

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2017 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

Present: W Hind (Chairman)
B Adams
G Coenen
M Cooper
T Harrison
Julie Morton
J Sykes
R Wright
Borough Cllr Hunter

In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk) and 2 parishioners

Apologies: Cllrs Jenny Morton and J Tuck

PC Andrew Roberts attended. Cllr Cooper reported some incidents of trespass on Mag Lane. Clerk to send a list of haulage companies still using Swineyard Lane to PC Roberts and he will email them.

The Chairman welcomed Natalie Wise-Ford, Principal Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council, who answered questions about planning and explained the guidelines officers must follow. They don't have to consult on non-material amendments or discharge of conditions. To help councillors to respond to applications Ms Wise-Ford will send a link to the planning website which gives material conditions. Priority is given by date. The Chairman thanked Ms Wise-Ford for attending.

1. **Minutes**

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May as a true record.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Coenen for HLCA and Cllr Wright for the Village Hall Management.

3. **A556** Mr Burrows reported that the de-trunking works will probably take an extra month longer (end of October) as Costain have been given additional drainage work on Chester Road. 50 Costain staff are working every day. They are waiting for ScottishPower to re-site the cable near the phone box. The lights at Mere are on long green phases at the moment as they think that is the best way - all vehicle activated. M6 road closure and accidents cause extra traffic. Councillors complained about the length of time the work is taking and Mr Burrows said they would get two-way traffic as soon as they could but there isn't enough room at the moment. The next meeting between Costain and councillors is on 25 July. Mr Burrows said that Costains will be draining the school field as part of the community projects.

4. **Business from parishioners**

Cllr Julie Morton had received complaints from residents of Woodlands Crescent about the noise the train at the Garden Centre makes. Cllr Morton will speak to the owner of the railway.

5. **Pre-School**

Yvonne Edwardson and Helen Crawshaw from the Pre-school explained that they needed somewhere from September in High Legh to temporarily move to as the school needed the classroom. They had had a meeting with the Village Hall Management and were meeting High Legh Estate the next day. They asked if anything could be done to help with the red tape and obviate the need for a tender process when there is already a Pre-School in operation.

The Pre-School offer a significant resource to support the parish. They are proposing to use the Meeting Room and the Side Hall and work alongside Hall users. The Community Association Council will make a decision next week.

Cllr Coenen proposed that the PC fully support the Pre-School as a priority user of the Hall in the short term and will support a long-term solution ideally in the grounds of the School, seconded by Cllr Julie Morton and agreed by all.

Cllr Coenen said that if they needed any help with funding they should contact the PC asap. Cllr Hunter will speak to Paul Carter, CE Property team. Pre-School to contact Cllr Hunter for help with Cheshire East. It was suggested they write to our new MP. Cllr Hind to write to the Headteacher to support what has been agreed.

Clerk to write to tenants to inform them.

6. Planning Committee

The Report had been circulated and was discussed.

17/3174M	Chesham House, Moss Lane	Construction of Horse Walker (retrospective)
17/2553M	Swineyard Lane Farm	Conversion of agricultural barns to residential use & replacement of barns to create a new dwelling.
17/2439M	7 Arley End	Replacement roof & proposed sun terrace

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that a presentation was being prepared for a public exhibition in the Autumn and a more focussed questionnaire will be prepared.

8. Traffic Sub-Committee

An update from Simon Skates had been received reporting that works are progressing on the proposed one-way system and the implementation of the gateway features. Traffic surveys will be undertaken in the next couple of weeks for assessment and turning manoeuvres on and off the A50 along with vehicle speeds and pedestrian movements. The timeframe for the works is still for delivery within this financial year and hoping for a start date to coincide with the end of the de-trunking works towards October/November. A presentation will be held in August for the community.

No reply had been received to the PC's letter to CE Highways re West Lane. Cllrs have a meeting with Borough Cllr Brown, Portfolio holder for Highways later in July.

A mobile speed camera van had been seen on the A50 following a request from the PC.

CE Highways are holding Highways Hour events with parish councils. Clerk to arrange a date.

Our new Local Highways Officer is Lee Glover.

Ask Cllr Hunter to raise the subject of a new footpath on Halliwells Brow at the next Local Partnership meeting.

9. Finance

Cllr Coenen reported that the newly formed IAA committee had visited The Belfry field. There were several issues: perimeter foliage needs trimming back - Clerk to contact CE; there are several sections of brambles in the hedges and it was agreed the volunteers will take this forward. The area that caused concern was where the tree has gone following Storm Doris. There is a worry that this is near the Trim Trail equipment and children might be tempted to climb on the tree next to the road. Suggestion is that a fence would make it safe, but if CE won't do it we might need to finance it. Need to check legal issues.

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Zurich Insurance	£562.48
Campbells Landscapes	£80.00

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

ScottishPower – sewage pump	£23.96
ScottishPower – car park	£83.64
HLVH room hire May	£47.50
Clerk’s salary and expenses	£1020.16
HLVH room hire June	£50.00

All agreed

10. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) United Utilities – 3 water incidents in the last months when the water was off due to technical faults at the pumping station. Clerk contacted UU. They are going to install a new pressure monitoring valve which will replace the pump at Dunham within the next few months.
- ii) Village Maintenance – spreadsheet had been circulated.
- iii) School Governor’s Report – Mrs Tottle, Headteacher, had sent a report giving the postcodes of pupils. 54% are from High Legh but 73.7% are from the catchment area (includes local villages that don’t have schools). The School is happy for the Pre-School to put a mobile on site but due to the constraints CE has laid down this is a much harder task than they first thought.
- iv) VHMC – Pre-School have been given notice to quit the premises of High Legh Primary School before the start of the new term in September. One possibility they are considering is a move back to the Village Hall. There are a few logistical problems to overcome and we need to examine both the additional cost we will incur and the impact on our current users. This issue is on the agenda for the CAC meeting due to take place next week.
In the corner of the rear courtyard at the Village Hall there is a gate that leads into the OSH garden. This is part of our fire escape route, which should be kept clear at all times, but at the moment is blocked by an upturned table and an overgrown shrub. PC will arrange to remove the table and cut back the shrub.
- v) Old School House – Cllr Cooper will attach wire to the gate.
- vi) Shale Gas – Cllr Cooper had attended an awareness event at Little Bollington. There could be seismic testing at the end of this year.
- vii) Street Trading Application had been withdrawn.

11. New Business

- i) Dangerous dogs – Another incident had occurred – Clerk to inform police.
- ii) Bus Review – Clerk had received some comments from parishioners. Cllr Adams will prepare a response.
- iii) M6 J19 Improvement Scheme – noted.

12. Date of next meeting: Monday, 18 September at 7.30 p.m. Please note change of date