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**MEETING OF CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

**MINUTES**

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

**Also, Present – Ashley Comiskey Dawson (Clerk)**

**CE Ward Cllr Mark Goldsmith**

**1) Apologies for absence: 24/016**

Apologies received from Cllrs Connor & Rainey.

Apologies received from Cllr Horsey, it was noted by all councillors present that Cllr Horsey had not attended a meeting of Chorley Parish Council for Six consecutive months and had therefore, self-disqualified as a councillor. The clerk will notify Cheshire East Council electoral services that Chorley Parish Council now has a casual vacancy.

**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): 24/017**

None.

**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: **24/018**

None.

**4) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of Chorley Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024: 24/019**

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough to approve, and sign the minutes of the Chorley Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

**5) To receive an update from the PCSO. 24/020**

**The PCSO provided the following report:**

Cheshire Constabulary  
Chorley Parish Council report 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Incidents of note:

- 04/03/2024 – Chelford Road. One-vehicle Road traffic collision where car flipped onto its roof. No injuries and believed caused by ice and mud on road.
- 14/01/2024 – Knutsford Road. Report of large explosion. Police, fire, and electrical engineers attended, and the cause was found to be a malfunctioned electricity substation in Alderley Edge.

Other issues:

- Speed enforcement with TruCam was carried out on Knutsford Road on:
  - 10/02/2024 – 1 activation.
  - 04/03/2024 – 7 activations.

All vehicles have been sent for processing by the Central Ticket Office at HQ which will decide further action to be taken by the drivers: no further action, course, points and a fine or court.

- Upcoming surgeries at Brook Lane Coffee Co.:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> April
  - 21<sup>st</sup> May
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**6) To receive any update from Wilmslow West and Chorley Ward Members. 24/021**

Cllr Goldsmith reported the following, that CEC have approved the new ward boundary proposals and that these have been submitted to the Boundary Commission. CEC have also approved their new balanced budget for 24/25. A new CEO has been appointed at Cheshire East who was driving cost saving initiatives around paperwork and the use of AI. Noted that subsequent to the cancellation of HS2 the government has announced a sum of money to be allocated to CE Transport and Highways of £186 million over the course of the next 8 years. Also noted that Cllr Browne has stepped down as deputy leader of CEC and Cllr Gorman has replaced him as deputy leader and has also assumed the role as chair of the Economy and Growth committee. Cllr Goldsmith has now assumed the role as the chair of the highways committee.

**7) Matters Arising 24/022**

- i. Update on deed of easement with the developers of the Laburnum Farm site. – Positive Certificate Granted, however still awaiting full planning permission, case officer is on leave at present.
- ii. Update on the CEC Ward Boundary Review. – Noted that CE have approve the ward boundary proposals for Cheshire East, if any resident wishes to make further representation to the new ward boundary proposals, this will have to be done through the Boundary Commission website.
- iii. CPC Involvement with Lindow 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. – no update, although they have received £250,000.00 in grant funding.
- iv. Skip on Dingle Avenue. – CPC to determine who is responsible for the skip and request its removal as it is full and there is another large volume of material adjacent to the skip and debris from the skip is causing littering problems on Dingle Avenue and Knutsford Road.
- v. Abandoned Vehicle – Dingle Avenue. – Removed.
- vi. Footpaths & Bridleways.
- vii. To discuss the hedge cutting at Dingle Avenue. - completed by Parish Ranger.

**8) Highways Issues 24/023**

- I. Pavements – Incursions and overgrowth.
- II. Flooding of Foden Lane. – Raised with Cllr Goldsmith.
- III. Sink Hole on Foden Lane. – Raised with Cllr Goldsmith.
- IV. 20MPH School Sign on Knutsford Road. – Parish Ranger to cut back overgrown hedge in front of this and School sign.
- V. Gullies and drainage. – Raised with Cllr Goldsmith.

**9) MOTION: To receive recommendations from councillors regarding the spend of currently held CIL monies to be fully ratified at the March meeting. 24/024**

Noted that the quotation for new park equipment was substantially higher than anticipated and therefore, CPC could not spend CIL on new park equipment.  
 Noted that the clerk had met with the CE area highways officer to discuss repairs to the pavement outside Cressey's grains, awaiting quotation for third party works from CE Highways.  
 Clerk to investigate the cost of new 30 MPH roundel signs.

