

HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD 10th JUNE 2016

PRESENT Councillor A Broome (Chairman) Councillor G Bennion (Vice chairman)
Councillors D Brickhill, M Johnston; C Jardine; C Pywell
Cheshire East Ward Cllr J Clowes

16.28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hewitt, Cllr McFarlane, Cllr Dodd

16.29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Brickhill declared an interest in item number 16.40 (Basford Creamery Application) due to being in the same Masonic Lodge as a director of the applicant company.

16.30 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th May, 2016

The motion to accept the minutes of 13th May was agreed by all present.

16.31 AGREEMENT OF DATES OF PARISH MEETINGS

The list of Parish Council Meeting Dates until the AGM in 2017 was circulated. Cllr Jardine agreed to confirm hall availability.

16.32 POLICE MATTERS

16.32.1 SID REPORT

Cllr Pywell had circulated the May SID report prior to the meeting. The data shows clearly that speeding is still a problem. It was agreed that the data will be sent to Robin Johnson and Gary Mallin at Cheshire East. The clerk was asked to write to the police to request some speed enforcement.

16.32.2 NEXT POLICE CLUSTER MEETING – 25th JULY 2016

Cllr Brickhill informed that he will not be able to attend this meeting. Cllr Jardine agreed to go in his place.

16.33 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16.33.1 BLOCKED DRAIN AND POTENTIAL FLOODING ON COBBS LANE

This work is scheduled for the following week (w/c 13th June).

16.33.2 BLOCKED GULLIES ON NEWCASTLE ROAD AND OVERGROWN PAVEMENT

The gully has still not been cleared. The hedges have been cut but the pavement width is still less than 1m.

16.33.3 HEDGE CUTTING ALONG NEWCASTLE ROAD

Cllr Bennion reported that the hedge has now been given a light cut back by Jeff Rance. The hedge was carefully checked for the presence of birds' nests beforehand to ensure none were disturbed.

16.33.4 BLOCKED GRID AND HOLE IN ROAD, BIRCH LANE

The clerk was asked to pursue this matter.

16.33.5 POOR VISIBILITY SPLAY WHEN TURNING OUT FROM COBBS LANE INTO NEWCASTLE ROAD

The clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East regarding this matter.

16.34 PROPOSAL FOR PLAY/SPORT EQUIPMENT IN HOUGH AND THE COMMON

Cllr Pywell provided an update on the progress and a summary of resident responses. It was approved by all present that Cllr Pywell arrange a ROSPA evaluation of each of the sites.

16.35 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16.35.1 PROGRESS REGARDING THE CONIFER ON THE CORNER OF PIT AND COBBS LANE

The conifer has now been cut by United Utilities.

16.35.2 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON THE GREEN

Cllr Bennion reported that this has now been reinstalled.

16.35.3 CLUTTON'S FIELD

Craig Wilshaw of Cheshire East has confirmed that the owners have permission for building residue storage. The clerk was asked to chase the complaint made to the Environmental Agency.

With regards to the motorbike noise, it was confirmed that the site has permission to operate for 28 days of the year. It was suggested that residents who are affected are asked to keep a diary and contact Environmental Health.

16.35.4 THE COMMON – ROLLING AND THE MOLE PROBLEM

Cllr Bennion reported that the rolling will be later in the year and also that Jeff Rance is arranging for a mole man to attend.

16.35.5 PUBLIC PATH OPPOSITE THE WHITE HART

Cllr Johnston reported the path is no longer an issue.

16.35.6 DOG WASTE BINS

There has been a request from a resident for dog waste bins to be placed in Chorlton and Waybutt Lane. It was agreed the clerk contact ANSA requesting the possibility of bins by the chapel in Chorlton Lane, outside St Clements Court and by the Common on the hardstanding by the benches.

16.35.7 COMPLAINT FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING LOSS OF SIGNAL DUE TO TREES ON THE COMMON

A complaint has been received from a resident whose property borders The Green and who feels their television reception is adversely affected by trees on The Green. The clerk was asked to reply to explain the land belongs to Cheshire East, and not the Parish Council, and to suggest she forwards her complaint to Cllr Clowes.

