

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 @ 7.30pm via video conference.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor David Nuttall DN
Councillor Mike Wood MW
Councillor Simon Browne SB
Councillor Richard Slater RS
Councillor Wendy Daniel WD
Councillor Janet Bayley JB
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

0 members of the public were present.

21/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East) had a prior engagement.

21/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

21/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

21/22 PCSO Report

The report for February was circulated prior to the meeting. The community orchard scheme funding was discussed, and it was agreed that the Millennium Green would be the most suitable place for the trees and this will be discussed with the Millennium Green Trust. KM will respond to the PCSO to confirm that the parish council will match-fund the fruit trees.

21/23 Cheshire East

No ward member present.

21/24 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

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

David Rutley MP has been in touch to ask for further correspondence which KM will forward to him.

Cllr SB provided an update. 19/3097M and 19/3098M are to be heard at the strategic planning board meeting on 24th March.

A peat report has been commissioned and carried out for application 19/3097M. This will also be used as a supporting document for 19/3098M and 19/3816M.

It was agreed that the parish council would write to Mr David Malcolm at Cheshire East to request that the application 20/5442M be heard prior to 19/3097M and 19/3098M. KM will send the correspondence.

The application at Flora was discussed. Transport, highways and environmental have all objected to the scheme. The applicant has put in some new plans but there does not seem to have been any major changes. Transport have rejected it because of Pepper Street which was the major concern of the parish council.

21/25 Community Governance Review

A discussion took place about how the proposed boundary changes may affect Henbury. It was agreed that advice would be sought from the ward councillor.

21/26 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB provided an update. Maintenance has been taking place over the last few weeks. Some clearing work to open-up paths has taken place. Contractors are due to resurface some of the paths. There has been some replacement work of some timbers on the play area. The issue of dogs on the Green was discussed. The parish council will consider funding a bigger sign. The grass verge at the entrance of the green is not in a good condition due to contractors using the verge and visitors to the Green parking their vehicles there.

21/27 Planning Sub-Committee

The terms of reference for the planning sub-committee were circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved that the planning sub-committee formation was adopted by full council.

Resolved that KM will make amendments to the terms of reference to be signed off at the meeting in May.

Resolved that Cllr MW will be the chairman of the planning sub-committee.

21/28 Risk Assessment

The risk assessment for 2021/22 was circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved that the risk assessment was approved by full council.

21/29 Village Housekeeping

Cllr MW provided an update on broadband. 5 houses have gone live on Whirley Road. 19 properties on Chelford Road have passed all the tests but are not yet live. Another 20 houses will go live this weekend. Open Reach are making progress and Cllr MW is confident that Henbury will have full fibre by the time of the next meeting in May.

The state of the verges at the end of Church Lane and alongside the Millennium Green was discussed. It was agreed to monitor the situation and look at solutions in the spring. Cllr MW suggested putting reflectors on the verges. It was agreed that Cllr DM would discuss this with John Denwood in the Highways department.

21/30 Environmental Project

Cllr SB provided an update. Due to the Covid restrictions it has been difficult to get groups together to do the usual spring hedge planting.

21/31 Review of Trees

Cllr DN provided an update regarding Hightree Drive and the Tree Preservation Order. Cllr DN

and SB have met with a tree surgeon and it was agreed that two trees would have work carried out. A problem with sap prevented the particularly tall tree being worked on until springtime. Cllr DN is going to inform the residents of the affected area. The TPO has been applied for.

21/32 Road Safety / Speed Limits

A discussion took place about the recent gritting trial that is ongoing. Cllr MW has received many positive responses to this via the website. It has made a big difference to residents. Residents have requested that this is continued.

Resolved that gritting would be continued in the future and the area to be gritted could include School Lane to Home Farm Barns after reviewing the extra costs.

21/33 Footpaths

Henbury to Whirley footpath - the two landowners were contacted by Cheshire East Flood Risk and have agreed to use scientific measures when the water has receded to clear the blockage.

Permissive path – Cllr SB has been unable to get hold of the landowner. Cheshire East Footpaths are aware and will provide signage for the path and the necessary paperwork.

21/34 Highways.

A537, Chelford Road, Monks Heath, Broken Cross.

Cllr DN has discussed with Highways about the lack of safety barriers at Birtles Bend. A request was made that the safety measures be reinstated. Cheshire East commented that no funds were available in this financial year, but they will look at it in the next financial year.

21/35 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £15,558.54

Payments for approval

- Cheque 000943 - £48 PKF Littlejohn
- Cheque 000944 - £140 K. Roberts (Christmas Tree Lights)
- Cheque 000945 - £281.14 K. Marsh (Clerk Salary)
- Cheque 000946 - £14.39 K. Marsh (Clerk expenses, Zoom subscription)
- Cheque 000947 - £834 LCS Landscapes
- Cheque 000948 - £57.60 Allport Electrical
- Cheque 000949 - £540 LSC Landscapes

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.

Resolved that online banking would be applied for as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

21/36 Planning Applications

Nil.

21/37 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

JDH Business Services approved by full council to be appointed for the internal audit 2020 / 21.

It was agreed that KM would draft regular update articles for the Henbury website and place an advert for a parish councillor.

The annual meeting was discussed.

21/38 Member's Report

Cllr WD reported back from the roles and responsibilities training that she had recently undertaken with ChALC.

The next meeting will be the on 12th May 2021 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.53 pm.