



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

**Present:** Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), Beckham (NB), Lord (SL) Morgan (PM), Rathbone (TR), Roberts (DR), and Williams (EW)

**In Attendance:** Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr A Kolker, CEC and 5 residents

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

**2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Godfrey and O'Donoghue.

**3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

- **Motion:** To approve Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Resolved:** *The Minutes of the Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> February 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:

- **Connected Communities** - AK reported that there had been a delay in moving forward in Holmes Chapel and Goostrey because most of the effort had been focused on setting up the Centre in Sandbach. However, Holmes Chapel is moving forward now and at Goostrey a new group had been proposed to take place in the Village Hall Lounge, it would be a social group for single people living alone to alleviate social isolation. The School Nurse at Holmes Chapel had also set up her sexual health clinic as part of the initiative. If any councillors are interested in joining the Connected Communities Group please contact the Clerk for information.
- **Holmes Chapel Health Centre** – A planning application has been submitted to expand the health centre.
- **Waste Site on Bridge Lane** – Planning Enforcement had reconfirmed that they are still working with the owner to regularise the site. The owner will need to submit a Planning Application.

Cllr Kolker gave his apologies as he needed to leave early to attend the Cranage Parish Council Meeting.

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

Reports were received from the Amenities Committee and the Village Hall Management Committee, detailing the expenditure to be made before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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

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

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

- **Motion:** To approve 03/19 Schedule of payments.
- Chairman and Vice Chairman (or any other councillor) to sign the 03/19 Schedule of Payments.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedule for 03/19.*

The payment schedule was signed by the Chairman and Cllr Lord.

## 8. Clerk's Report

### Actions from Last Meeting

- a. AK to notify the Clerk, how long the legal process for enforcement action at the Waste Site on Bridge Lane is likely to take. Covered in item 4.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 yet. **Action:** Clerk to chase again. The Clerk had also reported this to Customer Services at Northern Rail and had still not received a reply.
- d. 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 Clerk reported that CEC was unable to give details of any mediation services in the area. The Clerk spoke to the resident concerned and recommended speaking to the Citizen's Advice Bureau to find out more about mediation services in the area.

### Correspondence – See Appendix 03/19

9. **Highways & Speedwatch:** To consider any Highways & SpeedWatch matters and to take any appropriate action.
  - **Highways** – Cllr Morris, no updates to report.
  - **SpeedWatch** -TR directed the members to the report in the pack.
10. **Local Policing:** - To consider the future of Beat Reports as set out in the PCSO email included in the document pack.  
Members of the Council were in favour of receiving the Beat Reports as not all councillors use social media.
11. **Internal Audit 2018/19 – Motion:** To request Parish Council approval to engage Bennett Brooks to carry out the internal audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at a cost of £460.00 plus VAT.  
**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the engagement of Bennett Brooks to carry out the Internal Audit for 2018/19 and authorised the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.*
12. **Joint Use Work Group** – To report on any progress since the last meeting. KM reported that CEC had agreed to refund the overcharge on maintenance for 2017/18.
13. **Letters of Thanks** - To request Parish Council approval of the nominated residents to receive letters of thanks from the Parish Council for their contribution to the Village (prior notification of the proposed recipients sent to councillors).  
**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve sending letters of thanks to the two nominees.*
14. **Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:** To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest;
  - Code of Conduct – CEC New Code of Conduct to be proposed for adoption by the Parish Council at the April Meeting.
  - Confidential Material - Request for councillors to return confidential information in relation to the Parish Office by 6<sup>th</sup> May if they are not re-elected to the Council.
  - Grant Awarding Policy – To propose adoption of the Policy at the April Meeting.
  - Equality Policy – To propose adoption of the Policy at the April Meeting.
15. **Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.
16. **Closure of the Meeting:** The meeting closed at 20:45

## Public Forum

Charlotte Denton and John Drape from Blue Dot attended the Public Forum in order to update the Parish Council and residents on matters regarding the Blue Dot Festival in 2019.

Items discussed were:

- Transport – Members of the Council expressed concern for people travelling to Goostrey Station to go to the Festival as the walk is further than they anticipated and it is dangerous to walk there in the dark. There were also there were issues with the trains last year. John explained that they had tried to provide a bus service in the past and it had not gone well as the busses were delayed and people missed their trains, so they were reluctant try this again. However, they will consider the possibility of recommending Chelford Station. The Parish Council also asked for reassurance that the “Road Closure” signs would be put up in Bomish Lane as they were very effective last year, allowing locals to pass the site whilst discouraging festival traffic using the lane to go through Goostrey. Charlotte agreed to add this to the traffic plan and said there would be a soft closure on A535 which would keep the traffic volumes down.
- Blue Dot Foundation – John explained pioneering science and education festival, may become a charity.
- Sponsorship – Bruntwood and Alderley Park had entered into a 3year partnership.
- Residents Questions – residents asked about agreements with local farmers for parking and the Blue Dot donations for Goostrey Charities.

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

## APPENDIX 03/19

### Full Correspondence List

- a. ChALC Bulletins
- b. Scouts Re: Prospective Dates for Lights Switch on 2019 and Seniors Lunch
- c. Millbank Farm enquiry regarding the history of the property and its residents from a local student.
- d. Keep Britain Tidy Will your Town or Parish Council join our Great British Spring Clean?
- e. Cheshire East Council: Goostrey Village Hall Recharge – Business Rates Contact details
- f. Goostrey Pre-School – Thank you letter regarding Blue Dot Festival Donation Nomination by Goostrey Parish Council
- g. Jodrell Side WI - Re: Tree Planting on the Bog Bean
- h. Internal Auditor – Quote for Internal Audit for 2018/19
- i. CEC Highways RE: Goostrey sign adjustment
- j. Nest Pensions- Notification of Increased Employer Contributions for Staff Pensions from 1st April 2019
- k. CEC Highways – The Bore Holes work is related to the Station Bridge Traffic Lights Project
- l. Cheshire East Council – Confirmation of Refund of overcharge on 2017/18 Recharge.
- m. St Luke’s’ Church – Graveyard Bins will still be taken down the steps and left at the gate.
- n. Rural Services Network call on Government for a Rural Strategy
- o. Goostrey Scouts – Annual Parish Meeting - Apologies
- p. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS [OFFICIAL] Town and Parish Council Conference Presentation 6th March 2019
- q. TREES (EAST) RE: High Hedges Complaint – Confirmation that there are no mediation services in the local area.
- r. Resident – Enquiry from Local Artist to provide mural paintings in public areas of the village
- s. Directors Office Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre Date for Meeting with Parish Councils
- t. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) – Annual Parish Meeting - Apologies