

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor David Nuttall DN
Councillor Mike Wood MW
Councillor Simon Browne SB
Councillor Richard Slater RS
Councillor Wendy Daniel WD
Councillor Janet Bayley JB
Councillor Lesley Smetham LS - Cheshire East Ward Councillor
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

1 member of the public was present.

20/85 Apologies for absence

Julia Short, PCSO

20/86 Declarations of Interest

Cllr SB registers a declaration of interest as a Trustee of the Millennium Green Trust against item 20/97.

20/87 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2020 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

20/88 PCSO Report

The reports for September and October were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments to add.

20/89 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

- 19/3097M
- 19/3098M
- 19/3816M
- 19/5582M

19/3097M has been submitted since the last meeting. The parish council have submitted a detailed response to the application and thanks were passed to Cllr SB for drafting the response. There are currently no additional documents for application 19/3098M. It is unclear at the minute what the status is. Cllr DN stated that the planning applications should be interlinked. Cllr LS recalls that Cheshire East had previously confirmed that the applications would be heard together. Cllr LS will confirm whether this is the case. Cllr MW confirmed that a traffic survey was being done at Broken Cross at the start of the lockdown which would mean the figures would be significantly lower than during a normal rush hour. A discussion took place about the

shortfall in education places.

Resolved that a request to David Malcolm and Jeremy Owens would be sent regarding the current situation. Cllr DN will write to Cllr LS to that effect to query whether the applications would be heard together, what the current status is and, what is going to be done at Broken Cross.

20/90 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB provided an update. The drainage has been sorted at the gate successfully. Some replacement work is needed with the timbers on the play area and this is to be carried out at the end of the month. Some tree pruning around the willow structure has been done.

The parish council have made the annual donation of £1000 to the Millennium Green Trust

20/91 Village Housekeeping

£150 grant was received last year from Cheshire East which the parish council used to purchase a leaf blower. The machine has made a big difference to the village. The car parks have now all been cleaned along with the pavements around the church and church hall.

David Richards has been advised about grass cutting disposal.

The village Christmas tree delivery has been organised.

The village planters need some maintenance work or replacement at some point.

Resolved that The Henbury Society will liaise with the Parish Council about the care and maintenance and running of the planters.

Cllr MW provided an update on broadband. Open Reach are going to set Henbury Hall up as a connected scheme so that the Hall and neighbouring properties will have the same setup as the rest of the village. The deadline for completion is now 15th March 2021. The government vouchers for residents have been extended to 15th March 2021. The work is progressing to plan at the moment.

20/92 Environmental Project

Cllr SB provided an update. There is some planting planned for late winter. Some replacement planting is needed due to the dry spring this year.

20/93 Review of Trees

Cllr DN and Cllr SB have held a meeting with two contractors to quote for the work on Hightree Drive. The residents of Hightree Drive have been informed of the parish council's aim to bring the trees to a manageable state. The next stage is to look at a time before the start of spring to start work on a couple of trees. The work will be carried out by contractors who are checked and verified and certified by the Highways department. A portion of the work will be done before the end of the financial year.

20/94 Road Safety / Speed Limits

Cllr MW circulated details prior to the meeting of an idea to fund speeding stickers for wheelie bins.

Resolved the parish council would fund the stickers for Church Lane residents to place on their wheelie bins. The details of this would be added to the website.

Cllr DN has had a visit from Highways regarding the top of Pepper Street. The highways officer has asked for Cllr LS to send him the information that he needs to get improvements made.

20/95 Footpaths

The flooding issue on Henbury to Whirley footpath was discussed. The Cheshire East Rights of Way Officer who visited the site feels it is in an acceptable condition. The situation has improved slightly but it needs investigation.

The ongoing permissive footpath issue was discussed. Cllr SB has liaised with Cheshire East and there is an agreement form that has been given to the landowner. It will be a path that is accessible from February to the end of August. The agreement will be between Henbury Parish Council and the landowner. Cheshire East have way-markers that the Parish Council can use.

20/96 Highways

Cllr LS outlined the Cheshire East Winter Service Consultation. There is no winter service in Henbury.

Resolved that a local contractor can do the gritting on snowy days at £100 a time and a trial will be put in place for the main residential roads in the village.

A537, Chelford Road, Monks Heath, Broken Cross. Previously Cheshire East Highways have informed the parish council that no road safety work is planned between Monks Heath and Broken Cross. The bridge at Birtles has had some improvement work so it was noted that there is inconsistency.

20/97 Budget 2021/22 and Precept

The draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr RS registered his reservations about Millennium Green funding. The budget was agreed by all. The precept request was agreed at £23,000

Resolved that the clerk would request the precept of £23,000 from Cheshire East Council.

20/98 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £20860.34

Payments for approval

- Cheque 000924 - £88.95 D. Nuttall
- Cheque 000923 - £39.99 K. Marsh
- Cheque 000922 - £281.14 K. Marsh (Clerk Salary)
- Cheque 000925 - £221.52 L. Slater (Clerk Salary)
- Cheque 000926 - £5.40 L. Slater mileage claim
- Cheque 000927 - £135.36 L. Slater expenses (Office 365 payment)
- Cheque 000928 - £794.68 St Thomas Henbury PCC
- Cheque 000929 - £281.14 K. Marsh (Clerk Salary)
- Cheque 000930 - £42.00 K. Marsh (SLCC membership)
- Cheque 000931 - £32.00 St Thomas Henbury PCC
- Cheque 000932 - £119.00 Ivy Tree Cottage Farm
- Cheque 000933 - £215.28 Then Media Ltd
- Cheque 000934 - £1000 Millennium Green Trust
- Cheque 000935 - £281.14 K. Marsh (Clerk Salary)
- Cheque 000936 - £7.20 K. Marsh expenses (Zoom payment)

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as a true and accurate record.

Receipts

Nil.

Resolved that the bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

20/99 Planning Applications

- *20/4590M, 6 Henbury Place, Henbury, SK10 4HE, addition of a new porch to existing dwelling.*

Resolved no objection.

- *20/4436M, The Nook, Chelford Road, Henbury, SK10 3LH, demolish existing detached bungalow and replace with dormer bungalow.*

Resolved no objection.

- *20/4590M, 3 Henbury Place, Henbury, SK10 4HE, addition of a new porch to existing*

Resolved no objection.

- *20/4770M 2 Henbury Place, Henbury, SK10 4HE, pitched roof, open porch.*

Resolved no objection.

20/100 Cheshire East

Cllr LS reported that there is no news on the safer road funds for the A536 Congleton to Macclesfield Road. There is no news on the Active Lives Programme for rural areas. A full council meeting was held last week, and another will be held next week to decide on the new committee system. The planning department has responded to the Government White Paper and the response is largely critical.

20/101 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

The meeting dates for 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting and agreed. The clerk will put these on the noticeboard and website.

20/102 Member's Report

Cllr MW queried whether there was room in the budget to find £160 to purchase a petrol-powered leaf blower to clear the communal areas. It was agreed to make a purchase next Autumn that would come from next year's budget.

The parish council had a brief discussion about the potential purchase and development of Flora and felt this was something to be mindful of.

The next meeting will be the on 13th January 2021 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

