

**Henbury Parish Council**  
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**Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**Virtual (Zoom) 7.30pm**

### Minutes

**Present:** David Nuttall (DN), Mike Wood (MW), Richard Slater (RS), Simon Browne (SB), Wendy Daniel (WD), Janet Bayley (JB), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS)

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** JS **20/51**
- 2) **Minutes of meeting on 13<sup>TH</sup> May 2020:** agreed and signed **20/52**
- 3) **PCSO Report:** submitted previously – mainly road traffic related items **20/53**
- 4) **Matters Arising:** covered under relevant headings **20/54**
- 5) **Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications** (Planning Applications 19/3097M, 19/3098M, 19/3816M) **20/55**
  - **SB** and **RS** currently monitoring the progress and have dialogue with officers relating to peat extraction and flood risk.

#### **Education:**

- **RS** and **LS** to ascertain more information and questions about the data.

#### **6) Road Safety / Speed Limits: 20/56**

- Nothing to report.

#### **7) Footpaths: 20/57**

- Standing water: is it drainage, leaking pipes or septic tank discharge? **RS** to contact United Utilities/Environmental Health Dept. **DN** to contact PROW.

#### **Permissive Footpath:**

- No documents available. Andrew Fletcher to contact NFU for advice.

#### **8) Finance: 20/58**

- Cheques totalling £1418.95 agreed and signed.
- Cash book and bank reconciliation for year to date confirmed.

- Budget for 2020-2021 agreed.
- Annual Return 2019/20. Following to be agreed/signed:
  - a. Section 1 Governance Statement – agreed/signed
  - b. Section 2 Accounting Statements – agreed/signed
  - c. Certificate of Exemption- agreed/signed

#### **9) Planning Applications: 20/59**

- Weekly Planning Lists – circulated and discussed.
- 20/2468T Sycamore Tree TPO request for maintenance work (admin error on the website to be corrected).

#### **10)Parish Council Housekeeping 20/60**

Nothing to report.

#### **11)Millennium Green Trust: 20/61**

- Play bark due for delivery 09/07
- Expect the Green to re-open soon after.
- Decision on Bonfire Night due late August.
- Tree needs cutting back near telephone cables.

#### **12)Village Housekeeping: 20/62**

##### **Broadband:**

- Broadband is on schedule.

Issues with full accessibility to the website for users with challenges. Should be resolved in September but may not meet the deadline for implementation.

##### **Church Lane: overgrown hedges:**

- Electricity NW engineers did some hedge/tree cutting on the hedge owned by Flora Garden Centre. Residents opposite also partly trimmed/cut back some of the hedge but left it looking a mess. The landowners allowed work on the hedge from a local resident to help the sale of his property.

We have had complaints from residents about the excessive growth of the hedge and lack of maintenance over several years. The landowners have been served with notices by Highways' Officers. There is a reluctance in making any effort to maintain this hedge to a safe standard.

The Parish Council agreed to contact the Landowners suggesting that they should undertake upkeep of the hedge to restore it back to a safe distance away from the roadway. Prior to the meeting a contractor quoted £300 to achieve a satisfactory standard. The Parish Council felt it would set a precedent if we took over responsibility with Landowner's permission.

**13) Environmental Project: 20/63**

- Nothing to report.

**14) Review of Trees: 20/64**

- The residential area of the village has many trees that are now mature. Most of the trees were planted when the area was developed – saplings planted on Hightree Drive are now nearly 60 year's old. Recently there have been fallen trees and removal due to disease. **SB** and **DN** to inspect and report.

**15) A537 Chelford Rd – Monks Heath – Broken Cross: 20/65**

- The condition of this road is poor – gullies culvert and subsidence.
- Road Safety Sign overgrown or never replaced after road traffic accidents.

**16) Correspondence: 20/66**

- All correspondence has either been distributed by hand or email.

**17) A.O.B: 20/67**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30 pm (via Zoom)**