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MEETING OF CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Richard Barraclough, Cllr Barry Durbar, Cllr Sophie Horsey & Cllr Sophie Wilkinson (Chair of Chorley Parish Council).

Also, Present – Ashley Comiskey Dawson (Clerk)

CE Deputy Leader Cllr Craig Browne

CE Ward Cllr Mark Goldsmith

One PCSO

1) Apologies for absence: 23/083

Apologies received from Cllrs Connor, Gould & Rainey.

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): 23/084

Cllr Sophie Wilkinson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in item 23/094 C – planning application reference: 23/3236M and will leave the meeting room and not take part in the debate or vote on the item.

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: **23/085**

None.

4) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of Chorley Parish Council held on the 19th of July 2023: 23/086

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough to approve, and sign the minutes of the Chorley Parish Council meeting held on the 19th of July 2023.

Resolved: Unanimously.

5) To receive an update from the PCSO. 23/087

The PCSO gave the following report:

Two incidents of note:

- 08/09 There was a two-vehicle collision on Chelford Road close to the junction of Foden Lane. No further action is to be taken by police.
- 09/09 Noise incident from a property on Carr Lane, possibly a young person's party, however, there was no noise when officers arrived, and no further action was taken.
- School parking patrol has now resumed during term time.
- Tru Cam has been used on three occasions which has led to 14 activations.
- The next police surgery will take place on 03rd October 2023.

6) To receive any update from Wilmslow West and Chorley Ward Members. 23/088

Cllr Mark Goldsmith noted that he had been contacted by the developers of the Laburnum Farm site and noted that the planning application was moving slowly. There were a number of Lawful Development Certificates which needed to be approved by the planning department, but there was some progress. He also noted that there was a review into the grass cutting undertaken by CE and whether all the areas being cut currently were actually CE property. Also of note was a new tree inspection policy which was being implemented across the borough.

7) To welcome CE Ward member Cllr Craig Browne who is attending the meeting primarily to discuss highway issues as Chair of the CE highways and Transport Committee. **23/089**

Cllr Sophie Wilkinson welcomed Cllr Craig Browne to the meeting.

Cllr Craig Browne went on to give a short presentation on the current economic state of CEC. The following points were noted:

- CEC is the 15th Largest Unitary Authority in England
- It has 400,000 residents.
- It is the 17th most complex council in the country.
- It is the busiest authority in the Northwest area for planning applications.
- CEC no longer receives a government support grant which in 2013/14 was worth circa £59 million and it was up to the authority to make up the shortfall.
- The business rates collected by CEC are calculated by central government on the index of deprived areas and therefore CEC only receives 30p in every £1 of business rates collected.
- Cllr Browne went on to note the “online Highways program tracker” which can be used to review all road maintenance in progress or scheduled.
- Chorley PC informed Cllr Browne of all the current highways issues as described under 23/090 below and he noted these to escalate within the highways department, of which he is currently the Chair.

8) Matters Arising **23/090**

- i. Update on deed of easement with the developers of the Laburnum Farm site. – No update as the planning application process has not yet completed.
- ii. Footpaths & Bridleways. – Once all the information is gathered Cllr Goldsmith advised to forward across to him, so that he could raise a member’s enquiry and that it could be directed to the correct department in Cheshire East for review.
- iii. To discuss information received from ANSA regarding grass cutting at the Row of Trees. – Noted that the proposed costing of Grass Cutting for the next financial year have been received from ANSA, however Chorley PC have already agreed to move these services in-house.
- iv. To discuss information received from Land Registry regarding the hedge at Dingle Avenue. – It was noted that following a land registry search, the path and hedge at Dingle Avenue are registered under the ownership of Cheshire East Borough Council, this information has been passed back to highways for re-inclusion on their hedge cutting program.
- v. Tree planting by WI at Row of Trees. – No update.

9) Highways Issues **23/091**

- I. Pavements – Incursions and overgrowth.
- II. To discuss the recent surface redressing of Knutsford Road and Line Markings. – Escalated to Cllr Browne.
- III. Flooding of Foden Lane. – Escalated to Cllr Browne.
- IV. Sink Hole on Foden Lane. – Escalated to Cllr Browne.
- V. 20MPH School Sign on Knutsford Road. The PCSO noted that these were working, however subsequent to the meeting it has been established that the 20MPH sign adjacent to the Old Bowling Green is still out. The clerk will refer this to the team at highways who have been dealing with the issue.

10) MOTION: To agree a letter of objection on behalf of CPC to be sent to Cheshire East Council regarding the introduction of a green bin charge. **23/092**

Cllr Barraclough proposed, seconded by Cllr Durbar to agree a letter of objection on behalf of CPC to be sent to Cheshire East Council regarding the introduction of a green bin charge.

Resolved: Unanimously.

It was noted that the £56.00 charge has to be paid as a one-off fee and is not going to be spread over the council tax year. Cllr Browne will raise this with the relevant officers at CE.

