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MEETING OF CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 03rd March 2021
6.30pm The meeting was held virtually by Zoom video technology.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Richard Barraclough, Cllr Sophie Beever, Cllr Barry Durbar (Chair of Chorley Parish Council), Cllr Helen Keefe & Cllr Simon Watkins
Also Present – Ashley Comiskey Dawson (Clerk)
1 PCSO
Cllr Mark Goldsmith
Cllr Margaret Rainey (from item 21/006)

1) To receive apologies for absence. **21/001**

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): **21/002**

None.

3) **Parishioner's 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: **21/003**

None.

4) To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 02nd December 2020: **21/004**

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Keefe to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 02nd December 2020.

Resolved: Unanimously.

5) To receive a report from the PCSO. **21/005**

Incidents of note:

- 03/01/21 road rage where motorist has shouted abuse at cyclist. Low-level offence not deemed suitable for further investigation.
- 13/01/21 Alarm activation at address. Set off accidentally.
- 16/01/21 four fixed penalty notices issued to people gathered in a private garden from multiple households without a reasonable excuse on Knutsford Road.
- 03/02/21 male trying car doors, Knutsford Road. CCTV enquiries conducted but unable to identify offender.
- 05/02/21 Report of intruder, Knutsford Road. Clarified no intruder; referrals made regarding mental health support for reporting person.
- 12/02/21 suspicious male, Knutsford Road. No lines of enquiry to identify suspect.

Other issues:

- Patrols of Lindow School to re-start when schools return next week in relation to parking issues.

6) **MOTION: To co-opt a resident who has expressed interest in becoming a member of CPC onto the Parish Council: 21/006**

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Barraclough to Co-opt Margaret Rainey onto the council following her expression of interest.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Cllr Rainey completed her declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk and her DPI form.

7) Matters Arising 21/007

- i. Update on cemetery gatehouse. – Cllr Rainey noted a new Cheshire East initiative to get unoccupied buildings occupied and felt that this would be useful to apply pressure on Cheshire East Council in respect to the cemetery gatehouse. Cllr Goldsmith indicated that he had had discussions with Cllr Browne on the matter, and there was much going on behind the scenes in relation to the gatehouse, and he would contact Cllr Browne again to discuss and get an update.
- ii. Updates from Councillors regarding options for a new Parish Council Website. – It was felt that the quotes received for constructing a new website were rather high and that with the impending boundary review and potential merger with Wilmslow TC it probably wasn't the best time to invest in a new website, councillors did agree that the clerk should approach ChALC and ask them for opinions on the Chorley PC website and make any recommendations as to what the Parish Council should do.

8) Highways Issues 21/008

- I. Consolidated List attached as a separate spreadsheet. – No New Updates
- II. Brook Lane grid – blocked – the issue is still ongoing with blame being shared between both Cheshire East Highway and United Utilities. Apparently UU have not given permission for the drain to be connected to UU's system. Cllr Goldsmith noted that there were similar problems relating to flooding in the wider Wilmslow area and that CE were not addressing these either.
- III. New School signs for Knutsford Road from CE Area Highways Group. – It was understood that the installation of these signs would have a start date of February onwards; however there was no indication of how soon this was likely to be. The clerk will email the responsible highways officer and try to ascertain timescale.
- IV. Sink Hole on Foden Lane – The sink hole remains and continues to grow, there is also an exposed pipe in the sink hole. Cllr Rainey noted that this was having an add on effect of flooding grazing land and was affecting the livelihoods of small holders in the area.
- V. Flooding on Foden Lane – Reviewed occasionally by CE Highways officers but the water run-off is coming from private land. There is no grid at the location and a scheme was conceptualised by the Area Highways Officer to connect the area to the Whitehall Brook with pollution mitigation measures in place. Nothing more has been done on the matter as it is probably too costly. Recently a car aquaplaned at the location and went through a boundary hedge.

9) MOTION: To discuss the Cheshire East Community Governance Review which seeks to merge Chorley Parish Council with Wilmslow Town Council and to agree the following: 21/009

- An agreed response from Chorley Parish Council to the Cheshire East Community Governance Review to be submitted at the start of the consultation period on 25th March 2021.

It is understood that Wilmslow TC are not in favour of this merger, nor are Handforth PC. Noted a referendum took place in 2010 and the residents of Wilmslow and Handforth voted in favour of separate councils. Noted that members would favour a merger with Alderley Edge Parish Council if that was an option; however, as this has not been offered members were agreed that they prefer the option of the status quo. The report noted that Chorley PC was "not viable" however the membership is now six out of a possible seven councillors. It was also felt that the profile of the area did not match that of Wilmslow. Residents have already written in to the parish council objecting to any merger.

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Beever that Chorley Parish Councils stance was to object to any merger with Wilmslow and Handforth and maintain the status quo of having a separate Parish Council.

Resolved: Unanimously.

- A leaflet campaign to all residents of Chorley to raise awareness of the consultation process and a resume of the position of Chorley Parish Council; to cost up to a maximum of £700.00.

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Watkins to agree a spend of up to a maximum of £700.00 towards the cost of a leaflet campaign to raise awareness of the future consultation of the boundary review.

Resolved: Unanimously.

It was also agreed to hold off any campaign until the CE Constitution committee meets on the 25th March 2021 and their determination of whether the review goes to consultation.

In the meantime Cllr Barraclough volunteered to prepare a case against merging with Wilmslow and Handforth Councils which he will circulate to all members for input, this information and any potential consultation date to be put into leaflet or postal form to be distributed to all residents of Chorley.

- To select a representative to discuss the significant issues raised and seek assurances from Wilmslow West and Chorley Councillors that they will support Chorley Parish Council's decision on the matter.

