

HOUGH AND CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD 7:30pm, 9th SEPTEMBER 2016, HOUGH VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors: A Broome (Chairman), G Bennion (Vice Chairman), M Johnston, C Jardine; R Dodd, D Hewitt
Cheshire East Ward Cllr Clowes.

16.58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr McFarlane, Cllr Pywell, Cllr Brickhill,

16.59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

16.60 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th July, 2016

The motion to accept the minutes of 15th July as a correct record was agreed by all present.

16.61 POLICE MATTERS

16.61.1 SID DATA AND SPEEDING ON COBBS LANE

Cllr Pywell had circulated the SID data to all members and the clerk prior to the meeting. The data continues to show that traffic speed is of concern along this stretch of road. Since the July meeting, Cllr Pywell has written to Robin Johnson of Cheshire Police to ask for comment.

The following actions were agreed:

- Cllr Clowes to raise with Wybunbury PC the possibility of a joint meeting of both Parish Councils and Cheshire East Highways representatives to discuss speeding issues within the area.
- The issue would again be raised at the next cluster meeting
- Cllr Johnson informed of stickers for wheelie bins to reinforce the speed limit and the clerk was asked to find out more information and the cost.
- The clerk was asked to invite the PCSO, Nick Jarvis, to the October meeting.
- Cllr Broome agreed to enquire about the model policeman observed in Nantwich.

16.61.2 DATE OF NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Cllr Johnston reported that the date of the next Cluster meeting is the 24th October. If Cllr Brickhill is unable to attend, it was agreed that either Cllr Johnston or the clerk would attend in his place.

16.62 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16.62.1 BLOCKED GULLIES AND DRAIN PROBLEMS – AN UPDATE

The majority of the drain and gully work is still ongoing. The gully by Bank Farm on Newcastle Road has now been cleared along with those around the junction of Pit Lane and Newcastle Road. Cllr Clowes agreed to contact Andrea Bickerton to get a complete update on the situation.

16.62.2 HOLE IN ROAD, BIRCH LANE

The clerk reported that she has been informed that Cheshire East Highways have looked at the hole but, for the time being, have decided to monitor it in case the tree causes further movement. Cllr Clowes asked the clerk to forward her the report number and photographs.

16.62.3 VISIBILITY SPLAY WHEN TURNING OUT FROM COBBS LANE INTO NEWCASTLE ROAD

The clerk was asked to write to Gillian Kidd, the road safety design officer at Cheshire East, to ask her to take a look and advise us what may be done to improve this visibility splay.

16.62.4 FOLIAGE OBSCURING ROAD SIGNS

Cllr Hewitt reported that a complaint has been received about foliage obscuring road signs although specific ones haven't been highlighted. It was agreed that Cllr Hewitt ask the resident concerned if they can be more specific. In addition, councillors will note any obscured signs that they may observe in the parish. The possibility of a future work party was suggested by Cllr Bennion.

16.63 HIGHWAYS EVENT

The clerk reported that in response to an email from Cheshire East Highways regarding engagement events for 2016, the use of Hough Village Hall was offered along with suggested agenda items as contributed to the clerk by members. Unfortunately, our venue has not been chosen and events are to be held in Crewe, Nantwich, Holmes Chapel, Macclesfield and Bollington. Further details are to follow.

16.64 CHALC

16.64.1 UPDATE ON THE MEETING OF 1st SEPTEMBER, 2016

Cllr Broome updated the council on the area meeting of 1st September, 2016.

16.64.2 ANNUAL MEETING OF CHALC

ChALC will be holding their annual meeting on the 20th October, 6:00pm, Middlewich Civic Hall. Cllr Broome and the clerk agreed to attend.

16.65 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16.65.1 UPDATE FROM THE WORKING PARTY REGARDING PLAY/SPORT EQUIPMENT

Cllr Dodd reported that the ROSPA inspection requires a purchase order. The Council agreed that up to £600 could be allocated to this inspection.

16.65.2 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS, MILLENIUM GREEN

The clerk reported that Gary Newsome of Cheshire East has informed her that since the land belongs to Cheshire East and would therefore be considered in the ownership of a prudent owner, a Tree Preservation order would be unlikely to be granted on the Chestnut Tree. The clerk was asked to get this in writing.

16.65.3 BINS UPDATE (CHORLTON AND WAYBUTT LANE)

The clerk was asked to pursue this.

16.65.4 UPDATE ON ISSUES ON THE COMMON

Cllr Bennion reported that a working party of 12 volunteers had cleared the Himalayan Balsam from the common and thanked those who helped.

16.66 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY

The clerk informed that the Council's insurance renewal is due at a cost of £275.00. This will be the third year of the three-year arrangement arranged with Came and Company. A further three-year fixed price arrangement has been offered at £275.00 starting from this renewal. It was agreed by all present that the Council should progress with this arrangement.

