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MEETING OF CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 03rd April 2024 at 7.30pm

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

MINUTES

**Present: Cllr Richard Barraclough (Vice Chair of Chorley Parish Council and Chair for the meeting), Cllr Barry Durbar, Cllr Christa Gould & Cllr Margaret Rainey.
Also, Present – Ashley Comiskey Dawson (Clerk)
CE Ward Cllr Mark Goldsmith**

1) Apologies for absence: 24/034

Apologies received from Cllrs Connor & Wilkinson.

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): 24/035

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: 24/036.

None.

4) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of Chorley Parish Council held on the 06th of March 2024: 24/037

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough to approve, and sign the minutes of the Chorley Parish Council meeting held on 06th March 2024.

Motion Carried: Three in Favour with one abstention.

5) To receive an update from the PCSO. 24/038

The PCSO provided the following update:

Cheshire Constabulary
Chorley Parish Council report 3rd April 2024

Incidents of note:

No incidents of note.

Other issues:

- Speed enforcement with TruCam was carried out on Knutsford Road on:
 - 28/03/2024 x2 – 10 activations in total.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.:
 - 9th April
 - 21st May

6) To receive any update from Wilmslow West and Chorley Ward Members. 24/039

Cllr Mark Goldsmith was in attendance at the meeting and reported the following: CEC was currently undergoing an LGA peer review whereby councillors from other local authorities review working practices of the council. It is noted that Cheshire East Council is an amalgamation of three councils with no overview, three separate headquarters in Crewe, Sandbach and Macclesfield and officers work in a compartmentalised way. There needs to be a process to turn CEC into one council. To this end CEC have appointed a team of specialists at a cost of £480,000.00 with a view to making cost savings of £100 million over the next five years, they will investigate the implementation of AI and understand the legal minimum requirement which can be offered as CEC's service level in all areas. This will also lead to a way of allocating money to departments more efficiently. The highways contract with Ringway Jacobs is a 15-year contract with a seven-year break clause, however, there needs to be valid legal reasons apparent if CEC were to break this clause. Evidence to benchmark this requires evaluation against other councils and CEC are contracting consultants to work on this on their behalf. Currently all highways work comes with an agreed price tag. There is an ongoing bus review taking place across the borough to improve services. CEC are moving away from using the FixMyStreet service as in the past it was a charitable service which has now become a business and will no longer respond to requests to changes from CEC. There is a proposal to integrate the system with the Kaarbon Tech drainage tracker which contains similar information. CEC are also looking at ways to reduce road closure times by charging utility companies for the length of time they take on a project whereby a road needs to be closed and they run over on repairs etc.

7) Matters Arising **24/040**

- i. Update on deed of easement with the developers of the Laburnum Farm site. – No formal planning approval as of the date of this meeting.
- ii. CPC Involvement with Lindow 40th Anniversary. – No further action.
- iii. Skip on Dingle Avenue. – This has now been removed.
- iv. Footpaths & Bridleways. – Cllr Rainey reported that although there were the usual problems with flooding on some of the local footpaths, CEC PROW have installed a number of new kissing gates as well as the replacement of a footbridge in one location.
- v. Footpath adjacent to Prospect House. – Clerk instructed to run a land registry search and contact the owner to cut back.

8) Highways Issues **24/041**

- I. Flooding of Foden Lane. – Raised with Cllr Goldsmith who has put in a member's enquiry at CEC.
- II. Sink Hole on Foden Lane. - Raised with Cllr Goldsmith who has put in a member's enquiry at CEC.
- III. Gullies and drainage. – Gully west of Foden House on Foden Lane is full of tree roots and CPC are awaiting an update on next steps from CEC. The gully on the junction with Dingle Avenue has been reported and raised again with Cllr **Goldsmith**.

9) MOTION: To receive recommendations from councillors regarding the spend of currently held CIL monies to be fully ratified at the April/ May meeting. **24/042**

Cllr Barraclough proposed, seconded by Cllr Rainey to use a portion of CIL money to purchase 6 x 30MPH repeater roundels to be installed along Knutsford Road. Circa £80.00 each plus VAT and Carriage.

Resolved: Unanimously.

10) MOTION: To sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2023/24 of the year end 31st March 2024 Annual return. **24/043**

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Rainey to sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2023/24 of the year end 31st March 2024 Annual return.

Resolved: Unanimously.

11) MOTION: To sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2023/24 of the year end 31st March 2024 Annual return. **24/044**

Cllr Rainey proposed, seconded by Cllr Durbar to sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2023/24 of the year end 31st March 2024 Annual return.

Resolved: Unanimously.

12) Planning **24/045**

1) Decided List: **24/046**

- 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 **Refused.**

- c) 22/2792M RED BEECH HOUSE, 78, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- d) 23/2623M LAND AT 66 TO 72, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE **Awaiting Decision.**
- e) 23/3236M FREYAS FOLLY STABLES, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SP **Refused.**
- f) 23/4803M Pnd View, 66, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**
- g) 24/0145M 27, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SD **Awaiting Decision.**
- h) 24/0294M Trafford House Farm, BESWICKS LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE **Approved with Conditions.**

2) New Applications: 24/047

- a) 24/0145M 27, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SD - We, Chorley Parish Council, having already commented on this Application on the 29th of January. 2024, relating to 24/0145M 27 Knutsford Road, Chorley, Alderley Edge, and would like to add that we remain of the opinion that we have no objections.
- b) 24/0811M Field View, 64, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SF - We, Chorley Parish Council have no objections to Planning Application No. 24/0811M relating to Field View, 64 Knutsford Road, Chorley Alderley Edge.
- c) 24/1046M United Utilities, CARR LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SL

Weekly planning lists – circulated by email.

13) Finance 24/048

- 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 April 2024 to be agreed and signed.

Cllr Rainey proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough to approve, and sign the Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial year to date 23/24 and to approve the order of payment of accounts for April 2024 totalling £1,672.73.

Resolved: Unanimously.

14) Notices & Correspondence 24/049

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

15) Date of next meeting 24/050

08th May 2024

Vice Chair of Chorley Parish Council
Cllr Richard Barraclough
03rd April 2024

Date Raised	Action	Cllr / Officer Responsible	Target Date for completion
01-10-17	Foden Lane – Flooding	Andy Wilson CE Flood Risk – Andy Simpson	Awaiting response from Area Highways Officer. See Sink Hole – Foden Lane
15-03-23	Meet with AHO to review.		
05-04-23	Funding through 23/24 highways scheme by CE	Cllr Craig Browne	
19-07-23	CPC have invited Cllr Craig Browne to a future meeting to discuss.		
13-09-23	Escalated to Cllr Craig Browne	Cllr Craig Browne	
10-01-24	Escalated to Cllr Michael Gorman	Cllr Michael Gorman	
06-03-24	Escalated to Cllr Goldsmith	Cllr Mark Goldsmith	

01-06-18	Foden Lane - Bracken (Regular cutting by CE over three years)	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.
July 22	Bracken has been cut back on Foden Lane.		
July 23	Bracken Half cut back on Foden Lane.		
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.
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	
10-01-24	Escalated to Cllr Michael Gorman	Cllr Michael Gorman	
06-03-24	Escalated to Cllr Mark Goldsmith	Cllr Mark Goldsmith	
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
03-04-24	Cut Back Overgrowth in from of School sign outside of No.38 Knutsford Road.	Parish Ranger	ASAP
03-04-24	Land Registry Search for Prospect House Footpath.	Clerk	ASAP