

HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD 16th SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Councillor A Broome (Chairman)
Councillor G Bennion (Vice chairman)
Councillors D Brickhill, R Dodd, C Jardine and C Pywell
Cheshire East Ward Councillor J Clowes
Virginia McFarlane

15.54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor D Hewitt, M Johnston and J Rowlands

15.55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare their interest in any item on the agenda. No interest was registered by any member present. (The clerk has received declaration of interest prior to the meeting by Cllr D. Hewitt and Cllr M. Johnston regarding the planning application at Hough Hall).

15.56 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2015

The motion to accept the minutes of 10th July, 2015, as a correct record was proposed by Cllr C. Pywell, seconded by Cllr D. Brickhill and approved by all present.

15.57 POLICE MATTERS

15.57.1 SID REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Cllr Pywell reported that the SID reports for July and August show the same problem as previous months with a similar proportion of vehicles still travelling at excessive speeds although the total traffic had declined. The 95 percentile was 38mph.

15.57.2 NON-DATA COLLECTING SID

This has been set up on Newcastle road and it was decided to leave this SID in its current position for another couple of months. A position on the other side of the road may be considered in the future but would require Cheshire East to move the posts.

15.57.3 SPEEDING AND SPEED CONTROL

Cllr Clowes suggested a new contact within Cheshire East that Cllr Pywell could contact for help with speeding and speed control.

15.57.4 SAFETY CAMERA

Nothing further has been heard regarding this camera by either Cllr Clowes or by the Parish Council. It was noted that its presence has the effect of slowing people down.

15.57.5 CLUSTER MEETINGS FEEDBACK

Cllr Brickhill reported on the Cluster Meeting of 27th July 2015 including:

- There have been 2 shed break-ins in the period (April – June 2015).
- It was highlighted that the Police are there to enforce the law but that the Council are there to implement law.
- Nantwich Police Station will no longer operate as a full station. Police will use Crewe Station to sign in and off duty.
- No Special Constables have been allocated to this area.

- Traffic Police are now once again in unmarked cars in the area.
- A reminder was passed on that the public should dial 101 to contact the emergency services with 999 to be used only if life is in danger.

The next meeting takes place on the 26th October and will be attended by Cllr Brickhill.

15.58 CHORLTON LANE FIELD – UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT ORDER

Cllr Clowes reported that the Court Case of 17th July for enforcement action didn't proceed due to illness and that she will keep the Parish Council informed of future developments.

15.59 WATER METER, COBBS LANE, UPDATE FROM UNITED UTILITIES

The clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Johnston who has received correspondence from United Utilities which has indicates that they will not consider replacing the wooden post or move the meter until further verge erosion occurs. It was noted that neither Cheshire East nor the Parish Council are responsible for the unadopted road to the property concerned. It was agreed by the Parish Council that no further action be taken at present but that the situation be monitored.

15.60 WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

V. McFarlane reported

A £1000 community grant has been received to fund this event which is to take place on Sunday, 27th September. The following points were raised:

- Two musicians/bands have been contracted.
- Transport arrangements to move the tank to the field have not yet been sorted and a notice has been placed in the parish boards asking for assistance.
- A leaflet drop by volunteers has been organised.
- A local school girl has requested to do the tea to raise money for a trip to Borneo.
- Seven stalls will be available. A BBQ will be available with the stall holders keeping their profits.
- Cllr Bennion has organised with J. Rance for the grass to be cut.
- The road closure is organised and signs are available for placement on the day.
- Bunting is available. Several games have been purchased.

15.61 ChALC MEETING

15.61.1 REPORT ON MEETING OF 15th JULY

Cllr Brickhill reported on the meeting. Various topics had been discussed such as the Cheshire East local plan progress, neighbourhood plans, rapidly changing legislation regarding planning and speeding problems with both cars and tractors.

15.61.2 ChALC – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting takes place on 23rd September, Hough Village Hall and will be attended by Cllr Brickhill and Cllr Broome.

15.61.3 ChALC ANNUAL MEETING

The ChALC annual meeting will take place on 29th October, Middlewich Civic Hall, 7 to 9pm.

15.62 TRANSPARENCY CODE

The clerk reported on the Transparency Code implementation in the Parish Council. The clerk will update the website to include the necessary financial information and list of councillor responsibilities.

15.63 STORAGE OF THE PARISH'S ELECTRONIC FILES

The clerk reported that a Box Account has been set up for the Parish Council to enable cloud storage of electronic files and to enable file sharing between the clerk and councillors. The clerk also noted that the electronic files will be backed up onto a hard drive.