16.35.8 MRS BIDDULPH – MINTENANCE OF DONATED BENCH

The clerk was asked to write to Mrs Biddulph to reassure her that the bench will be treated at the same time as the noticeboards.

16.36 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was agreed that the clerk, Cllr Jardine, Cllr Bennion and Cllr Broome review the standing orders and financial regulations and prepare for circulation to all members for comment.

16.37 HS2 UPDATE

Cllr Clowes provided an update including a summary of the meeting held earlier in the day at Hough Village Hall and attended by HS2 representatives, Cllr Clowes, Cllr Bennion, Cllr Pywell and the clerk.

16.38 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Cllr Broome reminded everyone that the Elwood ladies bingo night on Wednesday would include a celebration for the Queen's Birthday starting at 7:00 for 7:30pm.

To celebrate 50 years of the Village Hall, Cllr Bennion has arranged for California Blue to play on the 24th September, 2016. There will be a bar and nibbles. Tickets will be on sale at the end of July for £7.00.

16.39 QUEENS BIRTHDAY CARD

Cllr Broome showed the Council the Birthday Card that has been prepared to send to the Queen. It was agreed that the cost of production be reimbursed to Cllr Broome.

16.40 PLANNING MATTERS

16.40.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE MEETING OF 13TH MAY 2016

No new applications received

16.40.2 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

16/1494N	7, Marton Close, Hough CW2 5RD	Proposed 2 storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension. Approved
16/1987N	Basford Old Creamery, CW2 5GR	Full Planning Permission for a new industrial building replacing Existing buildings, retaining B1, B" and B8 classifications. Following a site visit, a response has been submitted to this application objecting.
16/2161N	26, Freshwater Drive	No decision to date
16/1494N	18, Freshwater Drive	No decision to date

16.40.3 RUSHTON DRIVE – LAND REGISTRY

This item was deferred until July.

16.41 FINANCIAL MATTERS

16.41.1 REPORT FROM THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

The clerk presented the report from the internal auditor with a list of proposals in response to the recommendations. All present agreed to implement the changes and both documents would be placed in the accounts file for future reference and on the website.

16.41.2 QUERY FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The clerk reported that a query has been received relating the clerk's pay and the increase observed between the accounts of the previous two tax years. The clerk has prepared a breakdown of the figures and a fuller explanation in response. This was approved by all present.

16.41.3 PENSION PREPARATION FOR STAGING DATE ON 1st AUGUST, 2016

The clerk reminded everyone that the Council's staging date was imminent. It was agreed that NEST should be the designated pension provider should the Council ever need to provide a pension for an employee.

16.41.4 THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS WERE APPROVED:

Clerk's Salary May	£425.00
Clerk's mobile phone contract contribution May	£10.00
SID payment – made by clerk	£10.00
Clerk travel expenses 20 miles at 49p a mile	£9.80
Mr J Rance – grass cutting June	£460.00
Mr W Newton – Lengthsman June	£135.00
Webster's (Landscaping) June	£380.00
A.P. Accountancy (Internal Audit)	£120.00
Delmar Print (newsletter)	£238.00
CiLCA for clerk – contribution	£125.00
Card for Queen – reimbursement to Cllr A Broome	£27.00
TOTAL	£1938.80

16.41.5 CURRENT BALANCES AS OF THE 3rd June

Balance in current account as of 31/3/16	£22,604.61
Balance in Savings Account as of 31/3/16	£2,948.19
TOTAL	£25,552.80

16.42 CHESHIRE EAST AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 16.42.1** Cllr Broome asked more about a computer purchase for her (minuted in May). Up to £300 was agreed as a suitable sum.
- 16.42.2** Cllr Clowes reported on a drains problem at St Clement's Court
- 16.42.3** Cllr Clowes reported on carer's week related to working with older people.
- 16.42.4** Cllr Clowes reported on the Local Plan and informed that she plans to speak.
- 16.42.5** Cllr Clowes reported on a circular from Prestwood Environmental which has been sent to some residents concerning clinker being removed from Casey Lane to be ground for cement.

16.43 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

16.44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting (Annual General Meeting) will take place on Friday, 15th JULY, 2016, at 7:30 in Hough Village Hall.

Chairman: A. Broome

Date :

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