

**HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 10TH JULY 2015**

PRESENT	Councillor A Broome (Chairman) Councillor G Bennion (Vice chairman)
	Councillors D Brickhill, R Dodd, C Jardine, M Johnston, C Pywell and J Rowlands
APOLOGIES	Councillor D Hewitt

**40. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND RESIGNATION
OF COUNCILLOR V McFARLANE**

The Chairman and Members were pleased to welcome Councillors R Dodd, C Jardine and J Rowlands who were attending their first meeting.

The Clerk reported on the resignation of Councillor V McFarlane.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.
No declarations were made

42. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH JUNE 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12th June 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minute Number 27 to read:-

Councillor C Pywell presented the SID (Speed Indication Device) report for May that indicated that whilst there had been no increase in traffic levels vehicles were still travelling at excessive speed and presented a clear danger to road users and pedestrians

Cheshire East had offered to provide a non-data collecting SID and Members considered where it may be best located. It was felt that both the Council's device (unable to collect data) and the Parish device could not be located on the same pole facing the same direction. It was agreed that whilst the two devices maybe located on the same pole pointing in opposite directions this was not ideal. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Pywell would write to Councillor J Clowes setting out the Parishes preferred options Members also expressed concern at the lack of speed control on Cobbs Lane. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Pywell would write to Councillor Clowes highlighting the concerns and the perceived danger to both vehicles and pedestrians along with a request that CE road safety team consider the erection of physical speed deterrents.

There was no further information regarding the camera currently located on Newcastle Road.

43. NEW CLERK

Members were pleased to welcome Mrs Sue Davies who had recently been appointed Clerk and RFO and who would take over on 1st August 2015.

44. POLICE MATTERS

Councillor C Pywell presented the SID (Speed Indication Device) report indicated that there had been no increase in traffic levels but vehicles were still travelling at excessive speed.

Cheshire East had offered to provide a non-data collecting SID and Members considered that it may be best located close to the junction of Pit Lane and Newcastle Road and pointed towards Nantwich.

Councillor Pywell undertook to continue to investigate the most effective methods of speed control with Cheshire East Officers.

45. WOOLSTON DRIVE

The Chairman reported that a temporary repair of the carriageway had been carried out and that investigations by United Utilities would establish the cause of the problem. It may prove necessary to carry out further work to ensure that the problem does not occur again. The safety barriers erected around the collapsed area were still in position and needed to be removed.

46. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman and Councillor D Hewitt had attended a meeting of the Steering Group established to consider a combined Neighbourhood Plan held on 22nd June 2015.

A leaflet prepared by Weston and Basford Parish Council's Steering Group was circulated and it was estimated that the cost of producing a Plan would be in the order of £15,000 which could be funded from grants.

The next meeting of the Steering Group would be held on 30th July 2015.

47. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

Councillor M Johnston reported in detail on the arrangements for this event.

Additional musical entertainment was required and arrangements needed to be made for the grass to be cut and road closure signs were required.

It was possible that a tank could be displayed if suitable transport arrangements could be made. Assistance was required for this.

Councillor J Rowlands offered to enquire about the possible attendance of the Cheshire Constabulary Band.

48. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Councillor G Bennion reported that he had not received any further information from the Company approached to carry the watering of the summer bedding. A sprinkler had been purchased.

There had been vandalism to Ash trees on the Common and stones thrown onto the grassed areas were causing difficulties in mowing. This matter would be brought to the attention of PC N Jarvis.

The tarmac under the picnic benches was in need of attention and a quotation for the work would be obtained.

The Himalayan Balsam had been cleared but was starting to grow again and an adjacent area had plants in flower which would cause it to spread rapidly.

The Dog fouling signs from Cheshire East Council had not yet been received and the Clerk would pursue this.

Members agreed to distribute leaflets in Woolston Drive to remind residents of the need to clear up after their dogs.

49. WATER METER 93 COBBS LANE HOUGH

Councillor M Johnston reported that United Utilities had inspected the area and a report was being prepared. Councillor Johnston would ensure that the resident was kept fully informed of the proposals to remedy the problem.

50. PLANNING MATTERS

15/2806N -The Anchorage, Waybutt Lane, WESTON, CW2 5QA
Replacement Ancillary Accommodation

Councillor C Pywell had prepared a response to this application which would now be submitted.

51. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Balances on accounts	
Current A/c as at 2/7/2015	19100.92
Savings A/c as at 2/7/2015	2945.24

(b) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised

Mr D G Owen Salary and expenses June 2015	390.22
Mr J Rance-Grass cutting –July 2015	450.00
Mr W Newton-Lengthsman	131.67
Border Tree Care –Hough Village Green	810.00
HMRC Tax collected	250.20
T W Heler & Son Hedge Cutting	102.00
TOTAL	2133.91

52. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman reported that a letter had been sent to the Licensee of the White Hart regarding the number of A boards on display outside the premises. Whilst there had been no reply there had been comment on social media. Minute Number 37 refers.

The Court hearing regarding Chorlton Field was to be held on 17th July.

The next meeting of ChALC was to be held on 15th July 2015.

It was reported that there was a quantity of rubbish at The Stables Cobbs Lane and agreed that this be brought to the attention of the Enforcement Officer.

53. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -11th SEPTEMBER 7.30PM Hough Village Hall

CHAIRMAN