

## **HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7.30pm, at St Thomas Church Hall.

### **Part 1 Public and Press present**

#### **Present**

Councillor David Nuttall DN  
Councillor Richard Slater RS  
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE  
Councillor Janet Bailey JB  
Councillor Mike Wood MW  
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

#### **Public Forum**

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1 member of the public was present.

#### **22/61 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Simon Browne, Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)

#### **22/62 Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **22/63 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

#### **22/64 PCSO Report**

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

#### **22/65 Cheshire East**

Cllr LS was not present at the meeting but sent a report:

Officers are explaining to all landowners their obligation to maintain their drains properly to alleviate flooding. Riparian rights and responsibilities for landowners was also mentioned during a presentation to Cheshire East Councillors by United Utilities earlier this week when they provided an update on how they will improve the work they undertake across the Northwest. The Interim Head of Highways has, or is, about to depart and a new head has just started. Cheshire East Report a Highway Fault is also called FixMyStreet now and can be used on the website.

There is a lot of work and help for Ukrainian guests by Cheshire East and local people. The Revd. Ian Arch group with Paul Nixon of Marton / Vic Browne of Somerford Booths and Hulme Walfield / Mike Chantler of Chapel-en-le-Frith and others are co-ordinating various parishes and groups across several counties in the NW. There are others helping with humanitarian aid to Ukraine and those in the camps assisting with visas and so on.

Full Council are meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Smetham will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### **22/66 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.**

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

Cllr SB was not in attendance but provided the following update:

Development on 19/3097M is ongoing and will take a further 2.5 years or so. Contact was made with the site manager after the query from residents on Whirley Road regarding the 'ecology area'. The site manager confirmed that the site is currently having the levelling work done and that the restoration / landscaping on the ecology area, play area and general open spaces will be done at the end of the build period. The area assigned as a play area will be used as a site office/storage area in the meantime and the concrete base now installed will be removed when the play area work starts.

19/3098M. The developer appealed to the Planning Inspectorate and the appeal hearing took place in June. Cllrs Browne and Slater attended and spoke against the development. We still await the decision. The resubmission of this application (ref 22/0577M) is showing a committee date of 24/8/22.

Regarding 19/3816M and 19/5582M, they are still to go to committee for the reserved matters hearing, and are not on the July SPB agenda

21/0289M - Flora: no updates on the planning portal since 18/5/22.

20/5442M - BX junction condition removal: information call scheduled for next week. Cllr RS and the Clerk will attend this meeting and provide an update. The Parish Council feels the lack of transparency with the scheme is a retrograde step.

### **22/67 Revision of Cheshire East Local Plan**

The revision of the Local Plan was discussed. The Parish Council is disappointed about how the revision of the Local Plan has been communicated.

### **22/68 Verge Maintenance Policy**

A discussion took place about the village verge maintenance. This is to be a long-term project to get more diversity of plants within the verges. The Parish Council is in favour of developing an ecology policy to deal with verge maintenance going forward.

### **22/69 Lower Church Hall Car Park**

This is a focal point of the village. The Parish Council is in favour of putting a scheme in place to improve the lower church car park. It was agreed that quotes will be sought for the work and Cllr DN will open a dialogue with the Church to agree a way forward.

### **22/70 Millennium Green Trust**

Cllr SB was not in attendance at the meeting but reported that the wildflower meadow has been excellent again this year, with orchid numbers continuing to increase. The fruit trees are doing well, with one exception. The bonfire is planned for November 5th.

### **22/71 Village Housekeeping and Broadband**

No update from Open Reach. More residents have signed up to the scheme.

### **22/72 Environmental Project**

Nothing ongoing until winter.

### **22/73 Review of Trees**

The work on the High Tree Drive trees is planned for the Autumn.

### **22/74 Road Safety / Speed Limits**

It was agreed that a report would be made to Highways about the new fence on the A537 not being sufficient to act as a safety barrier. There are two dips in the road which are over the original excavations which were not addressed when the roadworks were being carried out. The Parish Council will ask Highways to investigate this.

At the end of Sandbach Farm Drive, School Lane, a metal spike is causing a hazard. This will be reported to Highways.

The tree in the grounds of the Blacksmith Arms that is causing a hazard will be reported to Highways.

### **22/75 Footpaths and Flood Risk**

Henbury to Whirley footpath – Cllr LS has provided an update from the flood risk managers who have made contact with the landowners but there has been no development in terms of arranging the drainage works.

Footpath 7 – this has been reported to Building Control.

Permissive Path – this is being well used.

### **22/76 Highways.**

Covered under Road Safety.

### **22/77 Budget Review**

The current budget position has been reviewed.

### **22/78 Accounts**

To note the balance of accounts = £28,917.62

#### Payments for approval

Clerk Salary – £288.94

HMRC – £8.20

D Richards – £80.00

D Richards – £75.00

James Hassall – £100.00

Henbury Events Committee – £500.00

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D Richards – £100.00

Information Commissioners Office – £40.00

Cheshire Community Action – £20.00

HMRC – £31.20

Clerk Salary – £265.94

Floral Planters – £80.80

Fairway Landscapes – £744.00

D Richards – £50.00

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D Richards – £125.00

D Richards – £130.00  
Clerk Salary – £265.94  
HMRC – £31.20  
TCS Management – £56.70

**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.

**22/79 Planning Applications**

22/0251M The Workshop, Rough Heys Lane – no comments

Land Sale – Access Church Lane / Chelford Road. The sale of land has gone through.

**22/80 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping**

Nil.

**22/81 Member's Report**

Nil.

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**The next meeting will be the on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 @ 7.30pm.**

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**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.**