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Meeting Wednesday 26th October 2016 at
St Thomas' Church Hall

Minutes

Present: D Nuttall (DN), Sir F Graham-Smith (GS), R Slater (RS), C Clowes (Clerk), V Dyson (VD), Mike Wood (MW), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS), PCSO Julie Short

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Simon Brown **16/80**
- 2) **PCSO Report: 16/81**
29th September 2016 – Traffic watch took place for 2 hours with only one stop made for speeding. Clerk to email dates of next years meetings to PCSO Short. **Clerk**
- 3) **Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 14th September 2016:** agreed and signed as correct record **16/82**
- 4) **Matters Arising: 16/83**
 - i. Save Macclesfield Green Belt – No further developments involving HPC since the last meeting – no further action.
- 5) **Road Safety / Speed Limits: 16/84**
 - i. A537 – nothing to report. Remove from agenda. **Clerk**
 - ii. Anderton's Lane – 30mph signs have now been put up. Remove from agenda. **Clerk**
 - iii. Mirror at end of Church Lane – Simon has been asked if a mirror can be put up at the end of Church Lane. David will ask Andy Simpson if this is possible however LS advised that she believes CEC are no longer providing mirrors due to changes in legislation. **DN**
- 6) **Local Plan: 16/85**
Members of HPC attended the hearing and were impressed by the Inspector and his focus and impartiality. The hearings have now finished with a statement from the Inspector expected by the end of December.
- 7) **Footpaths: 16/86**
 - i. Application for Public Path Diversion – Public Footpaths Henbury No 1 and No 9 at Sandbach Farm – Simon reported by email that the path has now been flattened and is now safe but a significant length of hedge has been removed along the track leading to the farm from School Lane, amounting to around 250m. In theory such removal should not be done without approval and approval would be dependent on various characteristics of the hedge and its environment. After discussion it was agreed that David will ask Simon to draft an email in consultation with Janet about this to send to Vinnie Farrell, enforcement officer for Cheshire East Planning. **DN, SB** Lesley Smetham will also speak to Vinnie Farrell about this. **LS**
 - ii. Henbury – Whirley Footpath – nothing further to report at present.
- 8) **Website: 16/87**
Henbury.org is now live although it is still being worked on. Cheque for payment to be raised at this meeting. The ongoing annual fee will be paid up to the end of this financial year and then annually. The meeting agreed that Mike will remain as contact/admin for the website on behalf of HPC.
- 9) **Budget and Precept 2016/17: 16/88**
A discussion took place in light of the proposed budget, increase in houses with new builds in Henbury and the deficit in 2016/17. It was proposed that the precept for 2017/18 be set at

£7000 and this was agreed unanimously. The 2017/18 budget to include this precept figure will be finalised for the January 2017 meeting.

Francis may attend the meeting in November regarding the precept referendum.

10) Finance: 16/89

- i. Cheques totalling £1619.77 – agreed and signed.
- ii. Cash book and bank reconciliation for financial year 16/17 – agreed and signed.
- iii. Clerk Salary – National Increase – agreed with effect from 1st April 2016.

11) Planning Applications: 16/90

- i. **15/2771D** - HOME FARM, SCHOOL LANE, HENBURY, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9PH - Discharge of Conditions 4,7,12,15,18 & 19 (14/5243M) – **Awaiting Decision**
- ii. **16/0603M** - APOSTLE COTTAGE, FANSHAWE LANE, HENBURY, CHESHIRE, SK11 9PP - Construction of detached garage – **Awaiting Decision**
- iii. **16/2724M** - Land South Of, WHIRLEY LANE, HENBURY - Agricultural determination for an agricultural building - Determination – **Approval with conditions STG2**
- iv. Weekly Planning Lists – circulated by email.

12) Millennium Green Trust: 16/91

Francis advised that the area is being well used by Scout Groups from surrounding areas. Pruning has taken place to provide for the bonfire. It was agreed that the annual contribution of £500 from HPC should be drawn up as a cheque at the next meeting. **Clerk**

13) Village Housekeeping: 16/92

- i. New signs for Henbury – David advised that the present signs are in poor condition and Andy Simpson has advised that CEC do not provide these signs anymore. HPC can have their own sign designed and CEC will erect but in the first instance Andy Simpson will get the signs cleaned to see if this improves the situation and the issue will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- ii. Mowing and Maintenance – As already discussed at last meeting this was over budget this season.
- iii. Gulleys on School Lane, Fanshawe Lane, Bear Hurst Lane and Whirley Lane – ongoing.
- iv. Trees: Survey and Review of trees in residential areas – will be done before next meeting. **DN, SB**
- v. Hedges:
 - a) Church Lane/ Andertons Lane bend – hedges are growing onto the footpath – will be looked at in Tree Survey/Review. **DN, SB**
 - b) Top of Dark Lane – overhanging footpath and sunken footpath – Ongoing.
 - c) Christmas Tree – this has been ordered from the Capesthorpe Estate and HPC has own lights now from 2015. Electric connection will be arranged.

14) Environmental Project: 16/93

More hedgerow planting is to be done in the new year. Simon will chase Capesthorpe for the donation for last year's planting and is putting the finishing touches to an Environmental Project update which will be circulated when done. Francis advised that the forest area planted in CS41 has now been protected in plans for new houses being built in that area.

15) Correspondence: 16/94

All correspondence has either been distributed by hand or email.

16) A.O.B: None 16/95

17) Proposed Dates of 2017 meetings: 16/96

- 11th January
- THURS 9th March
- 10th May
- 5th July
- 13th September
- 1st November

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm