

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor Mike Wood MW
Councillor Richard Slater RS
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE
Councillor Simon Browne SB
Councillor Janet Bailey JB
Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

2 members of the public were present.

22/102 Apologies for absence

Cllr David Nuttall

22/103 Declarations of Interest

None

22/104 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2022 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

22/105 PCSO Report

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

22/106 Cheshire East

Cllr LS provided the following update:

Church Lane / Dark Lane – money has been allocated for the lights and a signalised crossing.

This has been agreed and approved.

Cllr LS reiterated that Enforcement breaches should always be reported via the Cheshire East online portal where a reference will be allocated.

2030 is the date for the next Local Plan.

The average speed camera project has been successful in Bedfordshire and a trial is now being run with the PCC with Plumley, Acton Bridge and Lymm. The Parish Councils part fund the initial cost of the cameras and the PCC will fund the ongoing maintenance for 15 years or the life of the camera.

The Pick-Fit scheme has been launched. This enables users to get a free one day pass to use at the Everybody Leisure Centres in exchange for photos of litter picking.

Cllr MW will attend the meeting on 30th November: Cheshire East Town and Parish Councils Network Launch.

22/107 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

- 19/3097M – the build is in progress.
- 19/3098M – the appeal has been successful by the developers.
- 19/3816M – No update.
- 19/5582M – went to committee in September and it was deferred because of the drainage.

Broken Cross – Nine vehicles have now been badly damaged at the roadworks site. The roadworks have been extended for a month. Cllr LS will query why the permission was given to extend the roadworks into December.

Flora – conditions have been applied by the Northern Planning Committee. An S106 has been applied with a stipend to be given to secondary education, nothing to primary education.

22/108 Verge Maintenance Policy

It was agreed that an Autumn and early Spring cut only would be carried out, for the verges to be left uncut in between, from the Millennium Green to Dark Lane.

This needs to be communicated within the village with signage to say ‘wildflower area please do not cut.’

Cheshire East will need to be informed of the policy. The Clerk will write to highways. Bosley Parish Council are also putting a similar policy in place.

22/109 Lower Church Hall Car Park

This needs to be discussed further with the Church as to whether they want to designate the area to the Parish Council or leave it with their groundsman.

22/110 Millennium Green Trust

A memorial bench has been installed in the play area.

The bonfire took place on Saturday 5th November with 739 visitors and was very successful.

A request has gone out on the village website for new trustees.

22/111 Village Housekeeping and Broadband

The final bits of pavement repairs have been finished off. The scheme is 5-6 short of where Open Reach had expected it to be.

22/112 Environmental Project

More hedge planting will be carried out in late spring.

22/113 Review of Trees

No more work on the trees until next year.

22/114 Road Safety / Speed Limits

The 20 is Plenty scheme was discussed. The motion was passed for Henbury to support the campaign for 20 is Plenty to be implemented in Henbury.

The Clerk will query with Highways whether it would be possible to put a sign up for cyclists to take extra care on Andertons Lane.

22/115 Footpaths and Flood Risk

The Henbury Rise flooding was discussed. The landowners need to work together and it was agreed that an update would be requested from the Cheshire East flood risk officers.

It was agreed that a request would be made to Highways to investigate the pavement conditions in Henbury, particularly on High Tree Drive.

22/116 Highways.

The dip in the A537 culvert is deteriorating further. The wooden barrier hasn't yet been replaced. The Clerk will request an update from Highways.

22/117 Budget 2023/24

Full council approved the budget for the financial year 2023/24.

22/118 Precept 2023/24

Full council approved the precept request for the financial year 2023/24 of £23,500.

22/119 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £36,217.77

Payments for approval

Marks and Spencers Flower Delivery – 25.00

LCS Landscapes – 1140

MGT Grant – 1500

TCS Management – 56.70

D Richards – 100.00

Poppy wreath – 23.98

D Richards – 50.00

Clerk salary – 265.94

HMRC – 31.20

D Richards – 75.00

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Councillor expenses – 25.00

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Plants for village planters – 36.00

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.

22/120 Planning Applications

Nil

22/121 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

The meeting dates for 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that Account-Ant would be appointed for the internal audit for the 2022/23 financial year.

22/122 Member's Report

Nil.

The next meeting will be the on 11th January 2023 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.