

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

Present: M Cooper (Vice Chairman)
B Adams
G Coenen
Jenifer Morton
J Sykes
J Tuck
R Wright
Borough Cllr O Hunter

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

Apologies: Cllrs Hind, Harrison and Julie Morton

1. Minutes

RESOLVED – that the Vice Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July as a true record.

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Wright for the Village Hall Management, Cllr Coenen for High Legh Community Association and HS2.

3. Business from parishioners - none

4. Planning Committee

The Report had been circulated and was discussed. New applications:

18/3620M The Haybarn, Crabtree Lane – single storey rear extension.

18/3859M land adjacent to Lily Rose, Kay Lane – erection of one dwelling house and associated infrastructure. Outline planning.

18/3876M Oakdene, Broadheyas Lane – 4m two storey side extension.

18/4213M Chesham House, Moss Lane – first floor rear extension.

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that there had been a meeting on 31 July where a process for completing the analysis of the survey results and subjects for policies had been agreed. The next meeting is on 12 September which will review the analysis, agree the format of the Plan and allocate people to write sections.

6. Traffic Sub-Committee

Cllr Sykes reported that Simon Skates had sent designs for “gateway” features. It was agreed to go ahead with the sign with ‘Welcome to High Legh’ and 40mph on and not to include a planter. Bulbs could be planted later. Awaiting further designs.

Clerk to let Cllr Hunter have issues for the CE Highways Committee Meeting.

Following the accident at the bridge on Halliwells Brow, Clerk to write to Highways to request if anything can be done to improve safety. Priority one-way, repair bridge so it is fit for purpose. More traffic since A556 opened. Could it be added to the gritting route.

Fingerpost on Swineyard Lane was due for installation on 11 September.

Cllr Adams reported that at the Pheasant Walk/Wrenshot Lane junction there was no visible 30mph sign. Clerk to write to Highways.

Highways have informed us that the report on West Lane has not been issued due to the pending police investigation into the fatal collision.

Highways have informed us that Keep Clear markings and 20mph signs can only be installed outside schools which are registered with the Local Authority and the Pre-School is not listed.

7. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Old Oak – It was agreed that hoop-top railings would be ordered.

8. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

HLVH Rent	£55.00
HLCA OSH water	£89.95
RBL Poppy Wreath	£17.00
Campbells	£180.00
D Walker	£1528.50

All agreed

High Legh Pre-School are trying to heighten their presence in the village with a sign post on West Lane and had asked if the PC could help. The PC said that they would not oppose it, but they felt that if they agreed to some funding it would set a precedent for other groups in the village.

It was agreed to buy a secure storage cupboard to keep PC documents in to comply with GDPR. Decision to be made: can any documents be sent to the Cheshire Archives.

9. Standing Orders

Cllr Tuck presented the NALC Standing Orders.

RESOLVED that High Legh Parish Council adopt the revised Standing Orders 2018 previously circulated to councillors and annexed to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 September 2018.

RESOLVED that High Legh Parish Council hold its Annual Parish Meeting on the same day as the Annual Meeting commencing in 2019.

10. Footpaths

Fanners Lane - Cllr Sykes proposed that a letter of agreement could be prepared for neighbours to sign to keep the footpath open. The PC agreed that it needs a more formalised agreement. On the advice of Cllr Hunter, the Clerk will contact PROW again.

Woodlands Crescent/Belfry field entrance – As people have to access the field over a resident's land, a meeting had been held with United Utilities to see if a footpath could be made along the back of the trees/shrubs to their pumping station. Need to prepare a case to put to UU.

Footpath near Play Area – S106 monies have been requested. The path should be done in October.

11. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) United Utilities –. Clerk checked on 3 Sept to see if they knew when we would be returning to our normal supply and they have no date yet. Clerk to write to UU stating agreement with Lord Grey when the water tower was sold that High Legh would always get water from the Lake District.
Old gas pipes replaced on Arley End, Pheasant Walk, Robert Moffat and West Lane.
- ii) Village Maintenance – Pavements that have been slurry sealed: Surridge, Venables Way and Egerton. Programmed: North Drive and Gleyve.
- iii) School Governors Report – Work has started on the outside area (playground and woods). Cummins have inspected the drains and found one to be completely blocked. They will dig up and replace. A camp was held in the field one weekend in June and raised £2000.
- iv) Community Association – minutes had been circulated.

- v) Shale Gas – A consultation on proposed planning reforms for exploratory shale gas development has been launched and is open until 25 October. The proposal is whether to designate exploratory drilling as a new form of permitted development, it would mean that planning consent would not be required.
Cllr Adams proposed, seconded by Cllr Coenen and agreed that the PC respond to the consultation that the PC were against this.
- vi) HS2 – Cllr Adams had attended the local area group meeting. HS2 will be consulting again in October/November and this will be the last consultation. The next meeting of the group is on 26 October on the assumption that it will give people a chance to discuss the consultation. Cllr Adams said that High Legh need to play a strong part in that meeting and enable our parishioners to respond en masse to the consultation as it will have a significant impact on High Legh. Cllr Coenen said it is the biggest thing to hit the village and will have a fundamental impact for years. All councillors should be involved and understand the impact on High Legh as soon as the information is available. Clerk to resend maps and information. Cllr Coenen will prepare a piece for the CA Newsletter. Clerk to prepare a list of residents directly affected on the route. Cllrs Adams and Coenen to put together a proposal.
Legislation has been postponed for a year so that it can be integrated with a proposed upgrade of the Manchester – Leeds line.
- vii) Broadband – Cllr Hind has been working with a resident to try to get better internet provision.
- viii) Police Report – PCSO Emma Darroch is holding regular surgeries at the Village Hall.
Burglary on Spurston Close – two vehicles taken off the drive.

12. New Business

- i) ChALC Annual Meeting on 25 October 7-9pm
- ii) Town and Parish Councils Conference on 26 September 6-8.30pm

13. Date of next meeting: Monday, 22 October at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.