15.64 COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION UPDATE

The Chairman, A. Broome, reported that the Community Pride Competition Awards night is to be held at 7:30pm on 15th October at Ellesmere Port. Representatives of the Parish must be present if any reward is to be received and it was agreed that Cllr Broome, Cllr Bennion, Cllr Dodd and Cllr Jardine will attend.

15.65 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Bennion reported to the Council:

15.65.1 WATERING OF BASKETS AND PLANTERS

The weather over the last few weeks has meant that the watering of baskets and planters has been less of an issue and Mr Newton, the lengthsman, has been watering them when required. Hot Wheels have not appeared to be interested when contacted by Cllr Bennion. It was raised that the soil hasn't been treated. Quotes will be needed quite quickly before the Council commits to ANSA for this work for next year. Cllr Bennion agreed to get some quotes. The clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda for October so that a decision can be made.

15.65.2 DOG FOULING – WOOLSTON DRIVE

Cllr Bennion has some letters and will arrange for them to be delivered.

15.65.3 QUOTATION FOR TARMAc UNDER PICNIC BENCHES

There has been no progress with this. It was questioned whether there are more suitable alternatives.

15.65.4 REPLACEMENT OF DOG BINS

Cllr Bennion is to replace the dog bins.

15.65.5 PATH AT THE SIDE OF THE COMMON

It was commented that this path is not designed for heavy use and that Craig Wilshaw of Cheshire East Planning needs to monitor the situation.

15.66 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Chairman, A. Broome, informed the Council of the following events that are to take place:

- Quiz – Friday 23rd October, 7:30pm - £10 for 4 to 6 people.
- Xmas Fair – Saturday 28th November, 10:00am start.
- Brass Band Concert – Saturday 12th December, £7/ticket.

Cllr Clowes agreed to do a stall at the Christmas Fair. It was noted that raffle prizes are needed.

15.67 PLANNING MATTERS

Ref	Address	Details	Comments
13/4675N	414, Newcastle Road, Hough, CW2 5JF	Outline application for proposed development of 39 houses of mixed type to include 30% affordable (Resubmission of 13/3018N)	The appeal has allowed for 47 houses.
15/2105N	18, Freshwater Drive, Weston, Cheshire East, CW2 5GR	Single Storey Extension to Contain Kitchen and Dining Room. Internal Walls Relocated to Enlarge Existing Utility Room into Study and Enlargement of Window to Front Elevation. Erection of two garden sheds.	The Parish Council had concerns and commented regarding the removal of a 1.8m boundary hedge. Permission was granted on August the 10 th and the hedge remains.

15/3471N	24, Springwater Drive, Weston, Cheshire, CW2 5FW	Erection of Extensions to Existing Garage and House Porch with Balcony Above	The council has no objection to this planning application.
	Wychwood Park Hotel, Weston, Crewe	Application for Variation of Premises License	The application to allow a license until 2am all week was objected to. Wychwood Park altered their application and have been granted a licence, with restrictions, to operate until midnight on Sunday to Wednesday and until 2am Thursday to Saturday.
15/0556N	Basford Creamery	Full (retrospective) planning consent is sought for the provision of the new modular building (temporary) B1 (Business) and change of use of the existing B8 (Storage or distribution) unit to B2 (General industrial).	As a result of a site visit, the Council felt that acoustic fencing was required all around along with a sound-proofed door. Permission has been granted with restrictions.
15/3752N	416, Newcastle Road, Shavington, CW2 5EB	Construction of five detached two-storey dwellings with car parking and car parking for existing workshop with shared access Comment date – 16/9/15 Decision date – 12/10/15	The Parish Council has objected to this application. It has been called in - committee date is 28 th October.
15/3994N	2, Fairhaven, Weston, CW2 5GG	Proposed ground floor extension on rear of detached house. Comment date – 22/9/15 Decision date – 27/10/15	The council has no objection to this planning application.
15/4029N	5, Ryburn close, Weston, CW2 5RN	Proposed side and rear extension to existing property. Comment date – 25/9/15 Decision date – 30/10/15	This is considered to be for a large extension Cllr Broome has spoken to Countryside to enquire if any covenants are in place and is awaiting a response.
15/3692N	4, Chiltern Close, Weston, CW2 5GE	Single storey rear kitchen extension Comment date – 30/9/15 Decision date – 27/10/15	The council has no objection to this planning application.

