

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD****ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019 at 7.30pm in the VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE**

Present: Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), Rathbone (TR)(Vice-Chairman), Beckham (NB), Morgan (PM), O'Donoghue (IOD), Roberts (DR), Ross (CR), Sulej (JS) and Williams (EW)

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

The Chairman formally welcomed Cllr O'Donoghue to the meeting having been co-opted at the September meeting. (Prior to the meeting IOD had completed his acceptance of office (signed and witnessed by the Clerk) and declaration of interest forms.)

- 10.19. 1. Declaration of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lord.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 24th September 2019.
Motion: To approve Minutes of the meeting of 24th September 2019
Resolved: *The Minutes of the Meeting of the 24th September 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:

- **Waste Site Planning Application** - AK informed the Council that he had called the application in and it would now be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Board in November however, it was likely that it may slip to the next meeting.
- **Gritting Routes** – AK has raised the gritting of Church Bank with Highways, it is not currently on the route but he has asked for it to be added. **Action:** Clerk to raise this with Cllr Brian Roberts, CEC.
- **Mayor of Cheshire East** – AK reported that the Council are reviewing the role of Mayor.
- **Police Matters** – AK met with Peter Crowcroft, Cheshire Police Superintendent for Neighbourhood Policing in Cheshire who said that cars would be made available for PCSO's to visit rural areas. He also mentioned antisocial behaviour in rural areas which does seem to be an issue in Holmes Chapel. AK talked about the County Lines initiative which is taken up a lot of resources (drug related crimes). Lastly, AK asked the Superintendent about the lack of resources for investigation of burglaries. He said it would be looked into.

Cllr Roberts asked if there was any way of highlighting the dangers of not having a slip road on the A50 at the end of New Platt Lane for the Sibelco Lorries. AK said that Highways have agreed minor improvements to the junction but as planning has now been granted there isn't any way to insist the slip road is built unless there are accidents.

- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:
 - **Finance Committee**
 - **Report from the Finance Committee** - The Scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee had to be abandoned as it was not quorate. As there were items of business which needed to be transacted before the end of October, the items were reported to the Parish Council for consideration. Please see the report in the Appendix which includes all resolutions.

6. **Planning Matters** To review the outcome of the Planning Meeting 22nd October 2019 at 7.00pm.
The Chairman made a report from the Planning Meetings on 22nd October 2019 (the minutes of the meeting are available on the web site).
7. **Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedules 10/19. Includes: Salaries & expenses.
- **Motion:** To approve 10/19 Schedule of payments.
 - Chairman and Vice-Chairman (or any other councillor) to sign the 10/19 Schedule of Payments.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedule for 10/19.*
- The payment schedule was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
8. **Clerk's Report**
Actions from Last Meeting
- a. **Bomish Lane** - CR commented that there was poor visibility on the sharp bend along Bomish Lane due to the trees and hedge not being cut back. **Action:** AK to photograph and send to CEC Highways.
 - b. Cllr Roberts made his report from the Manchester Airport Meeting on 24th September (report in appendix) and raised the issue of publicising the Manchester Airport Survey which would close on 6th October. Action: DR to put a poster advertising the survey onto all public notice boards in the village.
 - c. A resident asked about the weight limits on the roads in the Village. He had asked CEC but had been informed that they did not hold this information. Action: Clerk to contact a suitable person in CEC Highways and report back.
- Correspondence – See Appendix 10/19**
9. **Highways & Speedwatch:** To consider any Highways & SpeedWatch matters and to take any appropriate action.
- **Highways** – The Parish Council asked the Clerk to thank the Highways contacts for the new streetlight on Main Road opposite Bank View. This replaced a light which was removed more than 6 years ago. CR mentioned parking issues on The Acreage and on the verge next to the Booth Bed Lane Play Area. **Action:** Clerk to speak to CEC Highways. The PCSO has advised that people photograph the vehicles and phone 101.
 - **Village Gates Project** - It was reported that Highways were awaiting a traffic count report before responding to the Parish Council.
- SpeedWatch** -TR directed the members to the report in the document pack.
10. **Local Policing** – TR - Nothing to report.
11. **Joint Use Agreement** – To consider requesting a review of the Joint Use Agreement by CE Borough Council. The agreement lays out the terms and conditions of the use of the Village Hall. It has not been successfully reviewed since it was put in place in 1985. The concern is that the model for apportioning costs for maintenance is no longer in line with inflation and that this matter should be reviewed and brought up to date. Any review will also need to be agreed by CE Borough Council and the Village Hall and Playing Fields Foundation before going ahead.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to defer the decision on this item until the November Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Council agreed to form a working group to review the issue and to present at the November Parish Council Meeting.*
The working group members are NB, KM, IO, JS, S Ball (VHPFF) and the Clerk.
12. **Environmental Working Party** – Report from PM
Cllr Morgan requested any input towards the CEC Waste Strategy Review and the CEC Environmental Review was submitted to him by the beginning of November.
13. **Sibelco Community Liaison Meeting on 15th October 2019** – Report from DR
Cllr Roberts reported that he represented the Council at the first liaison meeting, together with other representatives from Cranage, Allostock and Holmes Chapel Parish Councils, Cheshire East and Cheshire West Borough Councils. Sibelco are in the process of preparing the site, so that they can meet the conditions which are part of the planning permission. This includes road improvements at the junction with the A50. Works on the fixed plant are planned to start in January 2020 followed by soil stripping in February. At the meeting it was confirmed by Sibelco that they are putting in, a number of measures to prevent lorries passing through Goostrey due to the 7.5te weight limit

