

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 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
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE
Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

1 member of the public was present.

23/22 Apologies for absence

None

23/23 Declarations of Interest

None

23/24 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2023 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

23/25 PCSO Report

The report for February was circulated prior to the meeting.

23/26 Cheshire East

Cllr LS provided the following update: The approval of the budget went through with a 4.99% council tax increase. £20 million pounds worth of cuts will come in the next financial year.

23/27 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

- 19/3098M – No documents are yet on the Planning Portal that relate to all the conditions set out by the Planning Inspector.
- 19/3816M – No update.
- 19/5582M – No update.

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

23/28 Verge Maintenance Policy

No update.

23/29 Lower Church Hall Car Park

Cllr DN has had no response from the Church Council about how to proceed going forward.

23/30 Risk Assessment

The risk assessment was circulated prior to the meeting and approved by full council. This will now go on the website.

23/31 Millennium Green Trust

420 trees have been received from the Woodland Trust which will be planted on 18th March.

23/32 Village Housekeeping and Broadband

New 'welcome to Henbury' signs for the village were discussed and it was agreed that quotes would be obtained for two new signs.

23/33 Environmental Project

100 metres of new hedging has been planted on Dark Lane.

23/34 Review of Trees

The work on one of the trees has been undertaken. The cherry picker wasn't needed for this work.

23/35 Safety / Speed Limits

Motorists are not adhering to the speed limit through the village, especially on Church Lane. This has been increased with the extra traffic cutting through to Kings School.

23/36 Footpaths and Flood Risk

The landowners and Flood Risk Officers held a meeting but nothing has since progressed. Cllr LS will request an update.

23/37 Highways

The new safety barriers on the A537 bridge are going to be put in place in the new financial year. The dip in the road will be monitored by the highways team.

23/38 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £28,936.02

Payments for approval

LCS Landscapes - £570

Keith Roberts - £150

TCS Management - £56.70

HMRC - £31.40

Clerk Salary - £265.74

LCS Landscapes - £570

David Richards - £180

Clerk Salary - £265.94

HMRC - £31.20

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.

It was agreed that all the budget areas would be reviewed in the new financial year and priorities for spending would be set.

23/39 Planning Applications

Nil

23/40 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

The Clerk has attended the local election briefing, the nomination papers were completed by members.

23/41 Member's Report

Nil.

The next meeting will be the on 24th May 2023 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.