15/4031N	Hough Hall, Newcastle Road, Hough, CW2 5JG	Alterations and extension of existing dwelling comprising garden room, indoor swimming pool and ancillary spaces, including basement plant room. Comment date – 8/10/15 Decision date – 30/10/15	The council has no objection to this planning application.
15/4032N	Hough Hall, newcastle Road, Hough, CW2 5JG	Listed building consent for above Comment date – 8/10/15 Decision date – 29/10/15	The council has no objection to this planning application.
15/4096N	12, Chalfont Crescent, Weston, CW2 5QT	Retrospective planning permission for Conservatory at rear of property. Comment Date – 30/9/15 Decision Date – 4/11/15	This conservatory has been up for 11 years. Retrospective permission is needed for the owners to sell the property. The council has no objection to this planning application.

15.68 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.68.1 RECEIPT OF BDO EXTERNAL AUDIT

The clerk reported that the BDO external audit report has been received. A motion to accept the report and completion of audit for 2014/2015 was proposed by Cllr Brickhill, seconded by Cllr Bennion and agreed by all.

15.68.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Community Grant, WW1 event	£1000
Precept payment (2 nd instalment)	£11,000
Total	£12,000

15.68.3 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO BE PAID BY THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Cllr Bennion, seconded by Cllr Dodd and resolved that the following payments be authorised:

Clerk Salary July (D. Owen)	£333.68
HMRC TAX payment	£83.40
Clerk Expenses July – Travel, 45 miles, 49p (D. Owen)	£22.05
Clerk Expenses July – Telephone (D. Owen)	£10.00
Clerk Expenses July – Postage (D. Owen)	£5.00
Clerk Salary August (S. Davies)	£416.00
Clerk expenses August – stationary (S. Davies)	£16.41
SID payment (made by clerk)	£10.00
Mr J Rance – grass cutting Aug and Sept.	£900.00
Mr W Newton – Lengthsman Aug and Sept.	£263.34
Insurance (Came and Company)	£265.00
BDO External Audit (annual payment)	£120.00
Surefire website hosting (annual payment)	£192.00
WW1 Fete – payment to musicians	£300.00
WW1 Fete – V McFarlane for games purchased	£68.83
WW1 Fete – M.Murphy	£50.91
Total	£3056.62

15.68.4 CURRENT BALANCES AS OF THE 4th SEPTEMBER

Balance in current account as of 4/9/15	£27,496.71
Balance in Savings Account as of 4/9/15	£2,946.70
TOTAL	£30,443.41

15.68.5 BANK MANDATE FORMS – ALTERATION TO SIGNATORIES

It was proposed to update the bank mandate to remove signatories who are no longer on the council. It was agreed that new signatories will be Cllr Broome, Cllr Bennion, Cllr Jardine, Cllr Brickhill and the clerk. The motion was proposed by Cllr Jardine, seconded by Cllr Broome and agreed by all. The clerk agreed to organise the documents required.

15.68.6 NEW PENSION PROVISION REGULATIONS

The clerk briefly outlined the new pension regulations and will provide her details to be the point of contact. Beyond registering a point of contact, it is anticipated that the regulations will not affect the Parish Council.

15.69 CHESHIRE EAST AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

In reference to a letter received by a resident from St Clement's Court, Chorlton:

- Cllr Clowes reported that she will continue to update the Parish Council on a regular basis regarding the progress of broadband.
- The address of Wychwood Park was raised as this has a Weston postal address but two thirds of the properties are in Chorlton.
- Cllr Clowes reported that the Cheshire East focus with regards to cycling paths is on routes which assist travel to work and schools. Funding from CISCO is available for such routes. It was agreed that Cllr Clowes will make enquiries of the public rights of way and cycle officer.

Cllr Clowes reported on Hough Mill Quarry and commented that Hough will be affected due to the road network. It has been suggested that two from each affected parish should be involved.

Cllr Bennion reported that the conifer on the corner of Cobbs Lane and Pitt Lane is blocking the street light and he will contact Scottish Power to look at it.

Cllr Jardine informed that HS2 have enquired about hiring the hall for a local event although this hasn't been confirmed.

It was highlighted that fly tipping has occurred opposite a farm driveway on Cobbs Lane. The clerk agreed to contact ANSA.

Cllr Dodd enquired about the neighbourhood plan, specifically if there has been any follow up from the meeting of 30th July. Cllr Dodd agreed to attend the next meeting of local parishes on this issue and to report back.

15.70 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

15.71 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on Friday, 9th October, 2015, at 7:30 in Hough Village Hall.

Chairman: A. Broome

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