Godfrey presented his report from the Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February which had been held as a result of comments from the Finance Committee regarding the proposals for expenditure before the end of the year. (Report attached in Appendix 02/19)  
**Motion 1:** The Amenities Committee requests that the Parish Council approves the proposal to make a contribution towards the crown lift and felling two conifers in the Graveyard as requested by St Luke's Church. The total cost is £750.00 plus VAT. The proposal is for a 50/50 split with St Luke's Church and the Parish Council paying £375 plus VAT.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the motion to match fund St Luke's Church to the sum of £375.00 plus VAT to crown one conifer and to fell the other conifer.*

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to accept the report from the Amenities Committee Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February and all the proposals therein.*

- **Finance Committee Meeting on 19th February 2019** - The Chairman reviewed the minutes (available on the website).

**Motion 2:** The Finance Committee requests that the Parish Council approves the proposal to present draft accounts with estimated end of year expenditure at the Annual Parish Meeting as the meeting takes place before the end of the current financial year.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council approved the motion to allow estimated end of year accounts to be used for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.*

**Motion 3:** The Finance Committee requests that the Parish Council approves the proposal for additional expenditure of £5,275 + VAT before the year end (as laid out in the Minutes of the Finance Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February item 7. *Additional Purchases to be made before the end of the Finance Year*).

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the motion to make £5,275 +VAT of additional expenditure before the end of the current financial year as laid out in the Minutes of the Finance Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, item 7. Additional Purchases to be made before the end of the Financial Year.*

6. **Planning Matters** To review the outcome of the Planning Meetings on 11<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman made a report from the Planning Meetings on 11<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (the minutes for the meeting are available on the web site).

7. **Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedule 02/19. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

- **Motion:** To approve 02/19 Schedule of payments.
- Chairman and Vice Chairman (or any other councillor) to sign the 02/19 Schedule of Payments.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedule for 02/19.*

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

8. **Clerk's Report**

**Actions from Last Meeting**

- a. Cllr Kolker to arrange a meeting with CEC Highways regarding rebuilding of school steps. Update required from Cllr Kolker. **Action:** Clerk to ask AK for a date for the meeting.
- b. Permission from Network Rail for traffic light equipment for Station Bridge is still awaited. There is an issue with the design in that there is not enough space to implement it. Highways have this on a high priority to come up with a "buildable" solution. The road closure will not go ahead until a new design is agreed. **Action:** Clerk to follow up with Highways. Update – CEC Highways are reviewing 2 new designs with contractors and will notify us when a suitable design is approved.
- c. United Utilities Priority Services –Clerk to put it on the website and in the next Newsletter. Completed
- d. Email from a resident regarding 4.5-hour delay in the rail service. **Action:** PG suggested a letter should be sent to Northern Rail regarding the delay. Letter sent awaiting reply. Clerk to follow up again. Update – The person who was sent the letter has left the company, Clerk sent the letter again to the person who has replaced them but no reply received as yet. **Action:** Clerk to chase again.
- e. CEC - Review of s106 legal agreement with Manchester Airport. **Action:** The PC should send someone to the meeting mentioned to ensure that the Council is apprised of any changes. PG volunteered to attend. Awaiting reply for date of meeting. Completed – Cllr Morris attended the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and reported that Manchester Airport wanted to update the agreement to the latest standards insulation, flight paths etc and were requesting input from Parish Councils. Manchester Airport will be changing their flight paths and it is important that we send someone to the Airport Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March. KM volunteered to go if there was no-one else to be represented.
- f. Email from resident regarding plans for lights on Station Bridge **Action:** Await updated plans
- g. Email from resident regarding enforced 30mph speed limit on diversion when Station Bridge is closed to install traffic lights. **Action:** Clerk to ask local Highways contact. Awaiting reply.

**Correspondence – See Appendix 02/19**

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

- **Highways** – Cllr Morris directed members to the List of Current Highways Issues in the meeting pack. A large number of the items are potholes. After the meeting with Highways a lot of the potholes were marked up and some have been filled.  
Village Gates Project – AK has made a request for a road marking and signage survey.
- **SpeedWatch** -TR directed the members to the report in the pack. The Chairman supported the work being carried out. IO'D asked if TR felt that the number of cars speeding had reduced... The majority of the sessions are between 8.30-9-30am, however sessions will take place in the afternoons once there is more daylight.  
The Clerk updated the council regarding SDU battery replacement arrangements.

