

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD****ON TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.30pm in the VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE**

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

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council and 15 residents

- 11.19. 1. Declaration of Interests:** The Chairman declared a personal interest in item 11 as his wife is the Treasurer of the VHPFF. Cllr Ross also declared an interest in item 11 as he is a member of the Bowling Club.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kolker, CEC.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2019.
Motion: To approve Minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2019
Resolved: *The Minutes of the Meeting of the 22nd October 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.
This item is deferred to the December meeting as Cllr Kolker was unable to attend the meeting.
- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:
- **Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 11th November 2019** - Cllr Beckham reported that the meeting was primarily about budgets for next year which would be covered in the report from the Finance Meeting. Minutes of the VHMC meeting are on the web site.
 - **Amenities Committee Meeting 14th November 2019** - Cllr Rathbone reported that the meeting was primarily about budgets for next year which would be covered in the report from the Finance Meeting. However, he did ask for approval from the council to co-ordinate the VE Day 75 year Anniversary Celebration which had been suggested by the Chairman of the Royal British Legion branch. The Amenities Committee had agreed to support the Clerk as co-ordinator for the event with an event budget of £500, but that two councillors would be required to work with the Clerk throughout the preparations.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved support the Clerk as co-ordinator of the VE Day Anniversary event, with a budget of £500 and also supported two councillors working with the Clerk.*
Cllrs Beckham and Lord volunteered to work with the Clerk on this initiative.
Action: Clerk to meet with NB and SL to discuss how to progress the project.
The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting are on the web site.
The Chairman added the Parish Council's thanks to the Clerk and the V H Supervisor for their contribution to ensuring the success of the Seniors Lunch on 24th November. A number of very positive comments had been received from those attending the event, including how well the Brownies had sung after the meal and the efforts from the Guides doing the washing up.
Action: Clerk to write letters of thanks to the Brownies and Guides.
 - **Finance Committee Meeting 25th November 2019** – Cllr Morgan made a report from the meeting. He said that the current assessment of the actual spend vs the budget for the current financial year would indicate an underspend for this year. He urged the committees to ensure that they take steps to fulfil all their commitments to spend their budgets by the end of the financial year.

He went on to say that the VHMC and the Amenities Committees had put forward budgets for the financial year 2020/21 and that the Finance Committee had incorporated these requirements into the total budget for 2020/21, however, a number of items/projects had been moved into reserve spending to ensure that there was no increase in the precept amount of £44012, and it was suggested that the change in the tax base would only lead to a small increase in the Council Tax (eg A Band D house would rise by approximately 16 pence).

To adhere to the Cheshire East Timetable for submission of the Precept Request for 2020/21 the budget would need to be approved at the next Parish Council Meeting on 10th December, as the submission date is 17th January 2020 which is before the January Parish Council Meeting.

Action: Members to review proposed budget and bring any comments to 10th December meeting

6. **Planning Matters** To review the outcome of the Planning Meeting 26th November 2019 at 7.00pm. The Chairman made a report from the Planning Meetings on 26th November 2019 (the minutes of the meeting are available on the web site).

7. **Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedules 11/19. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

- **Motion:** To approve 11/19 Schedule of payments.
- Chairman and Vice-Chairman (or any other councillor) to sign the 11/19 Schedule of Payments.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedule for 11/19.*

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

8. **Clerk's Report**

Actions from Last Meeting

- a. Clerk to write to Cllr Roberts, CEC to ask that Church Bank is added to the gritting route as it appears to have been left off

Correspondence – See Appendix 11/19

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

- **Highways** – There were no items reported.
 - **Village Gates Project** – A mail had been received from Cheshire East Highways to say that the report would not be completed until the end of the Financial Year.

SpeedWatch -Cllr Rathbone directed the members to the report in the document pack.

10. **Local Policing** – Cllr Rathbone reported that there had been no residents in attendance at the PCSO Meeting on 22nd November, which was disappointing, however, the PCSO had reported to the Clerk that they are able to make use of the time to catch up on their paperwork, so at least their time is not wasted.

11. **To Consider Making a Donation to the VHPFF as a contribution towards the building of a New Bowling Pavilion** – The Chairman proposed the following motion:

Motion: The Parish Council will, in principle, donate £10,000 to the VHPFF for construction of a new bowls hut subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Parish Council is provided with the final design and final full cost from tendering, approved by the VHPFF trustees, and the full amount of money is available to complete the works.
2. That the Parish Council is provided with evidence that matched funding has been made by the Bowls Club/ VHPFF for the Council's donation.
3. Donation to be used for the actual construction of the building and paid when the building reaches wall plate level or equivalent.
4. If the building is ever to be sold or used for non-VHPFF activities, the Parish Council reserves the right to ask for the community money to be refunded with interest.

Cllr Williams asked that in addition the VHPFF should ensure that the building was sustainable. The motion was amended to include a 5th point regarding the sustainability of the building, requiring the VHPFF to "ensure that the running of the building is sustainable as far as practicable possible.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to approve the motion to donate £10,000 to the VHPFF for the construction of a new bowls hut subject to the conditions listed above (1-5), with the final wording to be delegated to the Chairman and the Clerk.

Action: The Chairman and Clerk to write a letter of confirmation to the Chairman of the VHPFF.

- 12. Joint Use Agreement** – To consider requesting a review of the Joint Use Agreement by CE Borough Council. Following a meeting of the Working Group the recommendation from the Working Group is to explore the advantages and disadvantages of reviewing the Joint Use agreement with CEC.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Working Group and approve the exploration of the advantages and disadvantages of reviewing the Joint Use Agreement with CEC.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting for the working group to discuss this further with our CEC representative.

- 13. Co-option Policy/Procedure** – To consider adopting the draft policy – Policy in document pack.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to adopt the Co-option Policy/Procedure.

