

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2023, 7.45pm, at St Thomas Church Hall.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor David Nuttall DN
Councillor Mike Wood MW arrived at
Councillor Richard Slater RS
Councillor Simon Browne SB
Councillor Janet Bailey JB
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE
Councillor Laura Furness LF
Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

0 members of the public were present.

23/42 Apologies for absence

None

23/43 Declarations of Interest

None

23/44 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

23/45 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by all Members.

23/46 PCSO Report

No report was received.

23/47 Cheshire East

Cllr LS provided the following update:

An update has been received regarding the flooding issue. A meeting has been agreed between the landowner, Bellway and the contractor in order to agree a scope of works. An update will be received following this.

The Speed Indicator Device application was discussed. It was agreed that a speed indicator with a recording device would be requested, and the Clerk will send the application in this regard.

Dark Lane flooding – Highways have done a site visit. The land drain works but it is blocked. The septic tank overflow is going through into the land drain and is backing up. Work will be carried out to remedy this.

A537 – Cllr LS will write to Highways as there has been a noticeable deterioration in the culvert and it needs a review.

Cllr Craig Browne has offered to visit all parish councils. Henbury will invite him to a future meeting.

Cllr LS will raise with Highways whether there is an update on the safety audit at Broken Cross.

23/48 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

- 19/3098M – Permission has not yet been given for work to commence.
- 19/3816M – No update.
- 19/5582M – The decision notice has now been updated on the Planning Portal.

As a result of the Parish Council's concerns regarding the performance of Cheshire East with regards to the above planning applications, a formal complaint has been launched. Cheshire East have responded to the complaint. Henbury Parish Council do not feel that this is a satisfactory response and will move onto stage two of the process.

A list of all outstanding items will be passed onto Cllr LS in order for her to pass these onto the various departments for an update.

Flora – no update.

23/49 Audit and Local Councils England

The internal audit report was reviewed, and recommendations noted.

The Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR 2022/23 was approved and signed.

The Annual Accounting Statement of the AGAR 2022/23 was approved and signed.

The Certificate of Exemption from External Audit was approved and signed.

The public inspection period was approved from Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 14th July 2023. All information will be posted on the website and noticeboard.

23/49 General Power of Competence

It was agreed that the council continue to meet the requirements for the General Power of Competence and no longer require the use of S137 as a power to spend on certain items.

23/50 New Member Code of Conduct

Full council agreed to adopt the new Cheshire East member Code of Conduct.

23/51 Register of Members Interests

Members are to complete a new register of members interests form to be sent to Cheshire East by the Clerk.

23/52 Publication Scheme

Adopted by full council.

23/53 Social Media Policy

Adopted by full council.

23/54 Equality and Diversity Policy

Adopted by full council.

23/55 Disciplinary and Grievance Policy

Adopted by full council.

23/56 Standing Orders 2023

Adopted by full council.

23/57 Financial Regulations 2023

Adopted by full council.

23/58 Lower Church Hall Car Park

Cllr DN has received a response from the parochial church council who have confirmed that they are happy for the Parish Council to take responsibility for the lower church car park. Cllr SB will carry out an assessment of the work needed.

23/59 Millennium Green Trust

The AGM will be held on the 17th of June.

Alternative play area surfaces are being looked at.

A hedgerow has been planted alongside the vicarage.

Thanks were passed to the Parish Council for the grant.

Full council agreed that the grant of £1,500 would be awarded for the 2023/24 financial year.

23/60 Village Housekeeping and Broadband

The Church have been made aware that there is a need to review the support that the Parish Council give for the funding of the broadband in the church hall.

A new sign for the village was discussed. Guideline quotes have been received and will be circulated.

23/61 Environmental Project

4,050 metres of hedging have been planted since the beginning of the project.

23/62 Review of Trees

The work was carried out on the Sycamore tree. Further work will be required in the Autumn.

23/63 Safety / Speed Limits

Covered earlier in the agenda.

23/64 Footpaths and Flood Risk

Covered earlier in the agenda.

23/65 Highways

Covered earlier in the agenda.

23/38 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £39851.16

Payments for approval

ChALC affiliation fee - £196.84

Internal audit fee - £210

TCS Management - £56.70

Clerk salary - £242.94

HMRC - £54.20
Zurich Insurance - £257.60
Then Media - £288
Defibrillator pads - £164.94

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

Receipts
Donation for hedge planting - £250
Cheshire East precept - £11,750
HMRC VAT return - £1428

Resolved that the bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

23/67 Planning Applications

Nil

23/68 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

Nil.

23/69 Member's Report

Cllr Richard Slater has resigned from the Parish Council after 18 years' service.

The next meeting will be the on 12th July 2023 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.