

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 @ 7.30pm at St Thomas Church Hall.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor David Nuttall DN
Councillor Janet Bayley JB
Councillor Simon Browne SB
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE
Councillor Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East) joined the meeting at 8.10pm
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

1 member of the public was present.

22/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mike Wood, Cllr Richard Slater

22/21 Declarations of Interest

None.

22/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

22/23 PCSO Report

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

22/24 Cheshire East

Cllr LS gave an update with a report from Cheshire East. Council tax has been set at a 2.99% increase. Community Governance Review, the proposals are to go for approval by full council on the 24th April.

22/25 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

- 19/3097M
- 19/3098M
- 19/3816M
- 19/5582M
- 20/5442M

The developer has submitted a new application, 22/0577M. This will go to the Strategic Planning Board. Comments from the Parish Council will be submitted by 30th March.

19/3816M further documents have been submitted to the application.

Broken Cross Roundabout – Cllr LS was asked to query a decision notice that has just gone on from March last year that has the wording ‘effectively they can allow a certain area of development to come forward but not that will be the whole development.’

- **21/0289M**

Submission deadline is 17th March. There are concerns as to whether the application should go ahead with material inconsistencies in the documents on the Planning Portal. Comments will be made to Cheshire East Planning in this regard. There is disappointment with the current state of the application process, it is flawed, inconsistent and the Parish Council will be making comments to this effect.

22/26 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB updated that the 11 fruit trees were planted on the Green with the funds from the PCC funding.

The paths have been patched where water run off has caused damage.

It was agreed that the annual donation to the Trust would be made.

Cllr JB reported that activity was going on in the middle of the night that was causing a nuisance. This will be reported to the PCSO.

22/27 Village Housekeeping and Broadband

There is a chance that at some stage a request for funds from Open Reach would be received. The Parish Council has agreed that the provision will be made for this if needed.

The village planters have now been made and are ready for installation. The Parish Council will provide the funding for the growing medium and the padstones that will be fitted underneath.

Some grass cutting has taken place.

The hedges around the Millennium Green have been cut.

22/28 Complaint re Flooding

There is concern that there are properties in Henbury that are now blighted by severe flooding on a regular basis. It is long overdue that positive action is taken. A meeting with Cheshire East occurred on 8th March to discuss the situation. Cllr LS provided an update.

22/29 Environmental Project

Cllr SB updated that 150 metres of native hedge were planted at Moor Heath.

22/30 Review of Trees

The plan was for two trees to be cut back on Hightree Drive – weather has delayed this.

22/31 Road Safety / Speed Limits

No update.

22/32 Footpaths

Henbury to Whirley footpath – covered earlier in the agenda.

Footpath 7 – No update.

Permissive Path – Cllr SB has met with the landowner and a route from the bottom of Dark Lane going straight across and into the field on Whirley Lane has been drafted. This will be trialled for a year.

22/33 Highways.

A537 work will commence on the 15th March.

22/34 Financial Regulations

The amended financial regulations were approved by full council.

23/35 Standing Orders

The standing orders for 2022 were approved by full council.

22/36 Internal Audit 2022

It was agreed that JDH Business Services would be appointed to undertake the 2021/22 internal audit.

22/37 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £25,267.59

Payments for approval

001015 £69.60 – Chairman expenses

001016 £54.00 – TCS Management

001017 £248.74 – Clerk Salary

001018 £48.40 – HMRC

001019 £140 – Keith Roberts

001021 £669.63 – Allport Electrical

Online £248.74 – Clerk Salary

Online £48.40 – HMRC

Online £240.30 – Cllr Browne (purchase of fruit trees)

Online £1040 – James Hassell (replacement planters)

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.

22/38 Planning Applications

Nil

22/39 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

Nil.

22/40 Member's Report

Nil.

The next meeting will be the on 11th May 2022 @ 7.30pm. This will include the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