- 14. Local Council Awards Scheme – Update:**

- To consider adopting the draft Community Engagement Policy – Policy in document pack. There were a number of changes suggested to the policy, which will be incorporated. - **Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to adopt Community Engagement Policy with amendments.

Action: Clerk to arrange a Staff Committee Meeting to discuss an Appraisal Policy.

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

- **Update from the Cheshire East Town and Parish Meeting on 15th November 2019** – KM reported that he had attended the meeting –
 - **Food recycling** – will start in Early January 2020. This initiative will have £600,000 net savings.
 - **Bin collection days** - have changed in some areas.
 - **The Environmental Strategy Consultation** closes on 1st December.
 - **Tax Base** for the Precept for 2020/21 will be finalised on 12th December 2019.
 - **Pre-Consultation of Community Governance Review ends on 31st January 2019** - If Councillors wish they can submit a comment that Blackberry Gardens is part of Goostrey (or another personal comment if they wish). **Action:** Clerk to submit this comment on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - **Single point of contact for Ward Councillors** – CEC will extend to Town and Parish Councils, but this had been delayed.
 - **CEC is reviewing the position of Mayor**
 - **Structure of Cheshire East** - The new Leadership wishes to move from a Cabinet decision making structure to a Committee decision making structure – the difference being that the cabinet is made up of councillors in the Leading party and a Committee would be a mix of the leading party and other parties.
 - **Operation London Bridge** – Official procedure to take effect if the Queen dies. There are procedures for all key members of the Royal Family.
 - **SADPD** – There have been thousands of comments on the 2nd consultation and it will take 8-12 months to review these. It is likely that there will be a 3rd consultation.
 - The Conference was generally much more informative and interactive than in previous years.

- 16. Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 10th December 2019.

- 17. Closure of the Meeting:** The meeting closed at 21: 15

Public Forum

Following the Parish Council's decision in principle to make a donation to the building of the Bowling Hut, Mr Ashall, Chairman of the VHPFF, attended the Public Forum to make a presentation to the Council regarding the plans for the new Bowling Hut and to answer any questions, in order that the members were fully briefed to make a decision on the amount of donation the Parish Council should make to the project.

The presentation showed the organisations Mr Ashall had already contacted to request grant funding and the maximum grant the organisation would offer, if the application was successful. It seemed that the key point is that the VHPFF needed to demonstrate that it could raise 20% of the total cost of the project before any organisation would consider grant funding.

The VHPFF had committed to donate £10,000 of its reserves funds towards the building of the hut and the Bowling Club also confirmed that they were attempting to raise £5,000 in parallel to the grant applications being made.

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

APPENDIX 11/19

ITEM 11.19.08 CLERKS REPORT

Correspondence List

- a. Letter from Holmes Chapel Parish Council re New Homes Bonus - KM reported that last year CEC received from Central Government £1 million which was only partially distributed to Town and Parish Councils, with some also going to large charities like Age UK etc. This year CEC has said it will postpone the distributing the £1 million until next year, as the process had been highly criticised, and they want to review it. The only way Town and Parish Councils can influence the review of the process is to submit a comment to the CEC Pre Budget Consultation, and if all Town and Parish Councils did this, it may have some effect on CEC's decision regarding the process. Holmes Chapel Parish Council believe that the New Homes Bonus should be related to the number of new houses in the Parish.
Action: Clerk to make a submission to the Pre-Budget Consultation regarding the New Homes Bonus process and to notify Holmes Chapel Parish Council that this has been submitted.
- b. Mr & Mrs Kershaw - Re: Invitation to Attend Goostrey Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2019
- c. Sibelco - Rudheath Lodge Liaison Committee
- d. CEC RE: emergency rest centre contact numbers
- e. Rose Festival Committee - Toilets for Rose Day 2020
- f. PCSO Liz Chesters RE: Police drop in session meeting
- g. Resident – Photos of Waste Trucks on Blackden Lane
- h. Resident - Blackden Heath Farm Planning Complaint
- i. Resident - Goostrey Play Area Improvements - Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey...
- j. Goostrey Footpaths Group – re New Dog Waste Bin Advice
- k. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS - Town & Parish Conference - Wednesday 20 November
- l. WHITTAKER, Lawrence Parish Precept & Taxbase Arrangements 2020/21
- m. VHPFF Grant funding for Goostrey Bowls Pavilion
- n. CEC Highways [OFFICIAL] RE: Goostrey Scheme Number 1773 – Village Entrances Project
- o. FOGS Fwd: House of Commons Early Day Motion
- p. Resident - Re: Planning application lot behind Lea Ave
- q. Goostrey Pre School RE: Blue Dot Donation
- r. CEC RE: Goostrey - Updated Community Resilience Plan
- s. Resident - A few issues
- t. Royal British Legion – VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebration 2020
- u. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT EAST – Case number for Blackden Heath Farm Complaint
- v. CEC Highways - Structural Patching - Hermitage Lane, Goostrey
- w. New Homes Bonus Representative RE: [OFFICIAL] RE: telephone call Wed 13/11 274 KB
- x. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) Fwd: [OFFICIAL] Response to Question raised at Council - New Homes Bonus
- y. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) RE: [OFFICIAL] RE: telephone call - New Homes Bonus
- z. Scouts - Re - Insurance for Lights Switch on Event
- aa. Holmes Chapel Parish Council) RE: Speed Indicator Devices – CEC has said that the advice preventing the purchase of permanent SID devices, only relates to SID's purchased by them, however, Highways have confused the issue, so we are still awaiting a specific policy from CEC. Holmes Chapel Parish Council have read all the information and do not believe there are any major issues with continued operation of the existing devices purchased by Parish Councils.