throughout the village. Further information updates will be provided as the work progresses and the next liaison meeting is on 14th January.

14. Parish Council Newsletter - Clerk

The Clerk requested input for articles to the newsletter which would be delivered the first week in November. Items suggested by councillors included FOGS, Scouts Events, Archive Group, Speedwatch Report, Planning update, Seniors Lunch Tickets.

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

- Archive Group – The Clerk asked the Council if there were any objections to the Archive Group raising funds for the Archive at exhibitions by means of an entry fee or contribution to refreshments

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved that the Archive Group was able to raise funds for the group as outlined so long as they disclosed that the funds were going to the Archive at the outset..*

17. Date of Next Meeting: To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 26th November 2019.

19. Closure of the Meeting: The meeting closed at 21: 30

Public Forum

Mr and Mrs Kershaw of Blackden Manor attended the Public Forum to inform the Council of their plans for Blackden Manor. Mrs Kershaw informed the Council that restoration of the Grade II heritage building is in progress and potential commercial uses of the estate are under consideration. We look forward to hearing more about proposed plans in due course.

Mr Jay Ashall, Chairman of the VHPFF asked the Council if it was minded to make a donation to the building of a new Bowling Hut. This was considered under item 5 of the agenda.

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

APPENDIX 10/19

ITEMS 10.19.05 - Report from the Finance Committee

Items for consideration

1. Financial Position vs Budget Report for the period from 1st April to 30th September 2019

MOTION: To approve the Financial Position vs Budget Report for the period from 1st April to 30th September 2019.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved accept the Financial Position vs Budget Report from 1st April to 30th September 2019.*

2. Draft Unaudited Accounts for the period from 1st April to 30th September 2019

MOTION: To approve the Unaudited Accounts for the period from 1st April to 30th September 2019.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the Financial Position vs Budget Report from 1st April to 30th September 2019.*

3. Capital Projects to consider for recommendation to the Parish Council on 22nd October 2019

- **Bar Servery replacement Project** – The design has been completed, and approved by the VHMC, and two quotations have been received for the works to complete the project. The quotes are for £11,915.00 plus VAT and £12,267.00 plus VAT respectively. Additional costs are £450.00 (no VAT) for the bar servery design, £800.00 (No VAT) for the licence to carry out the works including landlords consent and £200.00 plus VAT to dispose of the asbestos pad on the sink unit. The suggested budget for the project is £15,000.00 plus VAT. An additional quote will be obtained before deciding on a contractor for the works.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved approve the budget for the bar servery project to a maximum of £15,000 plus VAT.*

- **Upgrade Ceiling Lighting Panels in Main Hall to LED** – The quote for these works is £2,105.56 Plus VAT

MOTION: To approve the cost of £2,105.56 plus VAT for upgrading the ceiling lights in the main hall to LED panels. (Quote from John Potts Ltd as electrical contract supplier (attached))

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve a maximum spend of £2,105.56 plus VAT to upgrade to LED lighting panels in the hall.*

- **Lounge, Kitchen and Hall – LED Spotlighting upgrade** - The additional mood lighting in the hall needs updating as the current spotlights no-longer function correctly. In addition the Lounge and Kitchen only have LED panel lighting which is not conducive to social functions which leads to hirers bringing their own lights into the Village Hall which are not PAT tested and could lead to a fire breaking out, or hazards with trailing wires. (All quotes from John Potts Ltd as electrical contract supplier (attached))

