

## High Legh Parish Council

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Lord Grey, Mrs D Walker (Clerk) and 1 parishioner

Apologies: Cllrs Jenny Morton and Borough Cllr Hunter

#### 1. Minutes

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July as a true record.

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

#### 3. Business from parishioners

Mr Hennerley suggested that if there was a regular regime of clearing the leaves from the footpath between Somerville Close and Pheasant Walk it might help to stop the mud forming. He volunteered to help. Mr Burrows will investigate whether a sweeper vehicle could get down the larger path.

#### 4. A556 Mr Burrows reported that the overnight closures will commence on 18 September when they will be fully resurfacing the new junction at Bucklow Hill. Mere junction will be resurfaced week commencing 23 October and is expected to take five nights. By the start of November everything will be up and running properly. The next meeting between Costain and councillors is on 27 September at 5.30 pm. Cllr Harrison reported that some of the trees that had been planted had failed. Mr Burrows said that the contractor will come back and replant. A resident had complained about the speed and amount of traffic on Peacock Lane. Speed should be reported to the police and the amount of traffic should reduce when Mere junction is fully open.

#### 5. Planning Committee

The Report had been circulated and was discussed.

17/3805M	6B Woodlands Crescent	House extension and remodelling
17/3714M	Swineyard Lane	Temporary siting of stables
17/3929M	25 Pheasant Walk	Part two storey side/rear ext. and part single storey rear ext.
17/4128M	Vinesgrove, Fanners Lane	Proposed change of use of domestic outbuildings from residential ancillary use to create 3 new dwellings
17/4539M	Swineyard Lane Farm	Resubmission of 17/2553M for conversion and ext. of existing barn to create 3 residential units.

Cllr Cooper will be contacting the Planning Officer re 17/3929 and 17/4128M.

Concern was expressed that neighbours had told the PC that they hadn't received notification of the planning applications. Clerk to write to CE Planning raising it as a serious concern that people are not being notified and ask them to look into their process. Cllr Cooper to draft a letter.

17 and 17a Pheasant Walk – The PC had received many complaints about the new fencing next to the pavement in front of these two houses. It had been referred to Planning Enforcement and we are awaiting a site visit.

## **6. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Sykes recommended that a Traveller Plan should be included in the NP.

## **7. Traffic Sub-Committee**

The Traffic Sub-Committee had a met with Borough Cllr Brown, Portfolio holder for Highways and Simon Skates on 18 July. Cllr Brown said that if the PC hadn't heard anything about the S106 monies by our next meeting someone would come along on 18 September but we had received no response, despite the Clerk emailing CE. Write again to Cllr Brown.

Our CE Highways Hour will be held on 24 October at 4 p.m.

Cllr Sykes had visited Biddulph to view their "gateway" features as suggested by Cllr Brown. He also reported that Moss Lane signs had been replaced. Cllr Sykes reported that the pavement on West Lane between the Water Tower and Mere border had been sided out but because it had been so long since it had been done before the roots had grown into the tarmac and the pavement now needed resurfacing.

An email had been received from a resident complaining about the Golf Club hedge on West Lane. Clerk had written to the Golf Club asking when the hedge will be cut.

We have been asked to keep a record of near misses/crashes at West Lane/Peacock Lane junction. Clerk to include in CA Newsletter piece.

Cllr Wright reported that HGVs were using Swineyard Lane and Heath Lane whilst the Warrington Half Marathon was in progress and Grappenhall Lane was closed. Cllr Wright to contact Cllr Woodyatt.

## **8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee**

Spreadsheet had been circulated.

## **9. Finance**

The Finance Committee met on 12 September.

