

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023, 7.30pm, at St Thomas Church Hall.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor David Nuttall DN
Councillor Mike Wood MW
Councillor Richard Slater RS
Councillor Simon Browne SB
Councillor Janet Bailey JB
Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

1 member of the public was present.

23/01 Apologies for absence

Cllr Jane Beeken

23/02 Declarations of Interest

None

23/03 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2022 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

23/04 PCSO Report

The report for December was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed.

23/05 Cheshire East

Cllr LS provided the following update:

Finance is going to be extremely difficult over the next two years. Reserves are likely to be depleted. Council tax increases are likely to be high. Local Government law requires councils to balance their books.

Voter ID will be required at the next local elections.

Mike Barnett was appointed as head of highways in October.

23/06 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

- 19/3098M – Building work is ongoing.
- 19/3816M – No update.
- 19/5582M – The reserved matters were approved for this application.

Flora – no decision notice is yet on the Cheshire East planning portal.

Broken Cross roadworks – Road closures are due to take place on Fallibroome Road and Gawsorth Road. 13 collisions have happened while the roadworks have been in place. A

meeting has taken place with the Highways Safety Officer. The roadworks are under a Section 278 which means that HA Civils are in charge of the junction, not Cheshire East Highways.

23/07 Verge Maintenance Policy

It was agreed that residents would be made aware of the policy that was agreed at the meeting in November 2022. A piece will be drafted for the website. Cllr RS will organise for a sign to be made to go on the verge to state that 'this is a wild area, please do not cut.'

23/08 Lower Church Hall Car Park

It was agreed that a written agreement would need to be put in place if the Parish Council were to take on the maintenance of the site. A commitment would need to be agreed on an annual basis with the church.

23/09 Role of the Parish Council

A discussion took place about the role of the Parish Council versus the Local Authority. It was agreed that a piece would be written for the website to outline to residents what the Parish Council is responsible for and are able to do, versus what the Local Authority is responsible for. Cllr MW will draft a piece for the website.

23/10 Millennium Green Trust

Planting will take place along the vicarage side in the spring. The Woodland Trust are providing 400 hedgerow plants.

A query was raised whether there was a possibility of nets being put in the goalposts. Cllr SB will raise this at the next MGT meeting.

23/11 Village Housekeeping and Broadband

No response has been received by the Church in relation to the ongoing broadband spend at the church hall – a response will be requested in time for the next Parish Council meeting in March.

23/12 Environmental Project

Further hedge planting will take place in March.

23/13 Review of Trees

A contractor is going to go ahead with the Hightree Drive work within the next month. Residents will be made aware of the work. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the hire of a cherry picker to be able to complete the tree maintenance work. If it is more cost effective to hire the cherry picker for half a day, it was agreed that further work on other trees would be carried out to make better use of the cherry picker.

23/14 Safety / Speed Limits

It was agreed that the PCSO would be requested to go out with the speed cameras between 8am and 9am for vehicles coming from Macclesfield on the A537.

Cllr LS will make a request for lighting to be put on the new island outside the Bellway development to make motorists aware of it.

23/15 Footpaths and Flood Risk

Bellway and the flood risk officer are meeting on Friday 13th January to discuss a way forward. A land drain has been located by Bellway which appears to be part of the flooding problem.

23/16 Highways

No update.

23/17 Police Budget 2023/24

Details of the consultation were circulated prior to the meeting.

23/18 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £35931.77

Payments for approval

Then Media - £252

Ivy Cottage Tree Farm - £124.40

David Richards - £75.00

Wickes - £104.20

LCS Landscapes - £660

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Clerk salary - £265.94

HMRC - £31.20

Allport Electrical - £997.93

Allport Electrical - £986.96 – this work has enabled the electrical wiring for the village Christmas tree to be independent of the Church.

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HMRC - £31.20

LCS Landscapes - £570

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.

23/19 Planning Applications

Nil

23/20 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

The local elections are due to take place in May 2023. Further details will be circulated as they are received from Cheshire East.

23/21 Member's Report

Nil.

The next meeting will be the on 8th March 2023 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.