

## **HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7.30pm, at St Thomas Church Hall.

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

#### **Present**

Councillor David Nuttall DN  
Councillor Mike Wood MW  
Councillor Simon Browne SB  
Councillor Janet Bailey JB  
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE  
Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)  
Sue Loxham-Clerk SL

**1 member of the public was present.**

### **Public Forum**

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#### **23/108 Apologies for absence**

None

#### **23/109 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr SB is a member of the Millennium Green Committee

#### **23/110 Minutes of last meeting**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

#### **23/111 Beat Managers Report**

The October Beat Managers report was circulated prior to the meeting. No further reports received but the new PCSO will be taking up their post shortly.

#### **23/112 Cheshire East**

Cllr LS provided the following updates: CE current deficit is £18.7m. There are several reviews taking place in Cheshire East including green spaces, adult health & Social care. There is a proposal to close 4 leisure centres which caused much debate. On a positive note, Macclesfield leisure centre has just received some extra funding (~£66K).

#### **23/113 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.**

No updates on any of the following *19/3098M*, *19/3816M*, & *19/5582M* *21/0289M*. Electricity supply issue was moved to be discussed in 23/117

#### **23/114 Footpaths and Flood Risk**

Henbury Rise to Whirley (Footpath 7) has been inspected by public rights of way and footpaths Officer. They found no flooding but did take the opportunity to scrape and clear several side grips to release water from the puddles and improved the channel through the hedge. They would not object if the parish council wanted to improve the path further provided the landowners permission was sort. The council decided to keep monitoring the situation.

Cllr SB updated on his conversation with Mr Mitchell (landowner) regarding linking the drains from his land to the Bellway development. Mr Mitchell is still waiting for Bellway to produce the drain manhole so that he can link to it.

After much discussion it was noted that there has been an increase in the number of dog walkers on private land, but the council has no real options available to stop this practise.

### **23/115 Lower Church Hall Car Park**

Cllr DN to arrange a final grass cut before returning it to the church.

### **23/116 Millennium Green Trust**

Cllr SB updated the council regarding work planned around the picnic area. They have been actively seeking volunteers.

### **23/117 Village Housekeeping**

Cllr DN updated on the drains causing the flooding on Church Lane. A highways drainage team is due to dig out the largest drain which is blocked thus allowing the water from the 5 other drains feeding into it to drain away.

Cllr JBE updated on her unsatisfactory reply from the electricity company regarding the vulnerability of the supply. She will pursue the matter further. It was agreed that the electricity supply to Henbury would not be adequate to support the addition of too many new builds.

### **23/118 Environmental Project**

Cllr SB attended Support for Tree planting event and has applied for hedgerow planting grant.

### **23/119 Review of Trees**

Cllr DN updated on the pruning work planned for the plane tree on Hightree Drive which is due to start mid to late November.

### **23/120 Safety / Speed Limits**

Agreed the purchase of visibility PPE to permit road signs cleaning as proposed by Cllr JBE.

### **23/121 Highways**

Cllr MW provided the outcomes from the positive meeting with Cllr C Browne on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

- Money constraints is a major issue.
- A joint inspection of the gutters/gullies with Cllr DN and highways in Henbury and A537 to be arranged.
- Highways approach is to make lasting repairs not temporary patches.
- Want everyone to use 'Fix my Street' to report problems as easy to track and assists in planning repairs.
- Broken Cross junction – took the councils concerns seriously and were going to look at the resolution progress. As a result, the proposed letter of concern to CEC as mentioned in last minutes 23/95, has been put on hold.

Cllr LS left the meeting.

### **23/122 Budget 2024/25**

After Cllr MW had highlighted the principles used in the budget calculations the budget was

approved for next year

### **23/123 Precept 2024/25**

Based on the budget forecast the precept was approved for next year

### **23/124 Accounts**

To note the balance of accounts = £43,612.67

David Richards hedge trimming hedges etc Pepper St	£	300.00	
Cheshire East Precept			11750.00
microsoft renewal	£	148.32	
David Richards verges grass cutting + strimming 9th 14th	£	180.00	
HMRC	£	56.40	
Clerk salary SL	£	251.39	
David Richards grass cutting + strimming 19th 20th amended 37	£	110.00	
ChALC training course SL	£	25.00	
Grant to Millennium Green	£	1,500.00	
David Richards grass cutting + strimming 27th	£	110.00	
Poppy wreath (paid Clerks Credit card)	£	23.98	
David Richards grass cutting + strimming 4th	£	110.00	
TCS Management - payroll fee	£	59.40	
HMRC	£	56.40	
Clerks salary SL	£	251.39	
David Richards verges grass cutting + strimming 11th & 18th	£	220.00	

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

### **23/125 Planning Applications**

Council had sent a response to 23/3688M. Cllr JB had looked at proposed 23/3728M PEXHILL FARM and raised no objections. This was the view of the council and has been forwarded to planning department.

### **23/126 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping**

Dates for next meeting were approved. Clerks' salary increase was agreed and back dated.

### **23/127 Member's Report**

Nil.

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**The next meeting will be the on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 7.30pm.**

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**Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.**

