

Henbury Parish Council
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Additional Meeting Wednesday 4th April 2018
St Thomas Church Hall 7.30pm

Minutes

Present: D Nuttall (DN), Sir F Graham-Smith (GS), R Slater (RS), Mike Wood (MW), J Bayley(JB), V Dyson (VD), S Browne (SB), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS), A Common (AC – Clerk)

1) Major Planning Applications (17/4034M, 17/4277M,18/0294M) 18/44

MW summarised situation regarding the abrupt removal by Cheshire East of two Planning Applications from Strategic Planning Committee Agenda. All agreed that this was welcome, and reflected the hard work put in by HPC to highlight flaws in the applications. However, it is still very unclear what the specific reasons were. RS has requested further info. No response yet.

MW highlighted that apparently all the documents from How Planning relating to the applications have now been removed from the Planning Portal. As these should be publicly available documents, he is following up with Cheshire East Planning Team. Concerns that How may be planning significant changes.

LS stated that only small non-material changes can be made to Planning Applications, otherwise a new application is required.

Action FGS/AC to draft note for AC to send to Head of Planning seeking clarification on the status and next steps.

SB/RS raised the matter of dramatic under-estimation of total number of new homes to be built around Macclesfield under the Local Plan. In 2014, traffic modelling was done with the following assumptions for Macclesfield, to assess the impact of development proposals comprising up to 2,450 new residential units.

However, an update in Feb 2017, containing the local plan output, quotes 4250 new homes.

Therefore, the increase in planned new homes for Macclesfield is 73% above what was originally modelled in the Local Plan. None of the 2450 homes used in the modelling were along the A537, so the relative change in traffic load here will be disproportionately high and with un-modelled impact.

2) Minutes of meeting on 14th March agreed and signed 18/45

3) Possible purchase of De-fibrillator 18/46

All agreed to go ahead. **Action MW**

4) Speed device installation **18/47**

DN/LS confirmed Henbury has been allocated a permanent speed device. All agreed to request installation westbound, between garage and blind summit sign.

Action DN

In addition, a temporary speed device will be installed westbound before Church Lane junction.

5) Site Allocations and Development Policies (incl attendees for meetings) **18/48**

DN /FGS to attend meeting on above.

Action RS draft note to request what sites were requested for West Macclesfield.

6) Annual Public Meeting – agree date **18/49**

Action AC – find available dates for Church Hall.

7) Mowing of grass verges **18/50**

JB/RS concerned that some unnecessary mowing taking place, perhaps residents could take responsibility? DN feels important to maintain appearance of village. FGS stated vital to continue bracken-maintenance along Millennium Green. Agreed to continue, but review at next budget-setting.

Action DN to confirm to contractor not to cut specific part of verge on Andertons Lane, which is thought unnecessary.

8) AOB **18/51**

DN stated that the Public Rights of Way Officer has confirmed the track from Andertons Lane to the cottages is not in public ownership. Therefore maintenance is a private matter.

SB confirmed that CE Highways have given a full response to the request for tree-planting on verges at start of Church Lane. This will not be possible as a number of utilities run under the verges.

FGS announced that he will be retiring from Parish Council (at the age of 95!)

Action AC place advert for new Councillor on website.

DN requested AC to contact CHALC to seek guidance re remuneration.

Action AC