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**MEETING OF CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm**

**The meeting was held at Lindow Primary School, Chorley, Alderley Edge.**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Cllr Richard Barraclough (Vice Chair of CPC & Chair for the meeting), Cllr Christa Gould, Cllr David Connor, Cllr Margaret Rainey & Cllr Sophie Wilkinson (nee Beever),  
Also, Present – Ashley Comiskey Dawson (Clerk)  
Ward Cllr Mark Goldsmith**

**1) Apologies for absence: 22/085**

Apologies received from Cllr Barry Durbar.

**2) To receive Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI): 22/086**

Cllr Gould declared an interest in item 22/095 22/3245M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP.

**3) Parishioners' attendance:** Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest & Open Forum-Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. The maximum time allotted for public speaking is 15 minutes: **22/087**

None.

**4) To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022: 22/088**

Cllr Connor proposed, seconded by Cllr Rainey to approve, and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

**5) To receive any updates from the PCSO. 22/089**

Incidents of note:

- 29/07/22 Upcast Lane. At 03:08 dog disturbed person in back garden with torch. No offences identified and no link to other incidents.
  - 12/08/22 Knutsford Road. Rogue trader failed to complete landscaping work leaving victim at least £1,500 out of pocket. Suspect identified, but victim did not support further action.
- When employing the services of a tradesperson it is always best to identify multiple people or companies with the relevant qualifications to perform the job, as well as gathering and comparing price quotes. Online research can identify the average cost of having many pieces of work completed and will also show customer reviews from various websites. Citizens Advice offers further information: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/getting-home-improvements-done/before-you-get-building-work-done/>

Other issues:

- Speed enforcement was permitted to recommence on Knutsford Road on 4th August. Since then, the TruCam speed enforcement camera has been deployed twice, recording 11 vehicles.
- Parking patrols around Lindow Community Primary School have restarted following the summer holidays.

**6) To receive any updates from Ward Councillors. 22/090**

Cllr Mark Goldsmith reported the following: CEC had anticipated in their budget that employees would most likely be receiving a 2% pay increase, however, owing to the cost-of-living crisis this was looking to be more like a 7% increase. There was no information currently available as to whether councils will be entitled to a capping in the cost of energy bills in line with the governments household rollout and this will put enormous financial strain on all councils. CE are considering that if they don't receive a cap on energy bills they may have to close swimming pools through the winter along with a range of other energy saving measures. Cllr Goldsmith noted that CE has come out of the Covid-19 pandemic in a fairly strong financial position, however because of these factors further strain would be put on budgets and resources within CEC. He noted that CEC will be launching its speed awareness strategy consultation and that resulting from this it would be easier for the installation of SID's in various locations throughout the borough. He also noted that in the next financial year all ward councillors would be receiving approximately £6,500.00 to address immediate highways problems in their wards. The current rollout had been difficult as there had not really been a process in place to allow ward councillors to spend their allocations and any spend had been resisted by highways officers. However, councillors were very much in favour of the scheme following this pilot in recent years. Cllr goldsmith also noted that the plans to build a new car park in Wilmslow had been abandoned owing to largely reduced levels of use in the current car parks. This is because of greater working from home by companies as well as fewer commuter trains running to London. Cllr Goldsmith also reported that CEC were still looking to build a traveller site outside Middlewich and indicated that they were reviewing the waste and recycling strategy to see if any improvements could be made regarding the current waste and recycling centres and whether Wilmslow needed a new centre.

## **7) Matters Arising 22/091**

- i. Position of TROs within Chorley. – Fully reinstated as per PCSO indication of speed enforcement recommencing.
- ii. To discuss and agree necessary investigation and maintenance of problematic trees on the Row of Trees site. – Cllr Connor met with a local resident and a tree surgeon on site to discuss the issue. It was noted that the trunks of the trees had been damaged by a machine at some point leading to the roughing of the bark of the mountain Ash (Rowan) trees. This allowed a fungus to spread to all the trees and has fully infected the soil. It was recommended that all the trees at the site be fully removed and replaced with a variety not susceptible to this type of fungus. A variety of Silver Birch called Jacquemontii was recommended as a suitable replacement. Cllrs Connor and Wilkinson will look into obtaining quotes for the full removal of all the trees on site, as well as quotes for replacements with the Jacquemontii variety.
- iii. To discuss any actions for the Handyman – Cllr Rainey will purchase the Daffodil bulbs previously authorised by the council and the handyman to plant. It was also requested that the handyman weed spray along Knutsford Road, as the CEC weed spraying appeared largely unsuccessful and the handyman was also requested to begin leaf blowing as the trees were losing their leaves.
- iv. To update councillors regarding installation of Christmas lighting for 2022.- The New 2022 Christmas lights have been installed and there is scope for lighting installation of the fourth tree. The electrician is booked to attend site on 15<sup>th</sup> September to convert the street light column and to provide socket and timer for the lights.
- v. Update on swing in Beswicks Lane Park. – The missing swing was reinstalled by ANSA over the summer, noted the new swing looks exactly like the one which was removed earlier in the year.
- vi. Update on Community Defibrillator at Lindow CP School. – A donation was made by CPC to the school, which was gratefully received, and the new parts have now been fitted to allow the defibrillator to return to full working use.