Cllr Goldsmith agreed that he was against any merger of the three local councils suggesting that such a move would lose focus on "being local" and local identity. Cllr Goldsmith felt it would be a sensible idea to hold off on any campaign until Chorley PC had organised its position and key message. He also agreed to send representation to the CE Constitution committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

- To discuss any other options which the Parish Council might take in response to the Review.

None.

10) Planning

1) Decided List: 21/010

- 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.**
- 20/4659M – Variation of condition 2 on approval 20/0279M. Trafford House Farm, Beswicks Lane, Alderley Edge, SK9 7SN. – Comments added. **Awaiting Decision.**
- 20/5019M – Demolition of existing conservatory. Ground floor Single Storey Extension to the rear of elevation. 28A Knutsford Road, Alderley Edge SK9 7SD. – Comments added. **Approved with Conditions.**

2) New Applications: 21/011

- 20/5604M Land at, PROSPECT LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE
Chorley Parish Council have **no objection** to application 20/5604M however we would like to add the following comments.
- The hedge between the new pond and Prospect Lane should be kept to a maximum height of about 4 foot six inches, so that the pond and associated wildlife is visible and can be appreciated by pedestrians using the footpath along Prospect Lane.

As there is to be a section with water 1.3m deep, there should be a warning notice: "Danger deep water", together with a readily accessible lifebuoy.

- 20/5391M Foden House, FODEN LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SX
Chorley Parish Council have **no objection** to application 20/5391m.

However we would like to note that this would appear to be a retrospective application as the work appears to have been started prior to permission being granted.

- 20/5380M 1, CARR LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SL
- Chorley Parish Council have no objection to planning application 20/5380M
- 20/5475M Alderley Edge W W T W, CARR LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7SL

Chorley Parish Council have no objection to application 20/5475M.

We would like to add that we support any application which improves the purity of water discharged into Whitehall Brook.

- 21/0076M 83, KNUTSFORD ROAD, ROW OF TREES, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SH
Chorley Parish Council have **no objection** to planning Application 21/0076M as this is a re-submission of 17/0432 to which we had no objection.
- 21/0107M 2, PROSPECT COTTAGES, PROSPECT LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7ST
Chorley Parish Council have **no objection** to Planning Application 21/0107M.
- 21/0072M 4 , Lavinia Court, Alderley Edge, SK9 7SD
Chorley Parish Council have **no objection** to Planning Application 21/0072M.
- 21/0262M PLUM TREE COTTAGE, GORE LANE, ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 7SP
Chorley Parish Council have **no objection** to Planning Application 21/0262M.
They already have a fall-back to a previously agreed extension which would actually increase the size over this application.

Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

11) Finance 21/012

- Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for financial YTD 2020/21 to be agreed and signed

- ii. Order of payment of accounts & Cheques for January & February 2021 to be retrospectively agreed and signed

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Keefe to retrospectively approve and sign the order of payment of accounts and cheques for January and February 2021 totalling £512.34.

Resolved: Unanimously.

- iii. Order of payment of accounts & Cheques/BACS for March 2021 to be agreed and signed

Cllr Durbar proposed, seconded by Cllr Watkins to approve and sign the Bank reconciliation for financial YTD 2020/21 and the order of payment of accounts for March 2021 totalling £290.46.

Resolved: Unanimously.

12) Notices & Correspondence **21/013**

- i. All correspondence has been circulated to all councillors either by hand or via email
- ii. Town & Parish Council (North) meeting 06/01/21 – Via MS Teams – attended by B Durbar.
- iii. Holocaust Memorial Service 27/01/21 – Via MS Teams – attended by B Durbar.
- iv. Member's virtual training session – ChALC – attended by S Beaver.

13) Date of next meeting **21/014**

07th April 2021

Meeting closed at 7:35pm

**Chairman of Chorley Parish Council
Cllr B Durbar
03rd March 2021**

Date Raised	Action	Cllr / Officer Responsible	Target Date for completion
22-07-20	Update on missing TRO's from Ward Councillors	Passed to PCSO James Morris – Request further update on timescales	ASAP
19-04-16	Use of Cemetery Gatehouse	Cllr Durbar / MacFarlane	On-going
22-07-20	White lining on Dingle Avenue	Clerk / Jeremy Hough	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.
01-10-17	Foden Lane - Flooding	Andy Wilson CE Flood Risk	Awaiting response from Area Highways Officer. See Sink Hole – Foden Lane
01-06-18	Foden Lane - Bracken (Regular cutting by CE over three years)	CE LHO - Jeremy Hough	This location should be on the vis-cut, I've sent an email to the green ops manager, although I will checkout this week myself.
04-03-20	Sink hole on Foden Lane	Jeremy Hough / 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.
??	Grid outside Avocet Steel - Flooding Brook Lane RAB - UU pipe connection	UU / CE Highways	New Case reference received: 6864289. This again is still ongoing although still placed with the capital dig-up schemes I'm of the understanding UU rejected the first application to connect to their system, capital now in new discussions with UU. Highways have written to UU again to request connection.
04-03-20	School Sign Installation - Knutsford Road CPC to purchase new signs	Cllr Durbar / CE Highways – W. Lowe / clerk	CE Highways engineer preparing detailed design. Funds allocated through Wilmslow AHG.- Follow up 03-03-21
22-07-20	Liaise with Cllr C Browne regarding speed reduction measures on Knutsford 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.
16-09-20	Speed review of Chelford Road.		
21-10-20	Investigate new website options	CPC Clerk / ChALC	07-04-2021
03-03-21	Circulate explanation and evidence for maintaining status quo on the CE boundary review.	Cllr Barraclough	ASAP
03-03-21	Obtain quotes for and prepare leaflet campaign for boundary review	Clerk	ASAP