16.67 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The working party has arranged to meet on the 26th September and will feed back at the next meeting.

16.68 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Cllr Johnston informed the Council that herself and the clerk are preparing a bid for defibrillators for the village of Hough. Potential sites are the outside wall of the White Hart Public House and inside Hough Village Hall. It was agreed by the Council that this bid can be submitted in the parish Council's name.

Cllr Bennion proposed the Parish Council purchase one and it was agreed that this go on the agenda for the next meeting.

16.69 DAMAGE TO THE HANGING BASKETS – MILLENIUM GREEN

Cllr Bennion informed that all the damage has been put right and paid for by the resident concerned.

16.70 STOLEN BENCH SET/PICNIC TABLE FROM THE COMMON

Cllr Bennion reported that a picnic bench set has been stolen from the Common. There is an incident number and the clerk has informed the insurance company. Since the Insurance excess is £500 it was considered not to be worth claiming on the insurance policy. The clerk agreed to obtain quotes for replacing the bench set for the next meeting. Ways of having a contingency fund for small claims were discussed.

16.71 COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION

It was agreed that Cllr Broome and Cllr Dodd will attend the Community Pride Awards evening in Sandbach.

16.72 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Cllr Broome informed that the Village Hall redecoration is complete.

Forthcoming events are:

September 24th – California Blue - &:20, £7.00 a ticket

October 15th – Autumn Fair – 10:00am till 12:30.

December 2nd – Christmas Quiz – 7:00pm, £10.00 a table

December 14th – Carol Concert

16.73 PLANNING MATTERS

16.73.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE 15TH JULY 2016

16/3878N	7, Ryburn Close, Weston, CW2 5RN	Variation of condition two on approval 15/8089N – Conversion of loft into dwelling space with two bedrooms and bathroom and joining staircase. Comments deadline – 1 st September, no comment submitted.
16/3464N	Land adjacent to Chorlton Lane	Change of use from agricultural to part agricultural and part keeping of horses. Retention of existing mess room and retention of existing septic tank and associated hard standing (retrospective). The Council agreed to respond that a condition be strictly imposed that there be no residential use of the mess room and no further mobile homes of any sort allowed.

16.73.2 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

16/1987N	Basford Old Creamery, Newcastle Rd, CW2 5NQ	Full Planning Permission - New industrial building replacing existing buildings, retaining B1, B2 and B8 classifications. This is going before the Southern Planning Committee and Cllr Anne Broome agreed to attend to speak on the Parish council’s behalf.
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14/5671N	Former Gorstyhill Golf Club, Abbey Park Way, Weston, CW2 5TD	Appeal to the Secretary of State - An update to the original response has been submitted by the clerk.
16/3092N	Former Gorstyhill Golf Club, Abbey Park Way, Weston, CW2 5TD	Application to alter the S106 agreement. No decision to date.

16.74 FINANCIAL MATTERS

16.74.1 EXTERNAL AUDIT BY BDO

The clerk informed that BDO have completed the external audit of Hough and Chorlton Parish Council. One issue was raised and the Council were reminded to ensure that all financial decisions are fully minuted in future. The completion of audit form is in the boards and will be put on the website.

16.74.2 PAYMENT FOR THE TIDY-UP OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Bennion reported that the Village Hall Committee has requested that a £195 bill from Mike Webster to tidy up the outside areas of the Village Hall be paid from the money precepted by the Parish Council to support the Village Hall. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council pay this bill from this money.

16.74.3 THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS WERE APPROVED

Clerk's Salary August	£425.00
Clerk's mobile phone contract contribution June	£10.00
SID payment – made by clerk September	£10.00
Mr J Rance – grass cutting September	£460.00
Mr W Newton – Lengthsman September	£135.00
Webster's (Landscaping) September	£380.00
BDO Audit fee	£120.00
SureFire Website hosting	£180.00
Insurance Payment (Came and Company)	£275.00
M.Webster (clean-up of Village Hall) (16.48.1)	£195.00
CVC (payroll)	£96.00
A Broome – reimbursement (stationery/cartridges)	£79.01
TOTAL	£2365.01

16.74.4 CURRENT BALANCES AS OF 31ST AUGUST 2016

The clerk informed that the second instalment of the precept from Cheshire East has now been received and paid into the account on 30/8/16: £11,250.00

Balance in current account as of 31/8/16	£29,562.16
Balance in Savings Account as of 31/8/16	£2,949.66
TOTAL	£32,511.82

16.75 WARD COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

16.75.1 Cllr Hewitt reported that a resident has complained of noise behind Cobbs Lane. The clerk was asked to write a response.

16.75.2 Cllr Bennion provided some interesting information that he had discovered regarding the history of the plaque.

16.76 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

16.77 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the 14th October, 7:30pm, at Hough Village Hall.

Chairman: A. Broome

Date:

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