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MEETING OF CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 04th December 2024 at 7.30pm

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Richard Barraclough (Chair of Chorley Parish Council), Cllr David Connor, Cllr Barry Durbar & Cllr Margaret Rainey

Also, Present – Ashley Comiskey Dawson (Clerk)

PART A

1) Apologies for absence: 24/130

None.

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): 24/131

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: **24/132**

None.

4) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of Chorley Parish Council held on the 16th October 2024: 24/133

Cllr Connor proposed, seconded by Cllr Durbar to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Chorley Parish Council held on the 16th October 2024.

Resolved: Unanimously.

5) To receive any update from the PCSO. 24/134

The PCSO provided the following report:
Cheshire Constabulary

Chorley Parish Council report 4th December 2024

Incidents of note:

- 01/11/24 – burglary, Knutsford Road. Offenders opened back gate of property and snapped lock on UPVC door to access house, making an untidy search and taking a wallet, jewellery box and car keys. Enquiries are continuing and the offence is believed to be linked to another burglary in Knutsford. Crime prevention advice delivered to nearby residents.

- 26/11/24 – commercial burglary, Knutsford Road. Two quad bikes stolen from shed. Also, 5th November: theft of off-road buggy from same location. Enquiries continue.

Other matters:

- I have been monitoring for parking obstructions on Knutsford Road following the concerns raised at the previous meeting. Two vehicles have been issued Fixed Penalty Notices for obstruction of the pavement, while a further two drivers were advised and moved on. I will continue patrols.

- Speed enforcement with TruCam was carried out on Knutsford Road on:

- o 11/11/2024 – three activations.

- o 21/11/2024 – one activation.

- o 30/11/2024 – six 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.:
 - o 7th January

3pm to 4pm.
- PCSO Morris

Cllr Connor noted that there had been a theft of Yorkshire paving stone from No.11 Knutsford Road which has been reported to the police.

6) To receive any update from Wilmslow West and Chorley Ward Members. 24/135

Neither Wilmslow West and Chorley Ward member was in attendance at the meeting, however the clerk provided a brief update on matters from CEC:

- Following committee decision black bins will now be collected on a three-weekly basis.
- The library opening hours at Alderley Edge library have been cut to 1.5 days per week, AEPC operate a volunteer session for one half day and will provide top up funding to allow 0.5 days extra provision. Wilmslow library will remain open as usual.
- Car parking charges across the borough came into effect as of the 02nd December 2024, previously free car parks will now be charged by CEC and charges on other car parks will be updated.

7) Matters Arising 24/136

- i. Update on deed of easement with the developers of the Laburnum Farm site. – No new update.
- ii. Footpaths & Bridleways. - PROW Network manager has been in touch with CPC and provided a course of action which they will be taking. Cllr Rainey will monitor progress and report back.
- iii. Footpath adjacent to Prospect House. – PROW Network manager has been in touch with CPC and provided a course of action which they will be taking. Cllr Rainey will monitor progress and report back.
- iv. Receipt of a noise complaint from Prospect Cottages. – Resident advised to contact CEC in the first instance.
- v. Any other matters and jobs for parish ranger. – Cllr Connor has requested clearance of road debris between Brook Lane RAB and Row of Trees, street sweeping from CEC to follow, then clearance of leaves on Dingle Avenue.
- vi. Update from Cllr Connor regarding the Lindow Trust. - Cllr Connor noted that there were circa 12/13 trustees with different backgrounds and that the Trust has been in existence since the 1700's. It had a pot of money to assist those in hardship in the area of benefit. Information was circulated to all councillors and advised that if they were aware of any cases in the area who would benefit, to contact Cllr Connor, Lindow School and local scout groups were to be contacted to inform them as well.

