

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th May 2021 @ 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 Richard Slater RS
Councillor Janet Bayley JB
Kate Marsh – Clerk KM

Public Forum

2 members of the public were present.

21/39 Apologies for absence

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

21/40 Declarations of Interest

Cllr SB matter 21/50.

21/41 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

21/42 PCSO Report

The report for April was circulated prior to the meeting.

21/43 Cheshire East

No ward member present. A query was raised whether Cllr Smetham was holding surgeries at present. The Clerk will query this with Cllr Smetham.

21/44 Status Update on Major Development Planning Applications.

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

Cllr SB provided an update with very little to report since the last parish council meeting. The planning committee are still awaiting a response to some queries with CEC portfolio holders.

Application 21/0289M (Flora) was discussed. The two latest reports dated 12th March and 15th March were discussed. It was felt that various issues were missed from the report. There is an issue as to whether that submission is fit for purpose. Residents feel let down by the work of certain Cheshire East council officers in the production of these reports. The parish council feel

that they have put in strong enough objections at this stage. The clerk will check with the ward councillor whether the application has been called-in.

21/45 Audit and Local Councils England 2020/21

The internal audit report was circulated prior to the meeting and recommendations noted by full council.

The Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR 2020/21 was circulated to full council prior to the meeting. This was signed by the chairman and responsible finance officer.

The Annual Accounting Statement of the AGAR 2020/21 was circulated to full council prior to the meeting. This was signed by the chairman and responsible finance officer.

The public inspection period (notice of public rights) was approved from Monday 14th June 2021 to Friday 23rd July 2021. The information will be posted on the website and noticeboard.

21/46 To Adopt the General Power of Competence

Full council approved the requirements to exercise the General Power of Competence for the forthcoming year and to no longer use S137 as a power to spend on certain items.

21/47 Financial Regulations

The financial regulations were circulated prior to the meeting and adopted by full council.

21/48 Community Governance Review

No update, to be carried forward to the next agenda.

21/49 Over Alderley Neighbourhood Plan

Correspondence had been received from Over Alderley parish council clerk regarding a number of residents in Henbury requesting to be included in the Over Alderley Neighbourhood Plan due to the location of their properties on the border of Over Alderley. The Parish Council would like to consider the rationale to this because they cannot see the benefit to the residents. It may potentially jeopardise any future neighbourhood plans for Henbury. The Clerk will reply to the Over Alderley Parish clerk in this regard.

21/50 Millennium Green

Cllr SB provided an update. The path to the bog area will be getting resurfaced in the first half of June. The MGT will support the PCSO community orchard project and would request the trees to be plums, damson, greengage, and pear.

HPC committed to helping with signage regarding the prohibition of dogs on the Green and also hoops to tie dogs to outside the gate if required.

A vote was passed to give the support to the Millennium Green for the coming year.

21/51 Village Housekeeping

Cllr MW provided an update on broadband. Over half the village are successfully connected and the residents who are connected are very grateful. Any issues have been resolved quickly. It looks at this stage to be coming in on budget.

The verge at the side of Church Lane has been trimmed but further remedial work is needed which will be discussed at a later date.

Standing water on Dark Lane. This is in the plans for financial funding by Cheshire East. Highways are aware of this and are dealing with the issue.

21/52 Environmental Project

Cllr SB provided an update. Hedge planting has taken place at Marl Heath.

21/53 Review of Trees

Cllr DN provided an update regarding Hightree Drive and the Tree Preservation Order. The three trees that needed work, the work has now been completed. The TPO is going through.

21/54 Road Safety / Speed Limits

A discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council would like to take responsibility for the speed gun that has been offered to them by Eaton Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be put on the website to see whether volunteers could be sought.

21/55 Footpaths

Henbury to Whirley footpath – Cheshire East have inspected the footpath and reported there to be no issue. Cllr RS is going to make enquiries with the Environment officer and get a report from them on the issue.

Footpath 7 - Cllr DN to make enquiries with the flood risk manager for an update. Cheshire East Council have provided more stone to help in the wet area near a kissing gate.

21/56 Highways.

A537, Chelford Road, Monks Heath, Broken Cross.

It was agreed to write to Cheshire East Highways to enquire what is the cost so far on traffic monitoring on the A537 and how long are they going to be in place for?

The clerk will contact Highways to find out when the last date was that the gullies were done and when the next scheduled time will be on the Dark Lane, Whirley Lane, Whirley Road and Andertons Lane.

21/35 Accounts

To note the balance of accounts = £23148.16

Payments for approval

- 000950 £281.14 K. Marsh (Clerk Salary)
- 000951 £200 D. Richards
- 000952 £1080 Gavia Environmental (peat survey)
- 000953 £360 Gavia Environmental (peat survey)
- 000954 £50 D Nuttall (expenses)
- 000955 £316.74 St Thomas Church Hal wi-fi
- 000956 £25 ChALC (councillor training)
- 000957 £30.59 K. Marsh (Clerk expenses)
- 000958 £199.80 Fairway Landscapes
- 000959 £281.14 K. Marsh (clerk salary)
- 000960 £177.84 ChALC annual affiliation fee
- 000961 £400 K Roberts, tree surgeon
- 000962 £14 K Marsh (Clerk expenses)

- 000963 £529.80 Lees Growers (Millennium Green playground chippings)
- 000964 £201.60 JDH Business Services (Internal Audit)

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

Receipts

£11,500 Cheshire East Precept

Resolved that the bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

21/58 Planning Applications

Nil.

21/59 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

Full council signed the internet banking registration forms.

21/60 Member's Report

The next meeting will be the on 14th July 2021 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.