**10) MOTION: To adopt an Investment Strategy and Treasury Management strategy with reference to the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003. 24/025**

Cllr Durbar proposed seconded by Cllr Wilkinson to adopt the new Investment Strategy and Treasury Management strategy with reference to the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

**11) MOTION: To adopt an expenses policy covering both officers and members. 24/026**

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Gould to adopt an expenses policy covering both officers and members.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

**12) MOTION: To agree a response to the Electoral Commission regarding the proposed changes to the Cheshire East Council warding arrangements. 24/027**

Cllr Wilkinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough that Whilst Chorley Parish Council broadly agree with the new Warding arrangements that affect Chorley, the council would recommend that the new ward be named Alderley Edge and Chorley, not just Alderley Edge.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

### 13) Planning **24/028**

#### 1) Decided List: **24/029**

- a) 22/3245M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP **Awaiting Decision.**
- b) 22/3945M 36 & 38, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- c) 22/2792M RED BEECH HOUSE, 78, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- d) 23/2334M 74A, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF **Approved with Conditions.**
- e) 23/2623M LAND AT 66 TO 72, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE **Awaiting Decision.**
- f) 23/3236M FREYAS FOLLY STABLES, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP **Awaiting Decision.**
- g) 23/3499M CEMETERY LODGE, CHELFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7TQ **Approved with Conditions.**
- h) 23/4422M Trafford House Farm, Beswicks Lane, Alderley Edge, SK9 7SN **Withdrawn.**
- i) 23/2583M LAND AT 66 TO 72, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE **Positive Certificate.**

#### 2) New Applications: **24/030**

- a) 23/4803M Pnd View, 66, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF - We, Chorley Parish Council, have read in detail through the recent Retrospective Planning Application No. 23/4803M requesting that the Siting of a mobile home, fencing, landscaping, new access and parking facilities at an address logged as Pond View, 66 Knutsford Road, Chorley, Alderley Edge. We object to this Retrospective Application in that it is a totally inappropriate development. Please may we ask that the Enforcement Team within Cheshire East are consulted and that they have the opportunity to review the documentation and comment.
- b) 24/0145M 27, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SD - We, Chorley Parish Council, have no objections to Planning Application No. 24/0145M relating to 27 Knutsford Road, Chorley, Alderley Edge.
- c) 24/0294M Trafford House Farm, BESWICKS LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE

Weekly planning lists – circulated by email.

### 14) Finance **24/031**

- 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 March 2024 to be agreed and signed.

Cllr Wilkinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough to approve, and sign the Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial year to date 2023/24.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

Cllr Wilkinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Gould to approve the order of payment of accounts for March 2024 totalling £638.76.

**Resolved: Unanimously.**

### 15) Notices & Correspondence **24/032**

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

16) Date of next meeting **24/033**

03<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Chair of Chorley Parish Council  
Cllr Sophie Wilkinson  
06<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Date Raised	Action	Cllr / Officer Responsible	Target Date for completion
01-10-17 15-03-23 05-04-23 19-07-23  13-09-23 10-01-24 06-03-24	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.  Escalated to Cllr Craig Browne Escalated to Cllr Michael Gorman Escalated to Cllr Goldsmith	Andy Wilson CE Flood Risk – Andy Simpson  Cllr Craig Browne  Cllr Craig Browne Cllr Michael Gorman Cllr Mark Goldsmith	Awaiting response from Area Highways Officer. See Sink Hole – Foden Lane
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    15-03-23 05-04-23  13-09-23 10-01-24 06-03-24	Sink hole on Foden Lane    Meet with AHO to review.  Team from Highways attended but no further progress or update.  Escalated to Cllr Craig Browne Escalated to Cllr Michael Gorman Escalated to Cllr Mark Goldsmith	Andy Simpson / CE Highways / HSE    Cllr Craig Browne Cllr Michael Gorman Cllr Mark Goldsmith	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.
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

08-03-23	Mark onto map all broken stiles for PROW to review and repair.	PROW	Summer 2023
10-01-24	Three new kissing gates installed by PROW	PROW	10-01-24
10-01-24	Involvement with Lindow 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	All Councillors	ASAP
10-01-24 06-03-24	Ward Boundary Review Submit comments to Boundary Commission.	All Councillors Clerk	Ongoing ASAP