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Meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at  
**The School House, School Lane, Henbury**

**Minutes**

**Present: D Nuttall (DN), Sir F Graham-Smith (GS), S Brown, J Bayley, V Dyson (VD), Cllr L Smetham (LS), C Clowes (Clerk), Mr R Cousins**

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Mike Wood, PCSO Short **17/18**
- 2) **PCSO Report:** Circulated prior to the meeting **17/19**
- 3) **Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** agreed and signed as a correct record **17/20**
- 4) **Matters Arising:** None **17/21**
- 5) **Road Safety / Speed Limits: 17/22**
  - i. Anderton's Lane – David will contact Andy Simpson about the issue of the curb position and the possibility of having a sign for cyclists advising of oncoming traffic in the middle of the road. **DN**
- 6) **Local Plan: 17/23**

Thanks were expressed to Francis, Simon, Valerie and Roger Cousins (representing Henbury Society) for all the work that they do in this area.

Responses have been received from MP David Rutley and CEC's Adrian Fisher to the previous letter that was sent.

A discussion took place regarding Cock Wood which is a Site of Biological Interest (SBI) and the alteration of the area it covers due to the positions of CS32 and CS40 (areas identified for development) in relation to this. CEC should have had an ecological assessment carried out in order to change the area covered and they haven't. If this remains the case it could be challenged.

Submissions have been made by HPC and Henbury Society for the consultation ending on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

There is now another consultation regarding the recently published SADPD (Site Allocations and Development Policies Document) document which Simon advised seems to suggest that even after a decision has been made on the Local Plan CEC will still be at liberty to adjust greenbelt areas in order to accommodate a shortfall of 107 houses. Francis, Simon and Valerie will look into what the document is saying and make suggestions on the best way forward in light of the April consultation date. **FGS, SB, VD**
- 7) **Footpaths: 17/24**
  - i. Application for Public Path Diversion – Public Footpaths Henbury No 1 and No 9 at Sandbach Farm – David received an email from David Butcher and a report from Mr Goodman regarding this. Barry Poole has been out to look. Ongoing.
  - ii. Henbury – Whirley Footpath
  - iii. Permissible path Dark Lane to Whirley – residents have advised that this path is currently impassable. Simon will go and take a look at it and possibly speak to Andrew Fletcher. **SB**
- 8) **Website: 17/25**

Prior to the meeting Mike advised that the Cheshire east website now directs traffic to the new Henbury Website. A newsletter is underway. All information is updated as soon as practicable with regular meetings with those involved to ensure it develops further. David expressed how pleased he is with the new website.

9) Finance: **17/26**

- i. Cheques – totalling £1103.31 agreed and signed
- ii. Cash book and bank reconciliation for financial year 16/17 – agreed and signed
- iii. PAYE Services – it was agreed to renew the contract with D Malley for another 12 months.

10) Planning Applications: **17/27**

- i. **16/5625M** - ROUGH HEYS FARM, ROUGH HEYS LANE, HENBURY, CHESHIRE, SK11 9PF - Demolition of all existing on site building and the erection of residential dwellings (Use Class C3), together with associated landscape and highway works – **Awaiting Decision** – An email was sent to planning by Mike on behalf of HPC expressing concerns over access arrangements to the new properties. No response has been received to this. David will contact planning to find out what the situation on this is. **DN**
- ii. **16/5879M** - Apostle Cottage, Fanshawe Lane, Henbury, Cheshire, SK11 9PP - Covered area linking dwelling to outbuilding – **Approved with conditions**
- iii. Weekly Planning Lists – circulated by email.
- iv. It was queried whether any of the proposed new development sites have S106 provision? Lesley advised that she would try to find out and report back. **LS**
- v. **Sandbach Farm Hedge Removal** – Simon pursued this with contacts at CEC via Vinnie Farrell (enforcement officer). The site was visited and it was felt that the hedges had been removed to enable drainage but this seemed unlikely. Simon then sent another document in response to this and the site was visited again and Vinnie Farrell advised that a new application should be submitted because the lake has not been positioned in accordance with the planning permission. The landowner may be cautioned and talked to about the other area of hedging that was removed. Lesley advised that if Simon sends her an email outlining the issue she will see where things are up to with enforcement. **LS**  
It was agreed that Simon would put a letter together advising that HPC were encouraged by some of the actions taken but disappointed by some aspects. This will be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of CEC, the Chief Planning Officer and Tree Officer as well as copying DEFRA in. **SB**

11) Millennium Green Trust: **17/28**

A thankyou email has been received for the £500 annual contribution.

12) Village Housekeeping: **17/29**

- i. New signs for Henbury - ongoing
- ii. Mowing and Maintenance – this has started again
- iii. Gulleys on School Lane, Fanshawe Lane, Bear Hurst Lane and Whirley Lane – Francis advised that the gulleys on school lane are very bad with a blockage causing flooding. David will speak to Andy Simpson about this. **DN**
- iv. Trees: Survey and Review of trees in residential areas – this has now taken place and some of the work has now been actioned on High Tree Drive by a tree surgeon
- v. Hedges:
  - a) Church Lane/ Andertons Lane bend – hedges are growing onto the footpath - ongoing
  - b) Top of Dark Lane – overhanging footpath and sunken footpath - ongoing
- vi. Church Lane Remedial Project – Road sweeping was carried out by Andy Simpson. David has agreed with Andy Simpson that the green area will be cut back to the hedge before the growing season starts and he and HPC have agreed to keep a watch on this along with trying to keep the bracken growth down.

13) Environmental Project: **17/30**

David Nuttall sent information on the environmental project and the work it carries out to CPRE Cheshire for the Improving the Countryside and Hedgerow Awards Nominations. Simon advised that planting is taking place on Capesthorpe land and they will be making a financial contribution towards it.

14) Correspondence: **17/31**

All correspondence has either been distributed by hand or email.

15) A.O.B: **17/32**

- a) Power cut in Henbury – David contacted Electricity North West about this and they have advised that because there have been 5 such incidents in the last 3 years this is eligible for a refund of £75 which is available to all Henbury residents that have been affected. David is also in conversation with the electricity suppliers to find out what measures are

being taken to prevent this keeping happening going forward, particularly in light of the extra pressure that will be put on the system by new housing developments. Eddie Stubbs of CEC has advised that transformers in Henbury are being replaced and trees are being cut back to try and help.

- b) War Memorial Cleaning – an email has been received about this which David will look at and report back on. **DN**
- c) Citizen's Advice Bureau – email has been received which the Clerk will circulate to all councillors.

**16) Dates of 2017 meetings: 17/33**

- THURS 18<sup>th</sup> May
- 5<sup>th</sup> July
- 13<sup>th</sup> September
- 1<sup>st</sup> November