10. **Local Policing:**

TR attended the CEC Brereton & Dane Valley Rural Parishes PC/PCSO Meeting on 7th February 2019. This meeting covers the period from November 2018 to January 2019 the minutes from the meeting are in the document pack. Future meetings will be set up at six monthly intervals and the next meeting will be in September 2019.

KM reported that the PCSO has been delivering contact cards to residents as part of the Police and Crime Commissioners brief.

11. **Parish Council to Consider Nominating a Charity to Receive a Donation from Blue Dot Festival 2019**

The Chairman remarked that in the two previous years the donation had gone to the Scouts, and that the donation seems to be increasing it went from approximately £1,100 to £3,000 over the last two years. The donation can be split between more than one charity.

The Bowls Club are in the midst of rebuilding their hut, and are looking for donations. IO'D also suggested Goostrey Pre-School. The Goostrey Juniors football team were also mentioned.

**Motion:** TR proposed the donation to be split as one third to the Pre-School and two thirds to the New Bowls hut (VHPFF)

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the motion to split the Blue Dot donation as one third to the Pre-School and two thirds to the New Bowls hut (VHPFF).*

12. **Knutsford Citizens Advice Bureau** – Request from Knutsford Town Council for a contribution of £420, as the proportion of Goostrey Residents usage of the service (equates to 6 residents).

**Motion:** The Finance Committee recommends that the Parish Council did not support the contribution of £420 towards the provision of Knutsford Citizen's Advice Bureau.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved not contribute to Knutsford Town council for Goostrey Residents use of the Knutsford Branch of the Citizen's Advice Bureau.*

13. **Joint Use Work Group** – Report from the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - KM

KM reported that the Work Group had been set up to investigate how the Joint Use Agreements works and how it is applied. At the meeting, a list of items for further investigation was made. The first items relating to an overcharge on maintenance for 2017/18 is currently being reviewed by CEC.

14. **Annual Plan 2018/19** – Review progress on the plan – KM. The annual plan for 2018/19 was approved in May 2018. KM indicated that we are in a good position relating to most items. At the Annual Parish Meeting he will report on these items and when the new council is formed a new plan will be created.

15. **Casual Vacancy** -The Chairman announced that there had been no applications for the role of Councillor, and therefore the position was now vacant and would remain so until the end of the 4-year term.

**Motion:** The Chairman proposed that the casual vacancy will not be filled.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council agreed not to fill the casual vacancy.*

**Town & Parish Council Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019** - He encouraged the current councillors to complete nominations forms for the Town and Parish Council Elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and invited any members of the public to do the same if they wished to join the council. Nomination forms are available from the Clerk or Cheshire East Elections Department. The candidates were advised to ask the Clerk for advice on completing the form.

If ten or less candidates put themselves forward the election will be uncontested and the candidates will then become councillors, however if 11 or more candidates put themselves forward there will be an election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**Flyer** – KM has created a flyer advising the date and time of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Town and Parish Council Elections (advising members of the public they can put themselves forward). It is proposed that the flyer will be delivered before 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Motion:** KM proposed that the leaflet is printed and delivered to residents for a cost of up to £200.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council approved the leaflet and the cost of up to £200 to produce and deliver it.*

**16. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:** To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest;

- PG raised residents' concerns that the replacement bus services for trains were not being directed by the rail company as double decker buses were reported to have been travelling down Blackden Lane. Action Clerk to request risk assessment from rail company regarding route for replacement bus services.
- PG also raised an issue brought to him by a resident in regard to High Hedges. The resident has spoken to their neighbour to ask them to reduce the height of the hedge but they have declined. He wants to use the CEC service regarding High Hedge disputes. However, they need to show they have tried mediation. The resident has asked if the Parish Council could provide mediation.  
**Action:** Clerk to find out if there are any mediation services in the area and to put the information and the High Hedges service onto the website.
- The Chairman reminded Councillors and residents to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**17. Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**18. Closure of the Meeting:** The meeting closed at 21.14

