

High Legh Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on **Monday 13 May 2019**

at High Legh Village Hall Upstairs Meeting Room

Present: W Hind (Chairman)
B Adams
G Coenen
M Cooper
T Harrison
J Morton
S Ruddock
J Sykes
R Wright
Borough Cllr K Parkinson

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk) and 5 parishioners

Apologies: Cllr Tuck and Lord Grey

1. **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Hind was proposed by Cllr Coenen and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

2. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Coenen was proposed by Cllr Hind and seconded by Cllr Adams.

3. **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

Councillors and the Clerk signed the forms

4. **Code of Conduct**

It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct as provided by Cheshire East Council, proposed by Cllr Hind, seconded by Cllr Morton. Councillors completed the Register of Interest forms.

5. **Finance Report**

Appointment of Internal Auditor - Mark Stant of Davidson Stant, had agreed to continue.

The accounts were accepted and signed. High Legh had been chosen to have an intermediate review. The Annual Return for the External Auditor was signed.

6. **Appointments**

Appointment of Planning Committee:

Cllr Cooper (Chairman)
Cllr Adams
Cllr Hind
Cllr Ruddock
Cllr Sykes

Appointment of Finance & General Purposes Committee:

Cllr Coenen (Chairman)
Cllr Adams
Cllr Hind
Cllr Tuck
Cllr Wright

Appointment of School House Committee:

Cllr Hind (Chairman)
Cllr Sykes

Appointment of Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee:

Cllr Coenen
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Morton
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Traffic & Highways Committee:

Cllr Sykes (Chairman)
Cllr Adams
Cllr Cooper
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Hind
Cllr Ruddock
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Complaints Panel:

Cllr Coenen (Chairman)
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Tuck

Appointment of HS2 Committee

Cllr Adams
Cllr Coenen
Cllr Ruddock
Cllr Sykes
Cllr Wright
Mr N Hennerley

Appointment of Police Liaison Officers: Cllr Morton and Cllr Coenen

Appointment of Adviser: Lord Grey

7. Nomination of PC representatives on outside bodies:

CA	Cllrs Morton and Harrison
High Legh Community Observatory Committee	Cllr Harrison
Shale Gas representative	Cllr Cooper

All the above appointments were agreed.

8. The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April were confirmed.

9. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright for the Village Hall, Cllr Coenen for HLCA and HS2 and Cllr Harrison for HS2.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that a small group had prepared a brief for the master planner. Grants were now available to apply for and Cllr Adams will find out if High Legh is eligible.

11. Traffic Sub Committee

Cllr Sykes reported that a decision on a mobile SID had not been reached. Discuss at next meeting.

Thanks were given to Cllr Ruddock for his traffic report from the VAS device on the A50. Clerk to contact CE Highways and Costains to see if they had any traffic reports.

12. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

CE have now agreed that the path near the Play Area can go ahead. Awaiting a date from the contractor. A meeting of the IAA Committee will be arranged. Councillors to let the Clerk know of any jobs that need doing around the parish. Cllr Wright will spray weed killer around the Village Hall.

13. HS2

Mr Hennerley is putting together a case against HS2. The PC will support this. Cllrs Adams, Coenen and Sykes will be attending the Transport for the North conference.

14. Planning

The Planning Report had been circulated and Cllr Cooper went through the applications.

Cllr Sykes reported that the Stretton Airfield application had been approved by Warrington but had to be approved by the Secretary of State.

Cllr Sykes will be attending a meeting of local parish councils with Eddie Stobart staff about the proposed new distribution centre.

The Clerk said that she had received a number of complaints about parking on West Lane in front of the new development. PCSO Emma Darroch had spoken to the owner to stop parking on the pavement but there was nothing she could do about the number of cars. The houses should be finished in a few weeks.

15. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

OSH water charge	£56.91
Peter Hamilton	£400.00

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

N Worth	£180.00
HLVH	£27.50
Davidson Stant	£180.00
ChALC	£511.56
Knutsford TC (CAB)	£480.00
Place North West	£178.20
Zurich Insurance	£613.66

All agreed

16. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Old School House – Cllr Sykes will action some work on the small gate. The guttering has been replaced.
- ii) School Governors Report - Esther McVey MP had visited the school and explained the parliamentary system and took questions about HS2. Miss McVey opened the new Nurture Garden. The school had taken part in the regional final of the Dance Off Competition, won the Knutsford Lion's Poetry Competition and the brass band had played at the Love Music Trust area conference.
- iii) Community Association – Sunday Teas had started again. Cllr Coenen said that there were only 2 or 3 people running the Hall and asked for ideas of people who could get involved.
- iv) Shale Gas – Mr Hennerley circulated a leaflet.
- v) Broadband for outlying areas – Cllr Hind said that a number of suppliers had been contacted but none had replied with anything positive. Cllr Parkinson suggested Tatton Estates. Cllr Hind will find out more information.
- vi) Action4Bus - Cllr Parkinson and Mr Hennerley had attended a meeting. The group are trying to get CE involved and also Transport for Greater Manchester.

- vii) Police report – no burglaries in High Legh. Two thefts from motor vehicles where tools were taken.
- viii) Operation London Bridge – the Clerk had spoken to the Church and will buy a condolence book.

17. New Business

- i) Mr Hennerley said he was organising an information event about climate change and asked if the PC would consider passing a motion about climate change. Mr Hennerley to do a presentation at the next meeting.
- ii) Cllr Wright will write to Cheshire Fire asking them to explain their policy on sirens at night.

18. Date of next meeting: Monday, 8 July at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.

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