

# High Legh Parish Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 APRIL 2018 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Mrs D Walker (Clerk) and 7 visitors

Apologies: Cllr Coenen and Lord Grey

Mr Will McKellar, Chief Officer of CAB Cheshire North, explained the role of the CAB. In the last year 18 clients had been from High Legh. Mr McKellar will write an article for the Newsletter and explore the possibility of holding a session in High Legh.

Paul and Jake Widdrington, DSIS Solutions explained the survey they had carried out and presented a report on a possible line of sight solution for rural broadband south of the A50. Clerk to contact Connecting Cheshire for possible funding sources.

### 1. **Minutes**

RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March as a true record.

### 2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Wright for the Village Hall Management

### 3. **Business from parishioners**

Mrs Pallet asked if it was possible to get some signage on Swineyard Lane saying Slow Down for cyclists and horse riders.

Mrs Pallet asked if people could be trained to use speed guns on Swineyard Lane.

Speed guns can only be used in 40 mph and below. Clerk to ask PCSO to visit Swineyard Lane.

Cllr Harrison said that a resident of Surridge had reported blocking of drives at school times.

### 4. **Planning Committee**

The Report had been circulated and was discussed.

18/1703M Groobarbs Wild Farm – An agricultural store, glasshouse, hardstanding for agriculture, mobile chicken hut. Mr Fryer explained the need for the extra buildings.

18/1634M 8 Woodlands Crescent – Prior approval of extension. Approved

18/1141M High Legh Garden Centre – Hand car wash and valet facility. Refused

18/1535M 13 Woodlands Crescent – Two storey side extension, single storey rear ext. and front porch.

### 5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Adams reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Group have prepared a “follow-on” questionnaire aimed at gaining a more detailed picture of the community’s opinions in those areas where no consensus or clear majority could be derived from our previous questionnaires. These are primarily in the areas of:

Development (particularly housing) i.e. how much, of what type and where

New facilities wanted. i.e. village centre, community facilities, footpaths etc.

The questionnaire is supported by an Information Paper which includes outlines of three scenarios presenting different levels of development which could be undertaken. These range

from little or no development to one with probably as much development as our green-belt situation could support. The Questionnaire and Information Paper had been delivered to every household in High Legh in early April.

An Exhibition was staged in the Village Hall on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> April and the afternoons of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The purpose of these were to let residents read the information and questionnaire in an environment where people were there to answer their questions, give more detailed background and help them to respond to the questionnaire. Exactly 100 people (34 on Wednesday, 21 on Saturday and 45 on Sunday) came to the Exhibition which was supported by 7 members of the Steering Group. The closing date for completion of the Questionnaires is 20<sup>th</sup> May.

This phase has taken a lot of work from the Neighbourhood Plan Group and I would particularly like to thank Nick Gerrard, Richard Cornwall-Legh, Doreen Walker, Brian Lewis and Marianne Dobson for their efforts in getting us to this as well as noting that we could not have achieved this without the expertise and support of Land Studios, particularly Simon Richards, who we have contracted to help us.

To fund this consultancy support as well as the costs of the questionnaire and exhibition we have applied, post-5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for a grant of £5,000 from the government agency Locality. As yet there has been no response from them.

The Steering Group will meet again in June to evaluate the results of the questionnaire and start the process of writing up the Policies which will be the heart of our Neighbourhood Plan.

#### 6. **Traffic Sub-Committee**

Cllr Sykes had ordered the Speed Sign which will be installed on 30 April. This will be insured. Fingerpost for Swineyard Lane/Heath Lane junction has been ordered.

A letter had been received from CE Highways with an update on the gateway features and road safety around the Village Hall.

Cllr Harrison reported that the Slow sign near Copper Beeches needs repainting.

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

Spreadsheet had been circulated.

#### 8. **Finance**

Clerk had prepared the 2017/18 accounts for the Internal Auditor.

#### **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

17/18	Playdale	£2177.47
	CEC	£800.00
	Leander	£2085.60
	D Walker – Fencing	£59.14
	D Walker – litter picks	£17.91
	N Worth	£90.00
	DSIS	£1500.00
	TWM	£5247.60
	ScottishPower	£25.92
	ScottishPower	£29.20
	HLVH Rent	£45.00
	D Walker expenses	£32.23
	HLVH (OSH water)	£63.09
18/19	Mere Design	£1332.80

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

ChALC subscription	£495.00
Cheshire Community	£50.00
Knutsford TC – CAB	£480.00
D Walker expenses	£181.29

All agreed

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

- i) United Utilities – nothing to report
- ii) Village Maintenance – Cllr Harrison reported water running down the West Lane cul de sac. Snowdrops have been planted on the Belfry and Pheasant Walk and some laurels on the Belfry field near the trim trail equipment. Mr Simpson has kindly mended the picket fence. Cllr Jenifer Morton reported that the bridge on Halliwells Brow was damaged.
- iii) School Governors Report – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations were very successful.
- iv) High Legh Community Association – increase in party bookings since the Pre-School started using the Hall.
- v) HS2 – Meeting of local parish councils due to be held on 20 March had been cancelled due to no engineer being available.
- vi) Bus Review questionnaire – No 47 is running from Warrington to Knutsford via High Legh with a limited service on Mon-Fri. A meeting will be arranged with Mr Frank Jordan, CEC Director of Place.
- vii) Report on meeting with Manchester Airport. Cllr Hind had attended and reported on the changes to the Forecourt charges, more car parking, new hotels, extending T2 and demolishing T1.

## **10. New Business**

- i) General Data Protection Regulation. Cllr Tuck reported that new regulations are coming into force on 25 May. Residents will have the right to see the data the PC hold about them. We need consent from individuals to send them information. The ICO is very sympathetic to the needs of local government. The PC has to show we are compliant. There is a lot of work to be done. ChALC ran a course but it was fully booked and they are hoping to run another.
- ii) Waste Bin Consultation – noted.

## **11. Date of next meeting: Monday, 21 May (AGM) at 7.30 p.m.**

Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.