8) Highways Issues 24/137

- I. Flooding of Foden Lane. – Area of flooding around Whitehall Brook remains the same, CEC have tarmacked the area, however this is insufficient. CPC are aware of the broken land drains causing surface water run off onto the road, however CEC would be required to contact landowners in this respect. Surface water from the Foden Lane would need to be directed into traps under the bridge before discharge into Whitehall brook, however this is a costly undertaking, and CEC will not be able to finance this for some time. Flooding at the northern end of Foden Lane – CPC believe that CEC have completed drainage investigations and root cut back throughout the drainage system in this area, however, there has been little rainfall to observe whether this has corrected the flooding problem in this area. To be monitored.
- II. Sink Hole on Foden Lane. – CEC have completed the infill of this sink hole.

9) MOTION: To insert additional text into the CPC/NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024. 24/138

4.2. No expenditure may be authorised that will exceed the amount provided in the revenue budget for that class of expenditure other than by resolution of the council, or duly delegated committee.

4.8. The RFO shall regularly provide the council with a statement of receipts and payments to date under each head of the budgets, comparing actual expenditure to the appropriate date against that planned as shown in the budget. These statements are to be prepared at least at the end of each financial quarter and shall show explanations of material variances. For this purpose, "material" shall be in excess of [£100] or [15%] of the budget.

4.10. The agreed budget provides a basis for monitoring progress during the year by comparing actual spending and income against what was planned.

Cllr Barraclough proposed, seconded by Cllr Rainey to insert the additional text (as above) into the CPC/NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024.

Resolved: Unanimously.

10) MOTION: To review and agree the CPC budget for financial year 2025/26. 24/139

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Rainey to agree the CPC budget for financial year 2025/26 as prepared by the clerk.

Resolved: Unanimously

11) MOTION: To review and agree the CPC precept requirement for financial year 2025/26. 24/140

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Rainey that there be no change to the current CPC precept requirement for financial year 2025/26 and that the precept remain at £4,996.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

12) Planning 24/141

1) Decided List: 24/142

- a) 23/2623M LAND AT 66 TO 72, KNUTSFORD ROAD, CHORLEY, ALDERLEY EDGE **Awaiting Decision.**
- b) 24/1261M LAND AT, FODEN LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE **Awaiting Decision.**
- c) 24/1492M Oswald Farm Mews, CHELFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7TJ **Awaiting Decision.**
- d) 24/1817M Tenacres, FODEN LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE **Awaiting Decision.**
- e) 24/2219M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SP **Awaiting Decision.** 24/2314M Prospect House, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SW
- f) 24/2562M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SP **Awaiting Decision.**
- g) 24/1261M LAND AT, FODEN LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE **Awaiting Decision.**
- h) 24/2758M The Homestead, 36, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SF **Awaiting Decision.**

2) New Applications: 24/143

- a) 24/4512/HOUS 13 Knutsford Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire East, SK9 7SD

Weekly planning lists – circulated by email.

13) Finance 24/144

- i. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial year to date 2024/25 to be agreed and signed.
- ii. Order of payment of accounts BACS & Cheques for October 2024 to be agreed and signed.

Cllr Barraclough proposed, seconded by Cllr Connor to approve and sign the cash book and bank reconciliation for financial year to date 2024/25 and agree and sign the order of payment of accounts for December 2024 totalling £550.60.

Resolved: Unanimously.

14) Notices & Correspondence 24/145

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

15) Date of next meeting 24/146

08th January 2025

PART B

Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960. Exclusion of press and public due to the business of the meeting being of a confidential and personal nature.

- 16) **MOTION: To agree the additional remuneration of the clerk for the backdated 24/25 salary increase awarded by NALC following final agreement by NALC and the Union in October 2024 of and additional £1,290.00 (pro rata to all spinal column points). And to agree this new NJC position as per the clerk's contract of employment. 24/147**

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Resolved: Unanimously.

Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:38pm.

**Chair of Chorley Parish Council
Cllr Richard Barraclough
04th December 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 04-12-24	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 Work Scheduled for w/c 21 st October 2024.	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 To be monitored.
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.
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
18-09-24	Parish Ranger to cut back Dingle Ave Hedge and Knutsford Road Hedge.	Parish Ranger	ASAP
16-10-24	Parish Ranger to clear highway from Brook Lane mini-RAB to ROT.	Parish Ranger	ASAP