## **8) Highways Issues 22/092**

- I. Pavements – Incursions and overgrowth – Handyman to cut back along corner with Cressey's Grains.
- II. Road Markings – Councillors to provide a list of replacement road markings to Cllr Durbar which will be escalated to Cllr Goldsmith for inclusion in future highways scheme.
- III. Posts on Upcast Lane – CE Highways to reinstate – appear to have been returned, however are still loose. CPC to ask the handyman to Post-Crete these in firmly.
- IV. Overgrown Hedge at Dingle Avenue. – Raised with CEC, to be cut this season.
- V. Flooding of Foden Lane – No update.
- VI. Sink Hole on Foden Lane – No Update.
- VII. Beechwood House fence, Foden Lane – The clerk has copied Cllr Goldsmith in on previous exchange with CE Highways officer, Cllr Goldsmith to escalate.

## **9) MOTION: To discuss and agree the production of a new version of Chorley Chat to be distributed to households in Chorley – Potential cost up to £500.00. (Cllr Beaver). 22/093**

Cllr Rainey proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson to agree the production of a new version of Chorley Chat to be distributed to households in Chorley – Potential cost up to £500.00.  
Noted that councillors felt that they would undertake the distribution of the Chorley Chat, therefore there would be a much-reduced cost than that authorised, and this would be simply down to the professional printing of the newsletter. Draft to be returned to the clerk by month end September, with a view to printing and distribution circa October 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## 11) Planning

### 1) Decided List: 22/094

- a) 20/5604M Land at, PROSPECT LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE – **Awaiting Decision.**
- b) 21/0107M 2, PROSPECT COTTAGES, PROSPECT LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7ST – **Awaiting Decision.**
- c) 21/0262M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SP – **Awaiting Decision.**
- d) 20/2468M - Land to which the application relates is, Field adjacent to Birch House, Gore Lane, Alderley Edge, SK9 7SP - Proposed PV Ground Mounted Solar Panel Installation. **Awaiting Decision.**
- e) 21/3208M Davenport House Cottage, CARR LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SL. **Approved with Conditions.**
- f) 22/1093M CHRISTOPHER JACKSON LTD, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE, SK9 7RX. **Awaiting Decision.**
- g) 21/3209M Davenport House Cottage, CARR LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SL. **Approved with conditions.**
- h) 22/1827M Foden House, FODEN LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SX. **Awaiting Decision.**
- i) 22/1942M Tanyard Farm, CHELFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7TQ. **Approved with Conditions.**
- j) 22/2447D Wastewater Treatment Works, CARR LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SL. **Approved.**

### 2) New Applications: 22/095

- a) 21/6090M CHORLEY OLD HALL, CHORLEY HALL CLOSE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7TG – No Comment.
- b) 22/2792M RED BEECH HOUSE, 78, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF - We, Chorley Parish Council have carefully considered the details of Planning Application No. 22/2792M and, as a result continue to hold the position that we object to this development as we did with the previous application for this development under Ref. 22/0441M. The reasons for our objection remain as previously stated and are that we believe that this is 'New Build' situated on Green Belt land. We also have significant concerns regarding access. The proposed location, we believe is intrusive to the nearby Neighbours properties and the negative effect it will have on their ability to enjoy their own homes. The access track to the proposed site is extremely narrow and is already constrained by others accessing their properties. We would strongly suggest that the allocated Planning Officer views the location in person in order to full appreciate the location/access issues/Neighbour proximity/Traffic flow and current usage.

Should the application be approved we would ask for the following to be part of the conditions of approval.

- \* Clarification is required to establish who owns the track where the development is proposed and we would recommend that once this is understood then a legal document is created regarding long term access for all affected, it is agreed and signed off by all affected parties.
- \* We would also ask that conditions are set that access remains clear for Neighbours at all times during and after construction.
- \* Contractors are not to block access or carry out works outside agreed times.
- \* Care is taken to keep the access track in good order during the Construction and the Applicant leaves the track in good condition.

