

High Legh Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2019 AT HIGH LEGH VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Lord Grey, Mrs D Walker (Clerk) and Nigel Hennerley.

Apologies: Cllr Ruddock and Borough Cllr Parkinson

1. Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May were accepted as a true record.

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

3. **Business from parishioners** – nothing to report

4. Planning Committee

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

19/1685M Warrington Six56 Cllr Cooper to write a response about traffic concerns.
19/2798M The Forge, Warrington Road – conversion of existing single storey storage unit to 2 single storey dwellings
19/2903M Bears Paw Farmhouse – extension to an existing dwelling and demolition of rear structure
19/2907M Swineyard Lane Farm – conversion and extension of the existing barn to create 3 residential units
19/3190M Oak Tree Cottage East – detached garage extension

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Adams reported that he had applied for the maximum additional grant of £9000 which had been approved, subject to conditions. This will be the final grant.

6. Traffic Sub-Committee

A50 Proposed Traffic Plan – Clerk had contacted CE Highways for an update, but they are awaiting approval from our new borough councillor. Clerk to contact Cllr Parkinson.

7. HS2

A Design Refinement consultation had been announced which included passive provision for two junctions in High Legh for NPR. An event had been held at Mere Court Hotel on 26 June. Cllr Coenen said that it had the potential to have a massive impact on High Legh. Local parish councils had met with HS2 and NPR on 17 June for them to explain what the changes were, but NPR refused to say anything. A meeting with local parish councils to discuss traffic management concerns was held on 5 July. Three key points:

- i) The impact of the two spurs
- ii) The new positioning of the auto feeder station in High Legh
- iii) Traffic management

Cheshire East have been involved with TfN and with the planning of NPR but they have not represented us or informed us of what is happening.

Living in the village is going to be challenging – noise, dirt, traffic. Councillors to speak to residents about the impact. Consultation closes on 6 September. A meeting is being arranged with an HS2 engineer. A meeting of the HS2 sub-committee will be arranged. Contact CEC to make them recognise the impact this will have on High Legh. Cllrs Coenen and Adams have a meeting with Esther McVey, MP. A pro forma letter will be sent out by email to residents to help with their response. Ground investigations have started and in Quarter 3 boreholing intrusive work will start. Cllr Tuck will provide information about a review that will take place.

8. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee

A meeting of the sub-committee had been held on 12 June. It was agreed that we would ask someone to clean the road signs, starting with the main roads. Ansa have sent an order to RMS for the resurfacing of the footpath between Somerville Close and the play area. Clerk to write to the residents at the front of Woodlands Crescent to ask them to check the wall and overhanging shrubs.

Cllr Julie Morton had met with Mr Tansey from CEC Asset Management Service to discuss using CE land for a new access to Woodlands Crescent. Clerk to write to residents and UU.

9. Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

ScottishPower	£33.79
ScottishPower	£107.73
D Walker	£1599.60
HLVH rent	£42.50
Campbells	£270.00
R Wright	£25.00
J Randlo	£130.00

All agreed

A Finance committee meeting will be held early in September.

10. Climate Change Emergency

Nigel Hennerley reported on Climate Change and invited councillors to a meeting on 19 July. A motion will be put to the next meeting. Mr Hennerley suggested we add Environment to the IAA committee.

11. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors

- i) Utilities – Clerk had written to SP Energy Networks to complain about the recent outages who apologised for the inconvenience. The fault has now been fixed.
Gas leak on Pheasant Walk in June.
- ii) Village Maintenance – A working party had cleared the weeds from the entrance to The Belfry and the box hedge had been trimmed.
- iii) Old School House – A tree had come down in the garden but had now been removed. Cllr Wright reported ivy growing on the boundary wall.
- iv) School Governors Report – 9 children had started since April which brings the total in September to 166.
- v) Community Association – no meeting.
- vi) Shale Gas – nothing in CE yet.
- vii) Broadband – Cllr Tuck mentioned a 4G SIM card with unlimited data that works in a router that was now available.
- viii) Police – A complaint had been made to the Police & Crime Commissioner about the length of time a 101 call took to answer. The thieves returned later and a car was stolen.
- ix) A56 Action4Bus – Mr Hennerley reported that meetings were ongoing.

12. New Business

- i) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Coenen had requested some new stickers. Discuss scheme at a future meeting.
- ii) Travellers – Cllr Sykes reported that travellers had camped opposite to him in a layby on Swineyard Lane. Clerk to report to police and CE.

13. Date of next meeting: Monday, 9 September at 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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