#### **Public Forum**

There were no questions from residents

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

## APPENDIX 02/19

**Full Correspondence List**

- a. CEC Highways re: Goostrey Village Sign – The sign has been found and will be installed asap
- b. VHPFF Nominations to Village Hall Management Committee – The Parish Council will Nominate a new representative on the VHPFF after the Elections -in the meantime any information from the VHPFF will be sent to the Clerk.
- c. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS- [OFFICIAL] Reminder: Town and Parish Council Conference 29th January 2019
- d. Goostrey VHPFF - Bowling Hut – The VHPFF will be going ahead with a project to build a new Bowling Hut
- e. Cheshire East Council Neighbourhood Planning Consultation - Chelford Neighbourhood Plan
- f. Ashley Wooden Flooring – Agreement to Refinish the Hall Floor due to previous finish peeling off
- g. Jonathan Challis Invitation to Manchester Airport Town/Parish Council Meetings February & March 2019
- h. Haf Barlow FW: Cheshire East Council Neighbourhood Planning Consultation
- i. CEC Highways Enquiry Received - Enquiry 3350014 - Re logging of dip in Bank View due to drain collapse.
- j. ELECTORAL INFORMATION [OFFICIAL] RE: Election Briefing - 25<sup>th</sup> February at Congleton
- k. Cheshire Accountants Kashflow Accounting Software licence renewal - on payment schedule
- l. Jodrell Bank RE: Speaker for APM – Declined invitation.
- m. 3 Residents made enquiries about the use of the CCTV that has been recently installed. One asked if it recorded sound and the other two asked why it was installed (both queries were answered and no further queries raised)
- n. Resident re: Sap and debris from Silver birch tree on the verge falling into his driveway. Resident has logged this will CEC and will get back to the Clerk if there is no reply.
- o. Cranage PC FW: Agricultural Market on the Goostrey Home and Leisure Site – Notes of a Meeting between the Owners of Goostrey Leisure, the Market Organisers, members of Cranage Parish Council and Cllr A Kolker. The meeting discussed alternatives to parking on the road.
- p. CEC RE: Manchester Airport Section 106 Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February
- q. Elections Office CEC: [OFFICIAL] FW: Resignation of Councillor – Confirmation of receipt of the Notice of Vacancy
- r. Member of the Public Re: SAND QUARRY - Westwood New House Development - New Platt Road, Goostrey – The mail was regarding the proximity of the Sand Quarry to the above development. Clerk sent a link to the application with maps etc and explained that the development was in the Cranage Parish. No reply received.
- s. St Luke's Church Quote for Cypress Tree – MOTION 1
- t. Greenbarns RE: Noticeboard Quotation 21735 - for recycled plastic wood notice boards
- u. CEC Highways RE: [OFFICIAL] FW: Goostrey Scheme 1358 Booth Bed Lane crossroad - Safety Signs
- v. Hassell Free Gardens - Re: Planting for Goostrey Parish Council – Quote for new Scheme of Planning in Village Planters
- w. Chalc LEP Meeting 1 March
- x. SLCC Membership News bulletin 5th February 2019
- y. BRUCE, Fiona Fwd: Local Charity Funding Opportunity -
- z. Planning Enforcement RE: Henderson Homes Enforcement Case 18/00757E
- aa. Jon Head RE: Pricing for New Sign for Goostrey Village Hall
- bb. Signs of Cheshire Ltd Re: Notice board Quotations
- cc. Planning Enforcement - 18/01019E Birch Tree Lane
- dd. Holmes Chapel PC - FW: Notes from the recent police meeting
- ee. CEC Recharge [OFFICIAL] RE: Goostrey Village Hall - 2017-18 Recharge – Reply to request for refund
- ff. Resident – Email asking about when the play equipment would be installed at Booth Bed Lane Play Area – ITEM 5 – AMENITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES
- gg. Friends of Booth Bed Lane Play Area Re: Play Area – Consultation For Residents
- hh. renewals@zurichtogether.co.uk Zurich Town and Parish Insurance renewal notice
- ii. Keytrack RE: Invoice for Net 2 Door Entry System & CCTV
- jj. Bluedot 2019 - Goostrey Parish Council Donation 2019 and Information- ITEM 11
- kk. 2 Residents volunteering to join GPC Environment Initiative / Parish Council Newsletter
- ll. Geoff Bell NHB - Congleton Area Award Group Meeting
- mm. Lower Withington Parish Council Re: Blue Dot Meeting – Lower Withington Parish Clerk confirmed that they had already met with the Blue Dot team.

- nn. Goostrey Footpaths Group - Footpath approach to Jodrell Bank from Goostrey Station
- oo. Alan Bethell tree work quotation 3071 MOTION 3
- pp. Enquiries@ftstrees.co.uk FTS Estimate 33199 MOTION 3
- qq. St Luke's Re: Bins in the Graveyard -
- rr. Chalc ChALC Bulletin
- ss. Campaign for Fairer Funding for Holmes Chapel Schools – **Action:** Clerk to send petition to LoveGoostrey.