11) Planning

1) Decided List: **23/093**

- a) 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.**
- b) 22/3245M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP **Awaiting Decision.**

- c) 22/3945M 36 & 38, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- d) 22/2792M RED BEECH HOUSE, 78, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- e) 23/1453M WILLOW TREE FARM, FODEN LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7TH **Approved with Conditions.**
- f) 23/1404M Kindle Cottage, 60A, Knutsford Road, ALDERLEY EDGE, Alderley Edge, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- g) 23/1527M Gorse House, Knutsford Road, Alderley Edge, SK9 7SW **Approved with Conditions.**
- h) 23/2334M 74A, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- i) 23/2016M Land off, Chelford Road, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TJ **Awaiting Decision.**

2) New Applications: 23/094

- a) 23/2623M LAND AT 66 TO 72, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE - We, Chorley Parish Council, would like to make the following comments relating to Planning Application No. 23/2623M in the Parish of Chorley, Alderley Edge. Members of Chorley Parish Council have on a number of occasions met with the Applicants to discuss the proposed development and access requirements with specific interest to the Common Lane mentioned in the Application. The Applicants have kept us fully briefed throughout this period. We are of the opinion that the proposed development would be a huge improvement on its current appearance and condition and that it would meet the requirements for additional housing. We are resolute that we shall do everything in order to safeguard the Common Land legislation, however, this in no way deviates from our view that we do fully support the development.

We would ask that, should the proposed development be approved then the following conditions be set.

- a) All nearby residents will be treated considerately in that set times of working will be adhered to. The proposed Works, we appreciate will be significant, so we ask that this be taken into consideration at all times.
- b) The plans indicate on the proposed layout map that an extension to the North could be applied for in the future. We would ask that this is treated as a totally separate Application and whilst it is helpful to understand the overall plan it is not to be included into this scheme.

- b) 23/2334M 74A, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF - We Chorley Parish Council have no objection to the above application but would recommend that the rear first floor window is fitted with frosted glass to ensure privacy for both occupier and neighbouring properties.
- c) 23/3236M FREYAS FOLLY STABLES, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP – Cllr Wilkinson left the meeting room, and the item was debated and voted upon following her expression of disclosable of personal and pecuniary interest. We Chorley Parish Council object to the proposed application on the following grounds: Chorley Parish Council consider this to be development in the Green Belt; The stables are currently in equine use; there is concern relating to Public Bridleway No.30 and how this will be affected by any development. Chorley Parish Council also raise concern that this application potentially lies within the Lindow Moss preservation area.

The above was agreed unanimously by all present.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Cllr Sophie Wilkinson was invited back into the room and continued to chair the meeting.

Weekly planning lists – circulated by email.

12) Finance 23/095

- i. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial year to date 2023/24 to be agreed and signed.
- ii. Order of payment of accounts BACS & Cheques for September 2023 to be agreed and signed.

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson to approve, and sign the Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial year to date 2023/24 and agree the order of payment of accounts for September, totalling £430.96.

Resolved: Unanimously.

13) Notices & Correspondence 23/096

- i. All correspondence has been circulated to all councillors either by hand or via email.

14) Date of next meeting 23/097

11th October 2023.

Meeting closed at 8:52pm

Chairman of Chorley Parish Council
Cllr Sophie Wilkinson
13th September 2023

| Date Raised | Action | Cllr / Officer Responsible | Target Date for completion |
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| 22-07-20 | White lining on Dingle Avenue | Clerk / CE Highways | Unfortunately, no funding for the CRCT works at this present time however, such issues on the network are noted and this location been one of them, all such issues considered on a priority-based approach. |
| 19-01-22 14-09-22 17-05-23 | Use of Area Highways funds up to £600.00 Reiterated to be used in next financial year. Cllr Goldsmith confirmed he allocated his entire highways budget to Wilmslow. | Cllr Mark Goldsmith | |
| 28-07-23 | CE full surface dressing of Knutsford Road CPC have requested that lining be fully reinstated following this. | Cllr Michael Gorman | |
| 13-09-23 | Escalated to Cllr Craig Browne | Cllr Craig Browne | |
| 01-10-17 15-03-23 05-04-23 19-07-23 | Foden Lane – Flooding Meet with AHO to review. Funding through 23/24 highways scheme by CE CPC have invited Cllr Craig Browne to a future meeting to discuss. | Andy Wilson CE Flood Risk – Andy Simpson Cllr Craig Browne | Awaiting response from Area Highways Officer. See Sink Hole – Foden Lane |
| 13-09-23 | Escalated to Cllr Craig Browne | Cllr Craig Browne | |
| 01-06-18 July 22 July 23 | Foden Lane - Bracken (Regular cutting by CE over three years) Bracken has been cut back on Foden Lane. Bracken Half 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 |

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| | | | drainage improvement over the little bridge is identified and details of the priority criteria is on the Cheshire east website. |
| 15-03-23 | Meet with AHO to review. | | |
| 05-04-23 | Team from Highways attended but no further progress or update. | | |
| 13-09-23 | Escalated to Cllr Craig Browne | Cllr Craig Browne | |
| 19-10-22 | Mark overgrown hedges and excess water flows onto map of Foden Lane and return to AHO for him to contact landowners | Cllr Rainey | ASAP |
| 11-01-23 | Check 20MPH signs to see if properly working. | CE Highways Signs Specialist to attend site and determine fault. | ASAP |
| 19-07-23 | Still not working. | Clerk will contact AHO to expedite these repairs. | |
| 11-01-23 | Christmas lights remove and check / test for faults and reinstall. | Lengthsman | To May 2023 |
| 13-09-23 | Three trees fully functional – a break was found in the main power connector between trees 2&3 which has now been fixed. | | |
| 08-03-23 | Mark onto map all broken stiles for PROW to review and repair | PROW | Summer 2023 |
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