The VHMC has proposed that a scheme of lighting to include:

- Kitchen – Under cabinet lighting and two dimmable soft white down lights above the sinks at a cost of £471.53 + VAT.
- Lounge - Six dimmable soft white down lights (3 along either side between the current panels) at a cost of £979.49 plus VAT
- Hall – 16 dimmable soft white spotlights (directional track lights) at a cost of £1,475.41 + VAT

MOTION: To approve the lighting upgrades to the Kitchen, Lounge and Hall as outlined at a cost of £2,926.43 plus VAT.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve a maximum spend of £2,926.43 plus VAT for the Lounge, Kitchen and Hall- LED Spotlight Upgrades*

4. **VHPFF Donation Request for New Bowling Pavilion** – To consider making a donation.

The Chairman of the VHPFF has also asked that the Parish Council Specify the amount of the donation.

MOTION: To approve a decision in principle for the Parish Council to make a donation to the VHPFF as a contribution towards the build costs of the New Bowling Pavilion.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve a decision in principle to make a donation to the VHPFF towards the cost to build the New Bowling Pavilion, provided the donation is match-funded by the VHPFF.*

MOTION: To specify the amount of donation to the VHPFF towards the build costs of the New Bowling Pavilion.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved not to specify the amount of donation until the costs are agreed by the VHPFF at the VHPFF November meeting.*

5. **Annual Audit 2018/19** – Notice of completion of the audit have been received from PKF Littlejohn the appointed Auditor. There was no report as the audit complied with current legislation criteria. The completion of audit notice has been posted on the website and the notice boards as specified by law.

MOTION: To accept the audit completion form for the Annual Audit 2018/19.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the completion of Annual Audit form for 2018/19.*

6. **Budget 2020/21 Timetable** - Clerk to arrange for the Amenities Committee and VHMC to hold budget meetings before middle of November 2019. The Finance Committee will then meet before the end of November to finalise the budget for the December PC Meeting where it must be approved for the precept to be submitted to CEC in January 2020.

ITEM 10.19.08 CLERKS REPORT

Correspondence List

- Steve Shaw Council motion request re national community energy campaign (see Motion below)
- Resident FW: Information request (ref: 6150569) – Weight Limits
- CEC Highways [OFFICIAL] RE: Station Bridge Lights. Action: Clerk to send to AK to progress

Chairman: Cllr Ken Morris

Parish Clerk: Sharon Jones

- d. Cheshire Community Action Annual General Meeting 2019
- e. Parish OnlineReminder Licence Renewal
- f. Resident - Please find attached letter for Goostrey Parish Council's attention re Shearbrook
- g. Resident - Defib in Phone Box – new pads required
- h. Resident - Re: Goostrey Probus – request for summary report from PC meeting or councillor to join Probus. Action: Clerk to suggest that approved minutes are delivered at Probus meetings or a member of Probus attends PC Meetings.
- i. Resident Re: Speedwatch Session – Volunteers
- j. CEC [OFFICIAL] RE: Goostrey Village Hall Recharge for 2018/19
- k. Resident - RE: APPEAL - Planning Application 18/4980C - Land to the East of Hermitage Lane
- l. CEC Planning RE: 19/4458M 12, WOODLANDS DRIVE, GOOSTREY, CW4 8JH
- m. CEC [OFFICIAL] Joint Use Agreement
- n. KOLKER, Andrew (Councillor) Winter Gritting - Goostrey
- o. CEC Planning RE: APPEAL - Planning Application 18/4980C - Land to the East of Hermitage Lane
- p. CEC Planning - RE: 19/4326C the vicarage blackden lane
- q. Goostrey Scouts Re: User Group Meeting
- r. Resident Re: Goostrey Speedwatch 29/09/2019
- s. Liz Chesters Community meeting ~[OFFICIAL]~
- t. Manchester Airport-Councillor meetings September 2019
- u. CEC Street Cleansing Team Leader - Dog Bin – Booth Bed Lane
- v. CEC Facilities Management - [OFFICIAL] RE: Goostrey Community Hall - Window replacement project invoice total
- w. Resident – Booth Bed Lane Play Area – **Action:** Refer to Amenities Committee

National Community Energy Campaign

MOTION: That Goostrey Parish Council

- (i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- (iii) further recognises
 - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
 - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
 - that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and
- (v) further resolves to
 - inform the local media of this decision,
 - write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
 - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to refuse the motion*