

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2018 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

Present: G Coenen (Acting Chair)
M Cooper
B Adams
T Harrison
Jenifer Morton
W Hind (part)
J Sykes
R Wright

In attendance: Lord Grey, Mrs D Walker (Clerk) and Mr Hennerley
Apologies: Cllrs Julie Morton, J Tuck and Borough Cllr Hunter

1. **Minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September were accepted as a true record.

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

3. **Business from parishioners** - none

4. **Planning Committee**

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

18/4716M Holly Farm, Withers Lane – Proposed side extension.

18/4719M Brown Owl Cottage – removal or variation of condition 3 attached to 04/0080P.

18/4912M Damsons, Wrenshot Lane – extension to existing garage and conversion to an outbuilding.

18/5005T Copper Beeches – Fell 2 TPO trees due to poor vitality ensuring the safety of the public.

Warrington BC 2018/33662 Stretton Airfield – Proposed single dwelling with construction of subterranean car storage facility.

SIX 56 Warrington Consultation. Bradley Hall Farm near J20 of the M6 is proposed as a major logistics and manufacturing development. Cllr Sykes had attended the workshop by the developers and requested that HLPC be notified in the future. The proposal is to build a distribution park with approx. 5,000 jobs. Cllr Sykes said that the road network is busy already and could not handle more traffic.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Adams reported that the next meeting is on 6 November. Volunteers have been working on the results of the survey producing draft papers and a list of maps. Thanks to Bruce Adams, Nick Gerrard, Richard Cornwall-Legh, Marianne Dobson and Doreen Walker.

6. **Traffic Sub-Committee**

Cllr Sykes reported that we were still awaiting designs from Simon Skates.

A request had been received from the volunteers who put out SID to reposition the solar powered speed indicator device as the old SID is quite late picking up vehicles travelling north down West Lane as it is looking across the southbound lane where cars can interfere with the view. Cllr Sykes will obtain a quote for another device.

There had been an RTA on 15 September at the West Lane/Peacock Lane junction. Photos and dashcam footage had been sent to CE Highways. Two near misses had been reported of cars coming straight out of Peacock Lane.

RTA on 26 October on A50 near Warrington boundary.

HGVs on Swineyard Lane – Clerk had written to Warrington Highways asking for signage at the exits of the trading estates. WBC had agreed to enhance the traffic signs forewarning of the weight limit on Swineyard Lane.

Bridge on Halliwells Brown had been repaired but councillors thought more signs could have been installed. Cllr Jenny Morton to draft an email to CE Highways. (Post meeting note: a wooden post and rail fence has now been erected beside the bridge.)

7. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

Updated spreadsheet had been circulated.

8. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

Scottish Power	£136.37
Scottish Power	£28.31
J Cope	£100.80
HLCA OSH water	£75.26
HLVH Rent	£55.00

All agreed

A Finance Meeting will be held in November to draft the Precept. Councillors to inform the Clerk of any expenditure proposed.

9. HS2

Cllrs Adams and Coenen had attended the meeting on 26 October with HS2 staff and other local parish councils to introduce the consultation on the working draft Environmental Statement from 11 October – 21 December. An event will be held in High Legh on 30 November. Responses from parish councils would be far more influential and carry more weight than responses from individuals. This is the final detailed consultation. As it is a political decision the only way is to lobby politicians.

HS3 – the Northern Powerhouse will announce some information by the end of this year of the route from Warrington to Manchester.

Cllr Coenen said that it is important that we know what we want and we make sure that as many people as possible support us and we work with our neighbours and support each other. A meeting with the residents who live in the 1km zone will be arranged and a Sub-Committee set up to understand what the wider impacts are. Sub-committee will be Cllrs Adams, Coenen Sykes and Wright and Mr Hennerley. Clerk to invite a civil engineer and RMS.

All councillors should attend the event at the Village Hall on 30 November 2-8pm.

Mr Hennerley is working with Hoo Green residents and will invite them to our next PC meeting. Cllr Hind will prepare some posters.

10. Election 2019 – Clerk reminded councillors that there will be an election in May 2019.

11. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) United Utilities – Clerk had contacted UU again to say that when the Water Tower was sold Lord Grey said there was a condition that High Legh would receive water from the Lake District unless it was an emergency. Letter received from UU saying they had no record. Sent email on 23 October with Lord Grey's reply that his father had given the land for the water tower on the condition that they would only supply Lake District Water to High Legh.
- Electricity – Clerk had contacted SP Energy Networks as there have been several power outages, some only for seconds in May/July/August(2) and October(2). The shorter interruptions are a result of an automatic device called an auto re-closer opening and closing during a brief clashing or short circuiting of conductors, caused by a variety of reasons including adverse weather conditions, trees, wind borne items, birds and squirrels coming into contact with the overhead equipment.

- ii) Village Maintenance – A complaint from a resident had been received about the standard of the work on the pavements that have been slurry sealed. Clerk contacted CE Highways and received a response which was sent to the resident.
Clerk to report blocked drains on A50 and rubbish from accident at Peacock Lane needs removing. Hedge between the Bears Paw and Tishon House needs trimming. Clerk to report white lines at Peacock Lane/West Lane need repainting.

The following have been reported:

- 30mph sign near the footpath across the Golf Course on Wrenshot Lane near Pheasant Walk is not visible because of bushes obscuring it.
- School sign on Wrenshot Lane not clearly visible and needs cleaning.
- signs on A50 obscured by trees and need cleaning.
- drain blocked at West Lane/A50 junction.
- A50 wall between Woodlands Crescent and the Belfry, parts are on the pavement again.

Clerk had written to a resident whose hedge is overhanging West Lane

Gardener asked to: Tidy car park, treat weeds in resident's car park and The Belfry entrance and trim the shrubs in the Play Area at the appropriate time.

- iii) School Governors Report – 156 pupils with largest class having 24. Approx. £6,000 raised at 50th Anniversary Ball which will go towards improvements in the playground. The school received a sugar tax grant which also went towards the playground. Years 5 and 6 have been on a 5-day residential to PGL.

Costains were organising for Cummins to do some work on drainage of the school field. After reminder emails being sent from Mrs Tottle and the Clerk, someone came in to look at it and said that a new drain needs to be installed. As Mrs Tottle hadn't heard anything the Clerk emailed Costains and was told that the contractor who carried out drainage works had gone into liquidation. Costains will contact Mrs Tottle. Councillors felt that a letter should be sent to the Knutsford Guardian expressing our disappointment. Cllr Jenny Morton to draft.

- iv) Community Association – minutes had been circulated. Cllr Harrison said the CA AGM is on Sunday, 25 November at 2.30 pm. Councillors congratulated the CA for all their hard work.
- v) Shale Gas – nothing to report.
- vi) Broadband – Cllr Hind reported that a variety of providers were being looked at with the help of a resident.
- vii) Footpaths: Fanners Lane – When all forms received Clerk will send them to PROW.
Woodlands Crescent/Belfry field entrance – Awaiting response from residents and Cheshire East.
- viii) Police Report – PCSO Emma Darroch is holding regular surgeries at the Village Hall.
- ix) ChALC AGM – Clerk had attended.
- x) Manchester Airport meeting – Cllr Adams had attended.

12. New Business

- i) Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Wright will lay the poppy wreath at St John's Church.
Cllr Harrison will attend the event at Tatton Park.
- ii) CEC Pre-Budget Consultation – noted
- iii) CCA AGM – Clerk to attend.
- iv) New Homes Bonus Grants – HLCA and HL Community Transport were aware that they can apply for grants over £10,000.

13. Date of next meeting: Monday, 3 December at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.