- c) 22/3245M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP - We, Chorley Parish Council have no objections to Application No. 22/3245M relating to a development at Plum Tree Cottage, Gore Lane, Chorley, Alderley Edge.

- d) 22/3251M CEMETERY LODGE, CHELFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, CHESHIRE, SK9 7TQ - We, Chorley Parish Council fully support the development of the Cemetery Lodge, Chelford Road, Chorley, Alderley Edge which has been applied for under Application No. 22/3251M. A number of our members have actually stated that it will be a vast improvement on the building which is currently in a state of disrepair. We would also like to add the following comment for the deciding Planning Officer to take into account when making their decision. Much of the work will be undertaken around the single access point to the Cemetery. This remains an active Cemetery with numerous burials throughout the week and frequent Visitors during the week and at weekends so it will be very important that during the works that the Developers are kept informed in advance of funerals so they may show respect and keep the access clear for the mourners. It will also be important that Visitors to the Cemetery can gain access too. Chelford Road is a busy road with a great deal of fast-moving traffic, any delays in getting access in and out of the Cemetery may lead to road traffic accidents. As a long-term consideration when the building becomes two separate dwellings, again, access should be kept clear at all times.
- e) 22/3468M Tanyard Farm, CHELFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7TQ

Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

## 12) Finance 22/096

- i. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial year to date 2022/23 to be agreed and signed
- ii. Order of payment of accounts BACS & Cheques for September 2022 to be agreed and signed

Cllr Rainey proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson to approve, and sign the cash book and bank reconciliation YTD and the order of payment of accounts for September 2022 totalling £2,784.73.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

## 13) Notices & Correspondence 22/097

- i. All correspondence has been circulated to all councillors either by hand or via email
- ii. An invitation has been received from Wilmslow Town Council inviting a representative to the Wilmslow Civic Service to be held on 09<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

## 14) Date of next meeting 22/098

19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**Meeting closed at 8:59pm**

**Vice Chairman of Chorley Parish Council (and Chair for the meeting)**

**Cllr R Barraclough**

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Date Raised	Action	Cllr / Officer Responsible	Target Date for completion
22-07-20 06-04-22  14-09-22	Update on missing TROs from Ward  Implemented.	CE have now launched a consultation which will replace the existing TROs or lack thereof throughout the borough.	ASAP
22-07-20  19-01-22	White lining on Dingle Avenue  Use of Area Highways funds up to £600.00	Clerk / CE Highways  Cllr Mark Goldsmith	Unfortunately, no funding for the CRCT works at this present time however, such issues on the

14-09-22	Reiterated to be used in next financial year.		network are noted and this location been one of them, all such issues considered on a priority-based approach.
01-10-17	Foden Lane - Flooding	Andy Wilson CE Flood Risk – Andy Simpson	Awaiting response from Area Highways Officer. See Sink Hole – Foden Lane
01-06-18  July 22	Foden Lane - Bracken (Regular cutting by CE over three years)  Bracken has been cut back on Foden Lane.	CE LHO – CE Highways	This location should be on the vis-cut, I have sent an email to the green op's manager, although I will checkout this week myself. (Sept 21) Jeremy Hough has contacted the manager at SCP to ensure cut-back continues.
04-03-20	Sink hole on Foden Lane	Andy Simpson / CE Highways / HSE	This location is placed on the capital schemes of repair where the barriers are placed around on the verge however, the drainage improvement over the little bridge is identified and details of the priority criteria is on the Cheshire east website.
22-07-20  16-09-20	Liaise with Cllr C Browne regarding speed reduction measures on Knutsford Road.  Speed review of Chelford Road.	CPC / Cllr Browne / Cllr Goldsmith	ASAP Cllr Goldsmith has made internal request to CEC for a contact name for the Cheshire East Road Safety Executive Board.
21-07-21	Consider community events / initiatives	All Cllrs	02-03-2022
06-04-22  20-07-22  14-09-22	Installation of Christmas tree for 2022 11-05-22 Noted potential for Cherry Trees along Knutsford Road to be wrapped in Xmas illumination. Clerk to obtain quotes for this work and bring to council for approval 20-07-22  CPC agreed in house purchase and wrapping of Cherry Trees ready for Christmas 2022. Completed – Electrical Install to take place 15-09-22 (Scope for 4 <sup>th</sup> tree to be wrapped)	Clerk / Cllr Connor	20-07-22   To be completed by end of summer 2022.
20-07-22  14-09-22	Liaise with ANSA re installation of new baby swing at Beswicks Lane playground area.  ANSA have reinstated swing at play area.	Clerk	ASAP