Play Area – The IAA Committee inspected the Play Area and found:

- The equipment was generally in relatively good order.
- There were damages that we have reported to ANSA for repair
- One piece of equipment was tired, worn and very dirty (Mushrooms)
- There is a large empty area within the secure fenced area that could house another play zone
- The benches are in the wrong place and very dirty
- The trees are overhanging badly and need significant cutting back which has been reported to ANSA.
- The path joining the two parts of the village (Pheasant Walk to Somerville Close) is muddy and in disrepair – reported to ANSA.
- There is a need for an additional light on the path

Meetings have been arranged with CE to visit and confirm what the S106 monies can be used for and with an equipment supplier. Costings and preferred option will be brought back to the PC. An article will be put in the CA Newsletter to advise parishioners of proposals.

There were no objections.

Village Hall roof – the VHMC had requested that the PC pay a 50% contribution to the cost of repair. This was approved and delegated to the Finance Committee to decide once quotes had been received.

Community projects – Cllr Adams volunteered to look into transport once the results of the Bus Review Consultation were known.

Audit – The External Audit has been completed and there were no matters which require addressing.

### **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Land Studio	£3,000.00
OSH Water	£120.00
Voucher for auditor	£70.00
Campbells Landscapes	£300.00
HLVH Rent	£55.00
Cheshire Playing Fields	£20.00
BDO Audit	£240.00
Parking signs	£75.11
Survey Monkey – NP	£336.00

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

HLVH room hire	£12.50	
Clerk's salary and expenses	£1486.33	All agreed

### **10. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors**

- i) United Utilities – nothing to report
- ii) Village Maintenance – spreadsheet had been circulated.  
Old Oak – Because of the volume of concrete that is required Cheshire Woodlands have requested consent to relocate the tree 3-4 metres to the south of its original position so it will minimise the impact of the excavation on the young oak tree. Will also relocate the remaining base of the stump. This was agreed.
- iii) School Governor's Report – Mrs Tottle, Headteacher, had sent a report. Building alterations had been carried out in the holidays. 153 pupils in school, 7 classes with an average of 22 pupils per class. Celebrating 50 years of being on that site and are organising a day of celebrations next year.
- iv) Pre-School has moved into the Village Hall using the Annex and the Side Hall. They are looking into alternative premises for after Christmas.
- v) VHMC – the parquet floor in the Hall has been renovated, the outside has been painted and some lightweight folding tables for general use and folding conference tables in the Upstairs Room have been purchased.
- vi) Old School House – a property inspection had been carried out.
- vii) Shale Gas – Cllr Cooper said that INEOS might be seismic testing in the next 18 months.
- viii) HS2 – Clerk to ask John Atkinson to attend the next PC meeting.
- ix) High Legh Railway – Cllr Julie Morton had been to see Mr Higgins following complaints from residents of Woodlands Crescent. Cllrs Coenen and Tuck to look into what is allowed and Clerk to write to Strikes. Mr Higgins will attend the next meeting.

### **11. New Business**

- i) Manchester Airport offer of two tickets for the Bridgewater Hall. Cllr Adams proposed, seconded by Cllr Coenen that Mike Walker be offered the tickets for his work for the Village Hall and Pre-School. All agreed.
- ii) Warrington BC Preferred Development Option. Cllr Sykes had attended a consultation meeting. 7,000 houses and industrial premises were being planned at Appleton. Clerk to ask Cllr Hunter to find out if CEC have been consulted and how they responded. Traffic from the development area should be kept in Warrington and not on the country lanes, e.g. Swineyard Lane, which is not their responsibility.
- iii) ChALC AGM on 19 October – noted
- iv) Flood Risk Consultation – noted
- v) Dog fouling consultation – Cllrs and clerk to respond.

- IAA to investigate purchasing another dog bin near the Water Tower/Ditchfield Lane.
- vi) Police Survey request – agreed
  - vii) Broadband – Some more funding for faster broadband in rural blackspots has been agreed but Connecting Cheshire are not able to make any announcements until the procurement process is completed. Ask in the Newsletter if anyone would volunteer to take this forward on behalf of the PC.

**12. Date of next meeting: Monday, 23 October at 7.30 p.m.**

Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.